CONSUMER BEHAVIOR & MARKET RESEARCH



Charting the characteristics, contours and contradictions of the culture.

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Covid stopped the music.



will be we searching for a new rhythm.

During 2022



2022 will be a time to reassess, rearrange and re-imagine lifestyles and business styles. There are and will remain many open questions, unresolved tensions and disrupters including dangerous weather, threatened borders, players plotting for power and new as yet unknown pandemics.

But worldwide, miraculously, Millennials and younger generations remain enthusiastic and on a full speed ahead course.



unique story. Abandon a mass marketing approach. Find your audiences and speak directly to them. The culture and marketplace is highly complex. While simplicity and organization are popular, the world is becoming more complicated with no end in

To progress, <u>employees must be technology</u> savvy AND have improved social skills and the ability to understand customers across global multi ethnic and multi dimension markets. This requires collaboration, creativity and teamwork. High level social skills will need to be paired with increased knowledge and learning to truly grow as a productive worker.



The Infrastructure bill will be very good for a broad base of the USA. It will deliver real work resulting in physical accomplishments in the USA. In other business sectors, new work styles are emerging. Thanks to new tools, achieving "balance" does not mean working less; it means working "better". **Eventually hybrid schedules will solidify but hard work will** not become obsolete.





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New products including <u>micro payment services</u> such as After Pay, Klarna and Affirm and virtual currency such as Bitcoin and NFT will flourish. Finance and "the market" continue to dominate.

not underestimate the Do aspects of the culture from product safety to weather emergencies and national experience and customer political attitudes. Areas

importance of security in all security. It is a growing concern that will affect all areas of that represent safe harbors outside the political divide are video streaming, gaming, entertainment and sports.

<u>Health, medicine and</u> education will change dramatically because the old models cannot be sustained; they are too expensive or are no longer working. The great universities and hospitals will innovate. They will again become growth sectors for the economy and a beacon for overseas students and patients.



<u>Mental health concerns and maladies are</u> growing, but access to remedies and mental health professionals continues to be limited with more and more patients in crisis. This will be an ongoing challenge for the future.

Trend



Personal wealth reigns supreme and more than characteristic will drive marketing expenditures. begin renc do so.

any **Relocating internationally will** to be a viable alternative lifestyle for many with the ability and means to

TARGETED CONTENT IS KING.

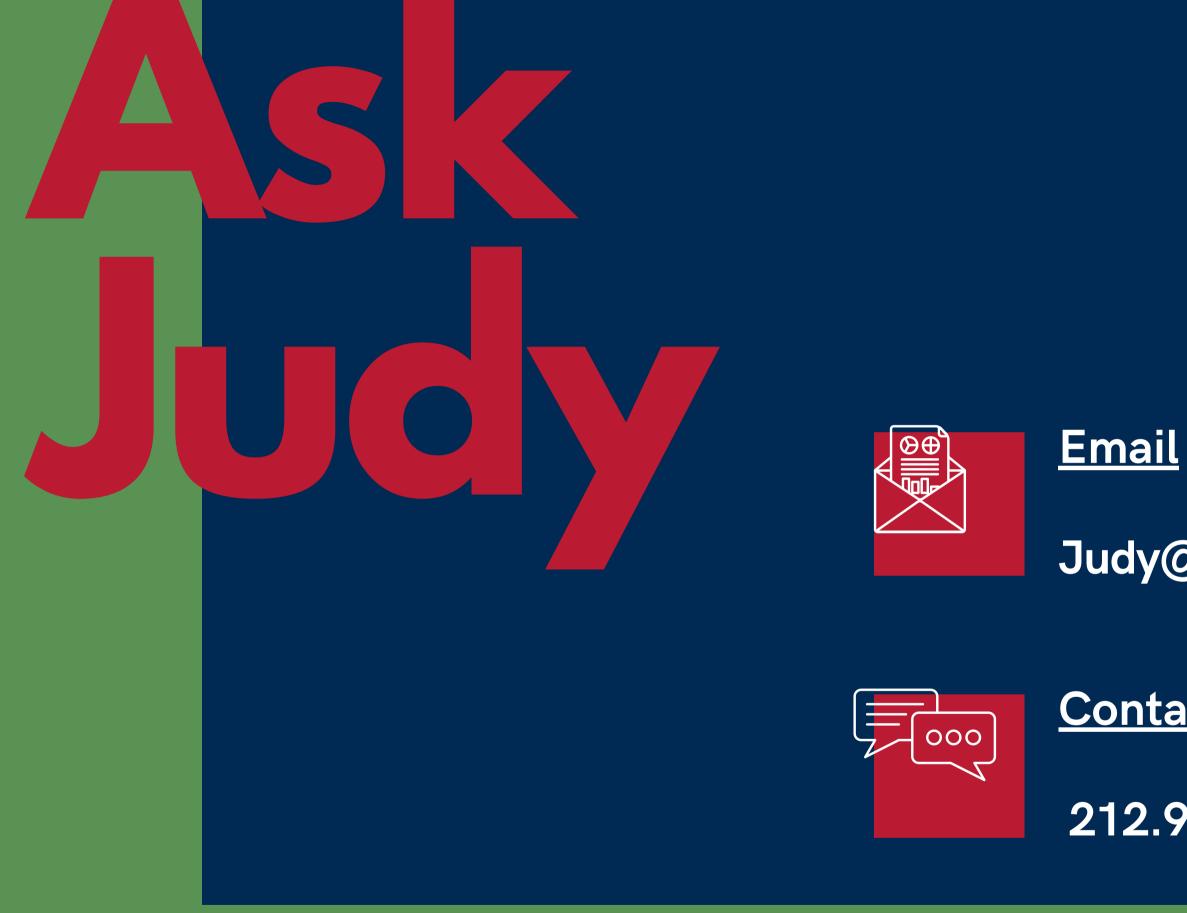
Business as usual will never return to the old score but brands will continue to anchor commerce, to be master story tellers and to teach us to dance to a new rhythm.





Change happens fost and is often orconic.

ACTION REQUIRED: understand your brand's culture clues and your customers' triggers; discover how your customers really see themselves and what really motivates them to purchase and to advocate for your brand. Institute targeted, in depth, innovative market research including cutting-edge quantitative analysis. Hire category experts to probe qualitative insights and User Experience practitioners to find the winning drivers for your brand and its many segments. Keep your ear-to-the-ground.



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