Tones of Beauty An Ethnographic Exploration of the Consumer of Color

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The Benchmarking Company is a bi-coastal beauty and personal care consumer research firm with a proven track record in cosmetics, skincare, beauty devices, body care, hair care, nail care, men's grooming, fragrance and wellness/personal care.

Laser focused on providing:

- Quantitative research
- Qualitative research
- In-home beauty and personal care product testing

Benefits:

- Proof of efficacy
- Sell-in
- Sell-through
- Consumer insights
- Validation
- Risk mitigation

Understanding the beauty consumer is what we do.

Deriving the Data



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Survey Methodology

Purpose of the Survey

TBC in partnership with Cosmoprof created an online survey designed to explore behaviors and attitudes of the ethnic consumer. A survey instrument with 52 questions was developed consisting of psychometric and demographic questions.

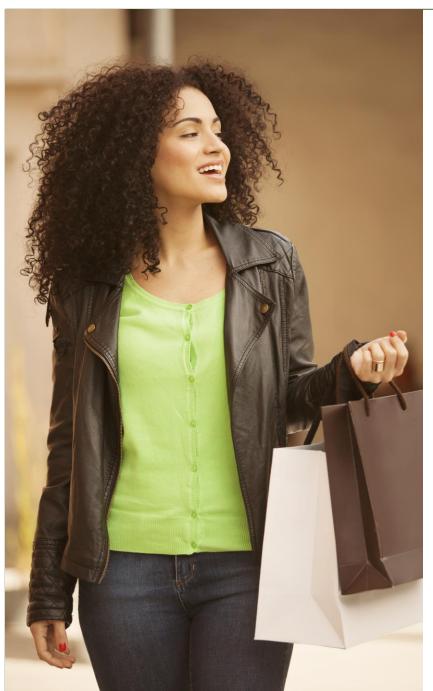
Research Execution

- More than 6,700 US Women and Men (99% women)
- Specific ethnicities included in this report include:
 - Hispanic
 - African American/Black
 - Asian South East, i.e. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi
 - Mixed ethnicity
 - Ages: 18+
- Online Fielding, May 2019

Screeners Demographics Social Behaviors Personal Finances **Shopping Behaviors Spending Behaviors** Attitudes toward Beauty Purchase influencers & **Motivators** Attitudes toward products designed

specifically for

consumers of color



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What We Will Cover Today

- Snapshot of the Ethnic Market
- Trends Impacting Her Purchase
 - Ethnicity & Age
 - Expectations of Brands
 - Her Behaviors & Influencers
 - Her Approach to Beauty



Snapshot of the Power of the Ethnic Consumer

- Census data shows that the minority population identifying as two or more races is the fastest growing segment in America
- African Americans are responsible for more than
 \$1.2 trillion in purchases annually, despite
 making up only 14% of the US population
 (Nielsen). Purchase power is estimated to hit
 \$1.5 trillion by 2021.
- Ethnic consumers are outpacing white consumers
 in purchase power growth. By 2021, minority
 groups will have the greatest gains in total buying
 power (Selig Center for Economic Growth).
- Hispanics accounted for 10% of the total US
 buying power in 2016. Asian consumers account
 for 6% of the total US buying power. It is
 estimated that African American consumers will
 account for 8.8% of the total buying power by
 2021.

Snapshot of the Ethnic Centric Beauty Market

- "Black women spend 80 percent more on cosmetics and twice as much on skincare as their non-black counterparts." (Egami Consulting Group)
- Major retailers are greatly increasing the shelf space focused on ethnic brands. i.e. Target quadrupled its ethnic sections in 2016 in major markets.
- Overall in beauty, the haircare market is somewhat stagnant however, there is notable growth in natural and ethnic haircare products.
- In 2016, Research firm Mintel projected the black haircare market to reach \$2.86 billion by 2022.



1. Mainstreaming

- **2.** Instant Delivery
- 3. Personalization
- 4. Advertising Diversity and Inclusion
- **5.** Artificial Intelligence
- 6. Transparency
- 7. Anti-Photoshop Revolution

The Changing Paradigm of Consumerism















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WHO IS THE US Woman of Color?



African American/Black

Demographics

- Ages 18 to 60+, 17% between 35-39 years old, 15% between 30-40 years old
- 48% work full-time, 13% work parttime
- 58% live in a single-family home
- 12% live in a major metro area
- 74% live in an urban or suburban city
- 33% are married, 47% are single and 13% live with a significant other
- 32% do not have children
- 26% live in a multi-generational home
- 9% have a HHI> \$100,000
- 41% have a Bachelors degree or higher

Top 5 Ways She Describes Herself:

- #1 Family oriented #2 Passionate
- #3 Focused
- #4 Spiritual
- #5 Frugal



Her Relationship with Money

- 47% self identify as a "saver" rather than a "spender"
- 31% state they live paycheck to paycheck while 29% note they save up to 10% of their annual HHI
- 22% note they spend up to 10% of their HHI on items, activities, vacations, anything other than household expenses, 16% spend more than 40% of their HHI
- 51% carry credit card debt

- 78% purchase beauty products
- 69% spend money on dining out
- 51% spend on professional beauty services
- 41% spend on a family vacation
- 35% spend on upgrades to their homes
- 34% note spending on the latest technology, gadgets and devices

Hispanic/Latina

Demographics

- Ages 18 to 60+, 20% between 30-34 years old, 18% between 25-29 years old
- 44% work full-time, 15% work parttime
- 66% live in a single-family home
- 12% live in a major metro and 76% live in an urban or suburban city
- 48% are married, 23% are single and 18% live with a significant other
- 30% do not have children
- 31% live in a multi-generational home
- 27% have a Bachelors degree or higher
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- 37% cultural events

Southeast Asian (Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi)

Demographics

- Ages 18 to 60+, 25% between 18-24 years old, 29% between 25-29 years old
- 34% work full-time, 11% work parttime
- 42% live in a condo or apartment
- 74% live in an urban or suburban city
- 51% are married, 42% are single and
- 60% do not have children
- 32% live n a multi-generational home
- 19% have a HHI> \$100,000
- 79% have a Bachelors degree or higher

Top 5 Ways She Describes Herself:

#1 Family oriented#2 Health-minded#3 Focused#4 Open to anything#5 Busy



Her Relationship with Money

- 56% self identify as a "saver" rather than a "spender"
- 12% state they live paycheck to paycheck while 23% note they save up to 10% of their annual HHI, 28% save between 21% and 40%
- 17% note they spend up to 10% of their HHI on items, activities, vacations, anything other than household expenses, 20% spend more than 40% of their HH
- 40% carry credit card debt

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- 69% spend money on dining out
- 56% spend on professional beauty services
- 51% spend on a family vacation
- 35% spend on upgrades to their homes
- 36% note spending on designer/high end clothing
- 16% spend money on private education for their children

Mixed Ethnicity

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- 40% are married, 28% are single and 21% live with a significant other
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Side by Side Look by Ethnicity

	African American/black	Hispanic/Latina	Asian (Southeast only)	Mixed Ethnicity
Own a vehicle	63%	70%	62%	71%
Own a luxury vehicle	13%	9%	17%	14%
Own a mid-range sedan	41%	32%	38%	27%
Prefer a family vacation close to home	51%	57%	33% (56% prefer luxurious vacation abroad)	46%
Time is more valuable than money	73%	76%	79%	80%
Prefer to cook meals at home	54%	49%	66%	57%
Find purchasing designer clothes highly appealing	18%	17%	37%	19%
Find visiting a salon to have hair done highly appealing	42%	34%	44%	40%

Side by Side Look by Ethnicity

	African American/black	Hispanic/Latina	Asian (Southeast only)	Mixed Ethnicity
Enjoy spending money on their family	77%	81%	86%	85%
Enjoy exercising	49%	47%	61%	45%
Having a beautiful home is highly appealing	81%	77%	79%	77%
Donating time to a charitable cause	50%	45%	66%	53%
Going to church/religious services	57%	39%	51%	34%
Hanging out at home	85%	79%	75%	86%
Prefer to watch TV shows or movies where the lead characters are people of color	33%	11%	22%	15%

What influences our behavior more, ethnicity or age?

Gen Z (18-24)

- Born with smart devices and prefers shopping with this method
- The "selfie" generation thrive to look their best for photos
- 91% of Gen-Z are highly influenced to purchase a beauty product as a result of reading positive reviews, 75% for other consumables
- Less than 1/3 carry credit card debt they prefer to use debit cards
- Generation most influenced to purchase a product if the ads contain images of people of color
- Her favorite shows are Grey's Anatomy, Law & Order SVU and Game of Thrones

*Gen Z is 4 to 24 years old but for this study we evaluated those 18-24

Millennial (25-39)

- First generation to adopt widespread cell phone usage
- She is swayed by what is trending in social media
- 88% of Millennials are highly influenced to purchase a beauty product as a result of reading positive reviews
- 59% are early adopters of new skincare trends
- Favorite shows are Game of Thrones, This is Us and Law & Order SVU
- A top influencer of purchase decision is availability of the product where she shops





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Age or ethnicity?

Jessie Gen-Xer (40-54)

- Generation that shops the most frequently
- Most open-minded to trying new products/brands
- Favorite shows: This is Us, Game of Thrones and Law & Order SVU
- Generation not as highly influenced by cultural marketing as it is the largest generation of mixed ethnicity families
- Passionate about causes such as Women's Health and Education
- Generation most likely to take recommendation of a friend or family member

Barbie Boomer (54+)

- Disposable income and still buying big
- Most loyal consumer but still willing to try new things
- Generation most influenced to purchase a products that are important to their ethnic culture
- Is highly influenced by marketing that is aligned with ethnic traditions and tastes
- 36% are influenced to purchase products if they are sold at a location that caters to women of color





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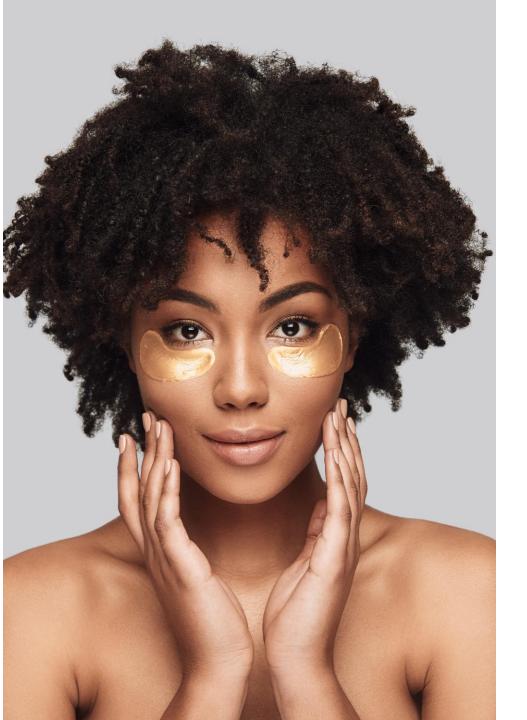
Generational Look

	Gen Z	Millennial	Gen X	Boomer
Own a vehicle	57%	77%	82%	86%
Own a luxury vehicle	6%	7%	9%	8%
Own a mid-range sedan	43%	31%	24%	28%
Prefer a luxurious vacation abroad	43%	33%	25%	27%
Time is more valuable than money	67%	78%	77%	70%
Prefer to cook meals at home	50%	54%	56%	54%
Find purchasing designer clothes highly appealing	23%	18%	16%	9%
Enjoy spending money on my family	73%	80%	78%	69%
Enjoy exercising	45%	41%	35%	34%
Spending money on a vacation for "me"	28%	19%	16%	22%
Bargain shopping for designer clothes	86%	83%	83%	80%

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WHAT ARE HER EXPECTATIONS of Consumer Brands?





Her Expectations

I expect brands to be...

- Cognizant of specific needs for certain ethnicities – i.e. skincare, haircare, body care
- Transparent (ingredients, manufacturing, animal cruelty)
- Socially responsible
- o Authentic

I expect brands to...

- Be inclusive
- Give back
- Understand who I am as a consumer and what is important to me

Products She Expects to be Targeted/Made for Women of Color



72% hair care



69% color cosmetics



68% facial skincare



72% body care



69% clothing



68% feminine care



Mainstream Brands She Shops That Market Specifically to Consumers of Color



Dove



Walmart 🔀

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WHAT INFLUENCES HER PURCHASES and Behaviors?



What Influences



where she eats out?



her to purchase a consumer good?

90% great service
89% menu selection
89% what I'm in the mood for
71% cost
68% number of positive reviews
68% quick and convenient
34% caters to allergies

79% available where I shop
79% product has positive product
reviews and consumer claims
75% from a brand I know and trust
40% is made specifically for
women of color

The Influence of Cultural Consideration

% women who selected 4 or 5 (1 to 5 scale) on how influential these aspects are to her purchasing decision

47% Products that are important to her ethnic culture, identity

46% Ads for the product include images of women of color or demonstrate a commitment to being multi-cultural

40% Made specifically for women of color

37% Marketing portrays current ethnic popculture

33% Is sold at a location that caters to women of color



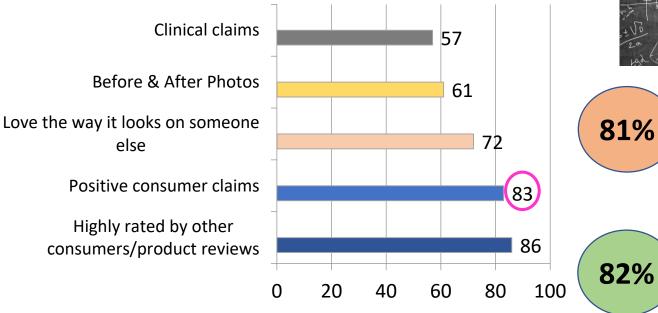
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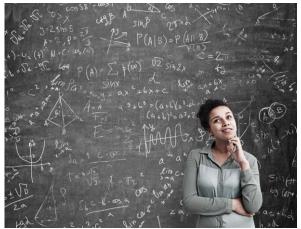


Regardless of Race, She Wants To See the Proof

Consumer Claims and Product Reviews Have a Significant Impact on Purchase Decisions

The type of proof that has <u>significant impact</u> on his/her purchase decision.





of women find consumer

because they are derived

from a panel of real women

claims derived from women

claims very believable

of women want to see

of their same ethnicity.

like them.

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WHAT DOES SHE WANT from Beauty Brands?



What's Important to Her When Making a Beauty Purchase









75% Consumer Claims 67% Does not test

on animals

84% Offers a diverse range of shades **79%** 5-Star Reviews



Recognizing Uniqueness

44% women of color have skincare needs that are unique and different

65% believe that beauty brands currently do a good job of meeting those specific needs

60% feel it's important that products/brands created specifically for women of color are not marketed to women with lighter skin tones

Why does she feel this way?

- 50% believe there are enough brands that cater to women with lighter skin
- 49% feel like too many brands abandon the needs of women of color

6% would abandon a brand created specifically for women of color if the company started offering products designed for all women

Color Cosmetics She Feels Should be Created Specifically for Women of Color









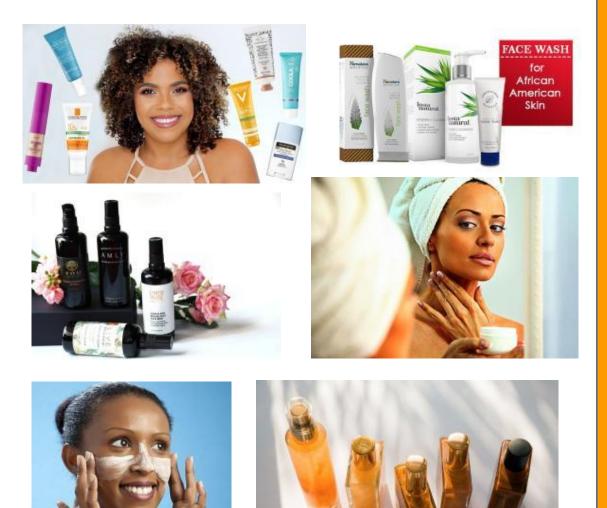




1. Foundation

- 2. Concealer
- 3. Powder
- 4. Contour Powder
- 5. Blush/Highlighting Powder
- 6. Primer
- 7. Eye Shadow

Skincare Products She Feels Should be Created Specifically for Women of Color



- 1. Facial Sunscreen
- 2. Facial Moisturizer
- 3. Facial Cleanser
- 4. Face Toner/Mist
- 5. Anti-Aging Serum
- 6. Exfoliator
- 7. Face Oil

Inclusive Beauty









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Side by Side Look Beauty Specific

	African American/black	Hispanic/Latina	Asian (Southeast only)	Mixed Ethnicity
Believes the industry does a good job offering products and brands specifically targeted to women of color	15% (67% sometimes)	26% (63% sometimes)	26% (62% sometimes)	17% (16% sometimes)
Find it highly appealing to purchase beauty products designed specifically for women of color	77%	24%	53%	37%
Believes it is important beauty products are made with green/clean ingredients	68%	69%	82%	69%
Believes it is important color cosmetics are made with green/clean ingredients	63%	59%	75%	59%
Believes it is important hair care products are made with green/clean ingredients	74%	70%	86%	62%
Purchasing whichever beauty product meets my specific needs	79%	79%	82%	82%

Key Takeaways

 Ethnic spend is only increasing – opportunities abound to capture your share of her wallet

2. Not *every* product has to be "made for women of color"

3. Age is as important as ethnicity – create age appropriate marketing for your targets

4. Consumer claims, product reviews, convenience and efficacy influence her the most when making a purchase decision – invest in claims/reviews/ratings

5. Consumers expect inclusivity, for brands to give back and transparency



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