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Marketing Content Effectiveness and Its Role in Driving Awareness and Demand for Essential Oils in Algeria

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Abstract

The essential oils market is witnessing a remarkable expansion fueled by consumers' growing interest in natural and healthy products. This trend has made Content Marketing a pivotal tool for building brand awareness and stimulating demand. This paper aims to study the efficiency of marketing content in enhancing consumer awareness of essential oils, and to analyze its role in guiding purchasing decisions and increasing the demand for these products.

The study employs a descriptive-analytical methodology. The results demonstrate that effective marketing content, when presented with credibility and appeal, and based on scientific information and real-life experiences, contributes to raising the level of knowledge about essential oils and reinforces consumer trust, thereby leading to increased demand.

The intervention also clarifies that the success of content strategies is linked to key factors, including the quality of messages, the selection of appropriate platforms, and the consistency of the brand's visual and linguistic identity. Conversely, the difficulty of measuring content impact and weak digital interaction represent the main challenges limiting its effectiveness. The study concludes that investing in high-quality marketing content is one of the most important modern means for building awareness and boosting demand for essential oils, with the necessity of adopting precise analytical and measurement tools to evaluate performance and refine future strategies

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Introduction

Global and local markets have witnessed a **radical transformation in consumer behavior**, driven by the increasing spread of digital technology and social media platforms, which has compelled organizations to adopt innovative marketing strategies. **Content Marketing** stands out as one of the most important of these strategies, as it focuses on creating and distributing valuable, inspiring, and consistent content to attract and retain a specific audience, with the aim of achieving clear marketing and profitability goals.

In the context of the Algerian market, and with the growing interest in natural and organic products, the **Essential Oils** sector is witnessing remarkable growth. Algeria, thanks to its rich plant diversity, possesses great potential for producing and commercially exploiting these oils. However, many consumers still need increased awareness of the benefits of these oils, their methods of use, and the credibility of local brands, which presents both a challenge and an opportunity for organizations operating in this sector.

Problem Statement

Despite the growing importance of essential oils and the widespread use of content marketing tools, there remains a gap in studies that specifically investigate how to utilize this marketing tool to enhance the presence of these products in the Algerian market. Based on the foregoing, this study seeks to address the following main problem: What is the **role of content marketing in increasing brand awareness for essential oils** and boosting their demand among the Algerian consumer?

Study Objectives

This research paper primarily aims to:

- **Determine the contribution of content marketing dimensions** (such as Value, Credibility, Interaction) to building and developing brand awareness for essential oil products in Algeria.
- **Analyze the impact of increased brand awareness** on actual purchase intention and the demand for essential oils in the Algerian market.
- **Propose a strategic framework for content marketing** that Algerian organizations working in this field can apply to achieve sustainable growth.

To achieve the study's objectives and address the main problem, the following sub-questions arise:

- To what extent do the dimensions of content marketing (such as Value, Relevance, and Credibility) contribute to **building awareness of the existence of essential oil brands** among the Algerian consumer?
- How does content marketing affect the level of **Brand Recall** for essential oils among the target audience in Algeria?
- What is the relationship between the level of **Brand Awareness** for essential oils (resulting from content marketing) and the actual purchase intention and increased demand among the Algerian consumer?

- What are the most appropriate forms of content (videos, blogs, social media posts, educational seminars) that should be used to promote essential oils effectively in the Algerian context?

I/ Content Marketing Efficiency

1- Concept of Content Marketing

Content is the voice that organizations use to communicate with targeted customers across the internet.

- **Barry Grau Bart's Definition:** It is "the approach through which organizations seek to author and share specific content, to create or enhance messages related to the product brand or the marketer". (Baltes, 2015, p. 112)
- **Philip Kotler's Definition:** It is "a marketing approach that involves creating, supervising, distributing, and amplifying content in a way that is interesting, relevant, and useful to a clearly defined group of followers and in order to create conversations about the content". (abdelmoiz, 2022-2023)
- **Mathey's View:** He referred to content marketing as "the art of communicating with the audience without directly selling anything", and it is often defined as the art of identifying and understanding the needs of a specific consumer group and consequently meeting these needs skillfully. (Mohamed Ezzat, 2018)

From the preceding, content marketing can be defined as: "**A set of tools, elements, or media that help deliver relevant, valuable, compelling, and engaging content to target audiences to drive, motivate, and influence them to make specific decisions and to keep them connected and interested in what they receive**".

2-Stages of Content Marketing

The process of creating and distributing content and performing all marketing-related procedures goes through stages. Marketers must innovate original content within their establishments or select it from external sources. Content marketers must also distribute the content using the best mix of channels. The following steps can be summarized:

a) **Step One: Setting Objectives:** Before embarking on the content marketing journey, marketers must clearly define their objectives. Their objectives must align with their overall business goals and translate into key metrics by which content marketing will be evaluated. Without clear, appropriate objectives, marketers may get lost when they delve into content creation and distribution.

b) **Step Two: Defining the Target Audience:** After clearly defining the objectives, marketers must identify the target audience. Marketers cannot use general terms like "our customers," "young people in general," or "decision-makers". Identifying a specific subgroup of consumers helps marketers create deeper and more precise content, which in turn contributes to the effectiveness of storytelling about the organization. Once marketers define the boundaries of their consumers, they must know their specifications and personas, which helps them imagine what consumers would actually look like in real life.

c) **Step Three: Content Planning:** This involves finding ideas about what content should be created for correct planning. A set of related topics, an appropriate format, and strong narratives ensure a successful content marketing campaign. Marketers must find great content that has a clear connection to customers' lives, works to alleviate their concerns, helps them pursue their desires, and thereby reflects the organization's image. Marketers must also find ways to present the content through websites, articles, social media, blogs, etc..

d) **Step Four: Content Production:** All the activities discussed lead to the most important step, which is content creation. Successful content marketers know that content creation is not random; rather, content requires a huge commitment in terms of time and repetition. If the content is not interesting, entertaining, and of high quality, the marketing campaign becomes a waste of time and sometimes yields counterproductive results. (ilham bousbiaa, 2021-2022)

e) **Step Five: Content Marketing (Distribution):** Quality content is worthless unless it reaches the target audience. Marketers should ensure their content is discoverable by the audience through correct distribution via three main categories of media channels:

　　a. **Owned Media:** Such as websites, email newsletters, social media, mobile applications, and electronic blogs. Although free, they cost significant resources.

　　b. **Paid Media:** These are channels that the establishment pays for to distribute its content, such as print and electronic media, and the most common paid media channels are search engine listings and paid social media sites.

　　c. **Earned Media:** This consists of the coverage and exposure that commercial campaigns have gained through several methods. High content quality certainly reflects positive customer behavior in sharing and publishing virally across social media and virtual communities. Earned media exposure can also be planned as a result of public relations efforts, word-of-mouth spread, or winning media in general, and it is not obtained on its

own, given that paid media is owned to generate this free coverage.

f) **Step Six: Content Amplification:** The key to content amplification in earned media is reaching key influencers in the intended audience group, as that content is likely to spread quickly and widely. The establishment must first identify these influencers, ensuring they are respected figures, have large followings, are often content creators themselves, and have built their reputation over time, considered experts in their communities.

g) **Step Seven: Content Marketing Evaluation:** Evaluating the success of content marketing is an important post-distribution step. It includes both strategic and tactical performance metrics. The establishment should assess whether the content marketing strategy has achieved sales-related objectives and brand-related objectives.

h) **Step Eight: Content Marketing Improvement:** Making periodic improvements to content marketing is essential. The establishment should define their areas of evaluation and improvement, and determine the appropriate time to change the content marketing approach, such as designs, distribution channels... as this requires regularity and persistence in execution. (kotler, 2018, pp. 163-166)

3- Dimensions of Content Marketing

For content marketing to succeed in achieving the desired goals, the published content must be characterized by a set of dimensions. Previous studies indicate a clear variation in defining the elements of content marketing according to the opinions of thinkers and contributors on this topic, which can be highlighted in detail as follows:

a) **Relevance:** It means the usefulness of the information provided to the customer. Therefore, the content must be relevant to the target market, useful, simplified, and persuasive. Information-rich, relevant, and useful content represents an opportunity to persuade customers and encourage their content sharing. It also guides current and potential customers to the organization's new products and services, as well as its activities. This framework includes clarity, the language used, brevity, and skill in presentation. There is a constant need to provide the consumer with relevant and continuous information to maintain an ongoing relationship between them and the company. Consequently, the content must be relevant to the target market and persuasive, as information-rich, relevant, and useful content represents an opportunity to persuade consumers and encourage their content sharing. It also guides current and potential consumers to the company's new products and activities. (amel mouissi, 2023)

b) **Reliability (Credibility):** Reliability means that the information provided to the customer is correct, trustworthy, and answers all questions. Therefore, the organization must periodically perform data processing procedures. Reliability is an important factor in determining the value of communication between the institution and the customer, because it affects their attitudes, which enhances their trust in the brand and helps them interact better with it. Reliable content is the audience's perception of the effectiveness of the presented content and their evaluation of it, both in terms of the quality of the media message and its objectivity and accuracy, and in terms of the perceived characteristics of the source, and its possession of expertise, trust, and honesty among the audience.

c) **Attractiveness:** One of the most important features of good content is its ability to attract customers' attention. Therefore, the content must stand out and be creative and innovative. Attractiveness means that the content is

influential, unique, and high-quality to reach the target customers. Engaging content focuses on differentiating the brand from competitors by making the company attractive to potential consumers. This is achieved by developing a marketing strategy for the brand and by evaluating marketing objectives and performance level. The fundamental principle of engaging content is to educate consumers about the "**quality**" or "**correctness of the purchase decision**". The company does not suggest that the consumer should buy, but simply provides information within the marketing content and encourages them to purchase without needing to say the word "buy".

d) **Emotions:** Here, the need for entertainment and amusement elements in the presented content emerges, as various results from previous studies have shown that content that includes a positive emotional impact has a greater ability to attract customers to the commodity or service provided than content that presents a negative emotional impact. Content must include elements of entertainment, amusement, and emotion, as the emotional nature of the content, whether positive or negative, will lead to more awareness and loyalty to the advertised brand and a better purchase intention than fictional content. Furthermore, positive entertaining content has a viral effect compared to negative content. Promotional content is positive when it provides the customer with valuable information and entertainment. For example, providing games and prizes on social media can achieve high participation and is a successful way to attract and retain customers. Additionally, humorous messages are useful in attracting consumer attention.

e) **Value:** Content value focuses on functional value, which is derived from the product's functions and the extent to which it achieves the required goals if used. Content value expresses customers' needs and desires and finds solutions to their problems. It reflects the constantly changing desires and interests of the customer. Therefore, the content must be useful and easy for the consuming customer to interact with, and a variety of content, such as social media posts, should be used to convert potential customers into buyers. The value offered by the institution must resonate with the target audience across every piece of marketing content. If this is done effectively, the brand often achieves high interest among the target segment of consumers. It is noteworthy that marketing content that talks about the brand's values more than the information important to the consumer is likely to attract consumers to these values and motivate them to share them. (Barry, 2015)

II / Brand Awareness

The brand is considered one of the most important components of the product. It serves as an identification card for the product through information that explains the origin of this brand, and it helps the consumer to choose and differentiate between the available brands in the markets.

According to psychologists, memory is a network of nodes and links, and in each of these nodes, there is a quantity of stored information. The links between these nodes show the strength of the associations between this information. Brand awareness is linked to the strength of these brand-related nodes and their influence on memory, which is reflected in consumers' ability to recognize the brand at different times and under various circumstances.

1- Definition of Brand Awareness

Brand awareness is one of the fundamental dimensions of brand equity, which is often viewed as a prerequisite for the purchase decision. Generating and maintaining brand

awareness has long been considered one of the main goals of marketing. Brands are also heavily influenced by consumers' brand awareness. Several definitions have been given for brand awareness:

- Keller defined Brand Awareness as the "consumer's ability to recognize the brand under different circumstances". (abdelwahed, 2022)
- Aaker defined it as the "potential buyer's ability to remember and distinguish a brand for a product category". It enhances the ability of individuals to recall or recognize the brand with sufficient detail to make a purchase.
- It is also defined as: "The extent to which your target audience knows and perceives your brand. Simply put, for any company to successfully increase its brand awareness means that its brand succeeds in integrating itself into people's lifestyles and purchasing habits so that consumers do not have to think twice before becoming customers of that company repeatedly".

High brand awareness enables consumers to easily recognize and recall the brand among different product categories. Brand awareness is also linked to the "**latent thinking ability to identify a specific brand**". Brand awareness represents "**the ability to link the brand name, its logo, and its symbols in consumers' minds**". Based on the foregoing, it can be said that brand awareness is one of the most important initial factors that help the customer choose the brand they intend to acquire, as it helps them identify and perceive the initial features of the brand.

2- Importance of Brand Awareness

The importance of brand awareness lies in it being the first step for building communication with the brand. Forming attitudes toward the brand and achieving purchase intention for the brand cannot happen without brand awareness. Within memory theory, brand awareness constitutes a vital first step in building the total set of brand associations. If an organization has successful brand awareness, it means that its products and services have a good reputation in the market and are simply acceptable. Therefore, brand awareness plays an important role when buying a product or acquiring a service, due to its great importance in product development, which includes: (bessai meriem, belagoune radia, 2020-2021)

- In a crowded, competitive market, brand awareness is one of the most important values upon which companies rely to retain current customers and attract potential customers.
- Brand awareness increases the company's reliability among the customer audience and enhances loyalty to the company.
- Brand awareness helps the company be more distinct and unique from its competitors in the market. The consumer will not look elsewhere to buy a product your company sells if they have sufficient awareness of your brand.
- Raising brand awareness is very important for business success and achieving overall marketing objectives.
- Brand awareness establishes positive links between the company and customers and builds a community of advocates for it.
- Customers' awareness of the brand helps increase sales through recommending the company to family and friends.
- Building brand awareness is an essential step in promoting a new product or reviving an old brand.
- Products and services that maintain a high level of brand awareness are likely to lead to more sales.
- By building brand awareness, market share can be increased.

3- Dimensions of Brand Awareness

A study by Keller showed that brand awareness consists of two main dimensions:

- **First Dimension: Brand Recognition:** This is the consumer's ability to confirm their prior exposure to the brand, meaning the consumer can correctly identify and distinguish that they have seen or heard of the brand. Brand recognition is the first and essential dimension in measuring brand awareness. This dimension refers to the audience's ability to recognize and distinguish the brand among a group of other brands. When individuals have the ability to easily recognize the brand, it reflects a high degree of brand awareness.

  ❖ The consumer's high exposure to the brand through different channels such as television, social media, print ads, etc., enhances the likelihood of the consumer recalling and recognizing the brand.
  ❖ When the brand has features that distinguish it from others in the market, it becomes easy for consumers to recall it. For example, the famous Apple logo or its products can be recognized through the phone ringtone, which strongly contributes to recognizing and recalling its brand.
  ❖ **Surveys and Questionnaires:** This is the most direct and common method for measuring brand knowledge. Consumers can be asked to fill out a questionnaire after watching media content that includes product placement. The survey or questionnaire can include questions such as:

    ✓ Which brands do you remember seeing in the content?
    ✓ How often did you see the brand name or logo in the content?
    ✓ How well do you remember the brand name or logo?
    ✓ How do you feel about the brand after seeing the product placement?

    ✓ How likely are you to buy or recommend the brand after seeing the product placement?
    ✓ How relevant and natural was the product placement to the content?

  ❖ **Aided Recall Tests:** These involve testing consumers' memory of the brand name or logo after they have viewed media content containing product placement, relying on some hints or clues to help consumers remember the brand name or logo. For example, consumers can be shown a list of brand names or logos and asked to identify the ones they saw in the content. This method enables the measurement of the brand recall level and the strength of the association between the brand and the content. The results of aided recall tests can also be compared with a control group who viewed the product placement to see the difference in brand recall and its association.

- **Second Dimension: Brand Recall:** This is the consumer's ability to recall the brand when prompted by the product category, the need that this category satisfies, or any other type of advertisement. Brand recall is another important aspect of measuring brand awareness. It refers to the ability to retrieve the brand name, logo, or its products/services from memory without any external assistance. **Unaided recall** is more challenging and indicates stronger brand awareness, as unaided recall requires consumers to retrieve the brand name from their memory without any cues, which is a more difficult task than brand recognition from a list. Therefore, unaided recall reflects a higher level of brand awareness and prominence, as the brand must stand out amid the clutter and leave a lasting impression on consumers. For example, if consumers are asked to

name soft drink brands and they mention Coca-Cola, this means that Coca-Cola has a high degree of unaided recall and a strong position in consumers' minds.

- **Ways to measure Brand Recall:**
  - ❖ Asking consumers to mention brands for a specific product or service without hints or clues, which are mentioned according to their strength and order in memory.
  - ❖ Creating emotional connections with the brand creates a sense of loyalty and increases the chances of recalling it. For example, a brand that uses emotional storytelling in its advertisements can evoke emotions that resonate with consumers, leading to better brand recall.

III : The Role of Content Marketing in Increasing Awareness and Satisfaction of Essential Oils in Algeria

1/Role of Content Marketing in Building Brand Loyalty

To create a thorough content marketing plan that encourages enduring brand loyalty, consider the following: (Jawaid, 2025)

a) Create Helpful and Informative Content It's crucial to keep in mind that just because someone consumes information or purchases product, it doesn't mean they are an expert. Fortunately, you are. You may also assist your customers get the most out of your brand's products by sharing your knowledge via educational material. This might contain information that answers often asked questions, explains your business and its goals, or shows users how to utilise certain features. Building enduring, trusting relationships is a rapid process as long as the content is incisive.

b) Send Content Directly Encouraging potential consumers to enrol in newsletters, email notifications, or other forms of communication is an excellent strategy for maintaining communication with them following their initial interaction with your brand. By doing this, you may increase the likelihood that potential clients will notice your next marketing campaigns and end up becoming devoted users.

c) Ensure Accessibility Brands are increasingly conscious of the moral imperative to incorporate accessibility into their marketing strategies; however, it can also significantly assist businesses in expanding their audience and cultivating enduring loyalty. In general, lowering accessibility obstacles results in more effective content marketing, which helps those who need further assistance and greatly increases the likelihood that current or future consumers will become brand champions.

d) Use Social Media To Your Advantage Social media content, whether you like it or not, is essential in today's world and isn't going away anytime soon. It may also build or ruin your reputation in the era of Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. This is also an effective method for reaching individuals who do not frequently engage with that type of content or sign up for email lists. Fortunately, this also works. You should always start by distributing your material via conventional methods, but for a more extensive and maybe more individualised reach, you might want to think about pushing this message on your social media accounts.

2/ Analyzing the impact of content marketing on brand awareness

In the digital age, the relevance and success of a business are increasingly tied to its online presence and how effectively it communicates its value proposition to its target audience. Traditional advertising methods, while still valuable, are no longer sufficient to build strong brand identities in an oversaturated market. Content marketing has emerged as a powerful tool that not only drives traffic and leads but also significantly enhances brand awareness. At its core, content marketing involves creating and distributing valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a clearly defined audience. The objective is not to overtly promote a brand, but to provide information that educates, entertains, or solves problems for potential customers. This approach fosters a sense of trust and engagement, gradually positioning the brand as a thought leader and a reliable source of knowledge in its field. As audiences consume more of this branded content, their familiarity and affinity with the brand increase, leading to greater brand recognition and recall.

Brand awareness, in essence, refers to the extent to which consumers are able to recognize or recall a brand under different conditions. It is the first step in the customer journey and plays a crucial role in the decision-making process. A high level of brand awareness means that a brand is more likely to be considered when a customer is making a purchasing decision. It also translates into greater consumer trust, loyalty, and advocacy over time. Therefore, enhancing brand awareness is one of the most significant outcomes a company can achieve through effective content marketing. The impact of content marketing on brand awareness is multidimensional. One of the key ways it achieves this is by increasing visibility. Through blog posts, social media updates, videos, infographics, podcasts, and other forms of content, brands can reach a much wider audience than they could through traditional media. Search engine optimization (SEO) plays a significant role here. By optimizing content for search engines, companies ensure that their content appears prominently in search results for relevant keywords. This visibility introduces the brand to new audiences who may not have encountered it otherwise, thereby gradually expanding its awareness footprint.

Another important aspect is the value that content provides to consumers. When content is informative, insightful, and useful, it fosters a positive association with the brand. Consumers begin to view the brand not just as a seller of products or services, but as an expert in its domain—one that is genuinely interested in helping its audience. This perception significantly enhances the brand's image and strengthens its position in the consumer's mind. Over time, repeated positive interactions with branded content lead to familiarity, which is a crucial element of brand awareness. Content marketing also allows brands to communicate their personality, values, and mission in a nuanced and authentic way. Unlike traditional advertisements that are often brief and transactional, content marketing offers the opportunity to tell stories and build emotional connections. Through storytelling, brands can humanize themselves, sharing their origins, challenges, successes, and the people behind the scenes. This emotional engagement makes the brand more relatable and memorable, further cementing its presence in the consumer's consciousness.

Social media platforms play a vital role in amplifying the reach and impact of content marketing. With billions of users globally, platforms like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter provide an unparalleled

opportunity to distribute content and engage with audiences in real-time. The interactive nature of social media encourages sharing and advocacy, and conviction, which in turn boosts the organic reach of content. When users share content with their networks, they act as brand advocates, introducing the brand to new audiences and lending credibility through peer recommendation. This ripple effect significantly enhances brand visibility and recognition. Moreover, content marketing contributes to brand awareness through its cumulative effect. Each piece of content serves as a touchpoint between the brand and the audience. While a single article or video may not lead to immediate recognition, consistent and strategic content production builds familiarity over time. This consistency is key to establishing a strong brand presence. As consumers encounter the brand across different platforms and formats, they develop a coherent understanding of what the brand stands for, leading to stronger recall and preference when making purchasing decisions.

Influencer partnerships have also become a significant aspect of content marketing strategies aimed at increasing brand awareness. Influencers, with their dedicated follower bases, can introduce a brand to niche audiences in an authentic and engaging manner. When an influencer shares branded content, it carries a level of trust and relatability that traditional ads often lack. This type of endorsement can dramatically boost a brand's visibility and credibility, especially among younger demographics that value authenticity and peer validation.

User-generated content (UGC) is another powerful tool in the content marketing arsenal. When customers create content featuring a brand—such as reviews, unboxings, or social media posts—it acts as a testimonial and expands the brand's reach. UGC not only increases visibility but also enhances trust, as potential customers are more likely to believe the experiences of fellow consumers than promotional material created by the brand itself. Encouraging and showcasing UGC can create a sense of community around the brand, fostering deeper engagement and long-term loyalty. Email marketing, often overlooked in the context of content marketing, is another effective channel for enhancing brand awareness. By delivering curated content directly to subscribers' inboxes, brands can maintain ongoing engagement with their audience. Personalized and valuable content in emails reinforces brand identity and keeps the brand top-of-mind. Regular newsletters, product updates, and educational content help establish a continuous presence in the consumer's digital life, increasing the likelihood of brand recall when a purchase need arises.

Content marketing also supports brand awareness by enabling brands to tap into current trends and conversations. Creating content around timely topics, social issues, or industry developments shows that the brand is in tune with what matters to its audience. This relevance not only boosts engagement but also positions the brand as a dynamic and responsive entity. Participating in cultural or social discourse through content can elevate the brand's visibility and align it with values that resonate with its target demographic. Measuring the impact of content marketing on brand awareness requires a mix of quantitative and qualitative metrics. Quantitative indicators include website traffic, social media reach, engagement rates, search rankings, and the number of brand mentions across digital platforms. Tools like Google Analytics, social media insights, and brand monitoring software provide data that can be analyzed to track growth in visibility and audience engagement. Qualitative feedback, such as customer

surveys, comments, and reviews, offers deeper insight into how the brand is perceived and remembered by its audience.

While content marketing has proven to be highly effective in building brand awareness, it is not without its challenges. The digital space is crowded, and consumers are bombarded with content from countless sources. Standing out requires a deep understanding of the audience, a unique brand voice, and a commitment to high-quality, relevant content. Consistency in messaging and aesthetic, along with adaptability to evolving trends and consumer behavior, are essential to maintaining and growing brand awareness over time.

In addition, content marketing is a long-term strategy. Unlike paid advertising, which can generate immediate visibility, content marketing builds momentum gradually. It requires patience, persistence, and a strategic approach to content creation and distribution. Brands must invest in skilled content creators, robust editorial planning, and analytics to continuously refine their strategy and maximize impact. Another consideration is the importance of alignment between content and brand identity. Every piece of content should reflect the brand's values, tone, and promise. Inconsistency can lead to confusion and dilute the brand message. A well-defined content strategy ensures coherence across all content types and platforms, reinforcing brand recognition and trust.

Localization and personalization are additional factors that influence the effectiveness of content marketing in building brand awareness. Tailoring content to specific geographical regions, languages, and cultural nuances enhances its relevance and appeal. Personalization, driven by data and customer insights, allows brands to deliver content that resonates with individual preferences and behaviors. This targeted approach increases engagement and strengthens the emotional connection between the brand and its audience. Technological advancements, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, are also shaping the future of content marketing and its impact on brand awareness. AI-powered tools can analyze vast amounts of data to identify trends, predict consumer behavior, and optimize content for better performance. Automation allows for more efficient content distribution and personalization at scale. As technology continues to evolve, brands that leverage these innovations will be better positioned to enhance their visibility and maintain a strong brand presence in an increasingly competitive landscape. (Dr.S.K. Patil, 2024)

Conclusion:

Content Marketing, according to its strategic dimensions (Relevance, Credibility, Value, Attractiveness), represents the most effective tool for establishing the position of essential and natural oils in the Algerian market.

Given the challenges facing this sector—from the necessity of educating consumers about the correct use of natural products to competing on quality—success in Algeria clearly depends on the implementation of the following key pillars:

1. Building Brand Awareness through Education

Essential oils are not just products; they are solutions that require knowledge. Based on the concept of **Brand Awareness** and the consumer's ability to recall it, content serves as the:

- **Gateway to Recognition:** Creating engaging and credible educational content about the benefits of each oil ensures that the Algerian consumer recognizes the brand and places it among their top choices.

- **Foundation for Recall:** Presenting storytelling or emotional content (the emotional dimension of content) about traditional practices or the health benefits of oils creates a strong link that enhances the consumer's ability to spontaneously recall the brand when needed (e.g., as a "Natural Remedy" or "Hair Care" solution).

2. Driving Demand through Credibility and Value

To convert awareness into actual demand in the Algerian market, content must move beyond mere definition to the stage of persuasion, focusing on the dimensions of Credibility and Value:

- **Credibility as the Basis for Sales:** Content related to essential oils must be reliable, supported by quality control procedures and laboratory analyses of the product. This builds consumer confidence in the oil's purity and health benefits, which is the primary catalyst for sales.
- **Value Proposition over Direct Purchase:** Instead of direct selling, content must offer genuine value by providing solutions to customer problems (skin issues, joint pain, etc.) using the oils. This approach embodies the "art of communication without direct selling," driving the consumer towards a purchase decision without feeling pressured.

3. The Imperative of Digital Amplification in Algeria

Given the Algerian market's increasing reliance on digital platforms, especially for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) products, digital marketing becomes the necessary final stage:

- **Focusing on content amplification** across social media channels and forming partnerships with Algerian influencers in the health and beauty sectors ensures that the brand's message reaches the widest possible audience.

Content Marketing is the most crucial strategy for essential oil companies in Algeria. It is not merely an advertising tool; it is an integrated system that ensures building trust in product quality and educating the consumer, thus converting initial brand awareness into **sustainable demand** and genuine growth in sales and market share.

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