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# Impact of Message Framing on Consumer Decision Making in FMCG Industry

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#### **Abstract**

Framing effect refers to the cognitive bias in which decisions are made depending upon how information is being presented. It is crucial for a marketer to acknowledge how communication translates into behavior, and how the presentation of information can affect purchase decision making. This study focused on the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) industry, an industry with huge potential and considerable risks. The study aimed to observe and analyze the effectiveness of message framing on affecting consumers purchase decision making.

This study utilizes a survey as the primary data collection tool with a total of 385 respondents. Logistic regression is used to determine the effect of types of frames, content of messages, and focus of frames on purchase decision making. Results indicated that message framing is proven to be effective in affecting Indonesian purchase decision making in the FMCG Industry. Types of frames do not significantly affect the effectiveness of framing on Indonesian consumers in the FMCG industry. However, the content of message and focus of frames do contribute to consumers' purchase decision making. It is recommended that marketers should understand other relevant factors of message framing including current industry practice, personal connection, and combination of frame types, content of messages, and focus of frames.

Keywords: Message Framing, Framing Effect, Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMGC), Consumers Purchase Decision Making, Types of Frames, Content of Messages, Focus of Frames

#### Introduction

Humans are not entirely rational, as it is common to make thinking errors when involved in a decision-making process. The term 'Framing effect' was first defined by Daniel Kahneman and Amos Trevsky in the 1970s. It essentially refers to the cognitive bias in which decisions are made depending upon how information is being presented. To influence decision-makers and purchases, the framing effect is usually used in marketing. It exploits the inclination for individuals to view the same information but react to it in various ways, contingent upon whether a particular choice is introduced in a positive frame or in a negative frame. Therefore, it can be utilized as a tool to change the way that a purchaser sees an item essentially by manipulating the choice of words in an advertisement. The framing of the product itself can be in a form of gain or loss, given the information that consumers want certainty with gains but are risk-seeking with loss. It's nothing unexpected that marketing agencies all throughout the world have incorporated framing effects into their advertisement, deliberately attempting to impact clients' decision-making process. By doing this, they can gain more engagement which will eventually lead to boosting



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their sales. Customers are driven away from rational thinking into irrational thinking, where decision making is produced from a consciousness that has been manipulated and controlled in the zones where it is most susceptible. Various researchers have discovered that even a slight adjustment to the way something is presented can bring out entirely different responses or decisions. Contingent on the products being promoted, marketers will decide to utilize a wide range of frames, for example positive, negative, emotional, and statistical.

Therefore, it is crucial for a marketer to acknowledge how communication translates into behavior, and how the presentation of information can lead to various behaviors. Understanding the framing effect gives a marketer the ability to be more influential and persuasive when delivering product values. It is important to figure out the most suitable type of framing for the product, through associating it with the values and goal of the target market.

Through this, it is hoped that insights of the effectiveness of message framing on Indonesian consumers can be used wisely by marketers in Indonesia. Marketers need to conduct analysis on the product, target market, and other influencing factors to determine the best strategy. By doing this, marketers can hopefully attract more engagement and boost sales by implementing the suitable framing effect in marketing strategy.

This study will focus on the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) industry, which is one of the large-scale industries in Indonesia that contributes significantly to the country's economic growth. The main driver of the growth occurs because of the increase in people's purchasing power due to increased personal income, as well as increasing urbanization which is changing people's lifestyles and behavior. Indonesia's FMCG forecast is highlighted by huge potentials and considerable risks. However, to venture into the future, it is crucial to carry on the spirit of openness and competitiveness. The spirit of openness will bring Indonesia deeper into global value chains and deepen engagements with partners at the bilateral, regional, and multilateral or international levels. FMCG has a high quick turnover rate, and relatively low cost. Through advertising, companies can increase the awareness of their products to fulfil their needs and spell out the differential benefits in competitive situations. FMCG is an industry where advertising has a huge role in it. The nature of the FMCG industry itself is very competitive where there are lots of competitors that sell similar products. So, it is important for companies to know how to communicate their products.

## **Conceptual Framework**

Figure 1: Conceptual Framework
Independent Variables

Dependent Variables

Attribute Framing

Goal Framing

Objective and Rational

Subjective and Emotional

Positively Framed

Focus of Frames

Negatively Framed

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The dependent variable here is purchase decision making. There are three independent variables being covered in the study, including types of frames, content of message and focus of frames. Based on studies by (Gursoy, 2022), (Maček, 2019) and (Sunitha, 2017), these three independent variables have significant impact on purchase decision making. Each of these independent variables have been affected by two independent variables, whichare being covered in this study.

This study aims to find out the relationship between the three independent variables and the dependent variable.

Moreover, each of these independent variables are further broken down into two types. The first independent variable, types of framing, consists of attribute and goal framing (Levin and Gaeth, 1988). The second independent variable, content of messages, consists of objective and rational and subjective and emotional (Edell and Staelin, 1983). The third independent variable, focus of frames, consists of positive or negative frames. (Ganzach and Karsahi, 1995). The comparison between these different types has always been a piece of debate among the researchers.

## Related Research Work Effectiveness of Framing

Framing is an important area of marketing, especially in advertising. A simple way ofpresenting information can attract customers to buy a certain product. Throughout theyears, researchers have tried to prove how framing affected the customer's way of thinking. Oneof the research projects by Peter Gál (2018) has evaluated the impact of framing on the decision-makingprocess. The framing effect was examined by the investigation of replies to three issues, whichwere part of a more extensive questionnaire study. The survey was done on 176 graduates frommanagement majors, which might represent a more educated community. The outcomesdemonstrated the way the issue was framed to the respondents affected theresults of their decision-making.

The research has resulted in simple and very effective methods of individuals' judgmentmanipulation through the presentation of data in a specific setting. Furthermore, it can also bederived from the research that if framing effects work well on educated individuals, the effecton the less educated populace, might be significantly more recognizable. The manipulation of judgment might be observable likewise in other contexts that involve the decision-makingprocess, not only in the specific area of marketing. Indeed, experienced managers also showedsimilar bias as did the students and were no better than students in using data applicable torational decision making. This researchimplies that framing did have a significant influence on consumers' decisions.

Message framing is viewed as a powerful communication approach for impacting individuals' attitudes and ways of behaving. The best mix of frame and threat may as a matter offact rely upon the action used to assess its impact on behavior. The literature suggests that the impact of frame and association might be most effective in changing perspectives toward theway of behaving. (Cheng et al., 2011). How a message is framed can essentially affect themessage persuasiveness (Smith and Petty, 1996). Discoveries demonstrate that framing of advertising messages applies huge effects on purchasers' decision making and selection process.(Zhang, Zhang, Gursoy, and Fu, 2018).

#### **Content of message**

Notwithstanding the framing of the message, the substance of the message can likewiseimpact message influence (Chi, Denton, and Gursoy, 2021). Past data handling researchrecognized the difference



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between objective (actual) and subjective (evaluative) data. Objectivedata (e.g. the nicotine level of a cigarette brand) incorporates a particular statement withrespect to the fact, while emotional data (e.g. the taste of this cigarette is rich) frequentlycontains judgements from others (Edell and Staelin, 1983). Studies propose that people who getobjective and rational data are bound to use a more deliberate way to deal with processing themessage when contrasted with people who get emotional and subjective data (Chi et al., 2021).

#### **Risky Choice Framing**

Tversky and Kahneman (1981) introduced the framing effect by proving that individualsappear to display a general tendency to be risk seeking when presented with positively framedproblems. Tversky and Kahneman inspected decisions between two strategies for managing acrisis circumstance, where several lives would be lost except if one of the strategies were embraced. Options varied depending upon whether the methodologies were portrayed aslosses and gains, even though the objective information was the same for each situation. In explaining this bias, Tversky and Kahneman used the prospect theory. This theory proposes two significant results about the impact of framing a decision problem in either gainor loss terms. To begin with, it holds that individuals are risk averse when a choice issue is formulated in terms of gain and risk prone when the choice is formulated in terms of loss.

Moreover, individuals display loss aversion, where the pain of losing is psychologically twice aspowerful as the pleasure of gaining.

Tversky and Kahneman (1981) have conducted the following experiment: Imagine the U.S. is preparing for the outbreak of an unusual Asian disease, which is expected to kill 600people. There are two alternative programs to combat the disease that have been proposed.

Assume the exact scientific estimates of the consequences are as follows:

- The first condition presented to the participants is as follows: If Program A is adopted,200 people will be saved. If Program B is adopted, there is a one-third probability that600 people will be saved and a two-thirds probability that no people will be saved.
- Participants in the other condition received the following: If Program C is adopted, 400people will die. If Program D is adopted, there is a one-third probability that nobody willdie and a two-thirds probability that 600 people will die.

In each condition, participants were then asked which option they would favor. It is found that most participants in the first ('saved') condition favored Program A (with 72% selecting this option). In the second ('die') condition, most participants favored Program D(78%).

Nonetheless, throughout the years, different types of framing have been examined andutilized in the marketing field to impact consumers choices. Two other framing effects to beconsidered are attribute framing and goal framing. These framing effects are not the same aseach other in three perspectives: what is framed, what the frame apparently influences andhow the situation is usually estimated.

#### **Attribute Framing**

Attribute framing is viewed as the simplest frame type. The subject of the framingcontrol is just a single attribute, and the reliant proportion of interest is a fundamental course of assessment, as opposed to a choice between independent options. Since attribute framing is confined to the basic case, it permits the most clear test of the impact of positive and negative framing. Assessments can appear as appraisals of favorability or as yes/no decisions, implying that people pick either to accept or reject a given choice.



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The most popular illustration of attribute framing was led by Levin and Gaeth (1988),they exhibited how attributes of an item impact consumers decisions. During their trial,consumers' view of the nature of ground beef was displayed to rely upon whether the meat wasframed as "75% lean" or "25% fat". Results from the study revealed that when the ground meatwas marked as "75% lean" or labeled by positive frame, it was appraised as better tasting andless oily in comparison to the ground meat labeled as "25% fat" or negatively framed. From this analysis, they derived that attribute framing impacts happen on the grounds that information is encoded in the illustrative valence and the positive marking, which prompts the way that information will in general bring out more favorable memory affiliations. In contrast, the

negative naming of the same item is more likely to be associated with unfavorable memoryaffiliations. Another research by Brauti (1997) has revealed the same results, however inmore complex circumstances. Similarly with the previous research, they framed a milk chocolatebar in two perspectives including "80% fat-free" as the positive labeling and "20% fat" as thenegative labeling. It was found that a more complex environment can lead to differential frameeffects, in which the more salient the item is, the greater the frame effects. The study revealedthat women used the framed information more in their decision-making process, in comparisonto men. There is no product involvement difference between genders that might account for the difference. The framing was affecting their decision on both affective and cognitive levels

From these findings, it can be concluded that attribute framing can impact the encodingand portrayal of information in acquainted memory, and this illustrative distinction is considered the reason for valence-consistent changes in reactions. It has been shown that the simple presence of a positive memory relationship for one thing in a decision set can promptgenerous positive contortions of that item. It can be derived that there is proof of valence-consistent changes in the assessment, not just concerning the controlled element of fator lean, yet additionally associated with other measurements including taste, healthiness, and quality.

## **Goal Framing**

Goal Framing encourages individuals by focusing on the negative outcome of notparticipating or encourages participation by emphasizing the positive outcome of participating. The risk-choice frame and goal frame are substantially different as in the risky-choice frame, lossaversion happens within the sight of risk, while there is absence of risk in the goal framing. Meyerowitz and Chaiken (1987) gave a reasonable illustration of goal framing effect, introducinghow women are more ready to take part in bosom self-assessment (BSE) when confronted withmessages focusing on the unfortunate results of not participating in BSE, as opposed to focusingon the positive outcomes of participating. Subsequently, a negatively framed message whichstated, "Studies show that women who don't do BSE have a diminished chance at finding atumor in the early, more treatable phases", is more powerful than its positive label of "Studiesshow that ladies who do BSE have an increased chance at finding a tumor in the early, moretreatable phases". It is found that even though the above expressions convey the same meaning, women were more encouraged to prevent loss by doing BSE, than they were to receive gain bydoing BSE. Therefore, it can be derived from the research that the negatively framed encodingwas more effective in comparison to positively framed encoding.



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#### **Negative and Positive Framing**

Determining whether to choose between negative and positive framing has also been apiece of the debate regarding framing effect. In risky choice framing and goal framing, anegatively framed strategy has been proven to be more effective than a positively framedstrategy. This is due to the negative bias that exists in the decision-making process. However, there are also studies that show how a positively framed strategy is more effective than anegatively framed strategy. Therefore, in this section, several other studies will be utilized toclarify the debate between the strategies.

Ganzach and Karsahi (1995) attempted to persuade individuals to embrace a particular conduct as opposed to persuading them to abstain from performing that conduct. They inspected the impact of framing on human behavior, especially in the financial field. Ganzachand Karsahi initiated by telling the customers whether in positive frame or negative frame. Intheir investigation, credit card owners who didn't utilize the card for a time of 90 days got amessage with respect to either the advantages of using the card, or the disadvantage of notusing the card. Results showed that loss framing had a much more grounded impact on thebehavior of the credit card owners in comparison to gain frame. The level of clients who beganto use the card in the loss condition was over two times the rate in the gain condition. Therefore, it can be concluded that loss framing brought a more grounded influence of the message.

Ganzach and Karsahi's research doesn't recommend marketers to leave positive framing to usenegative framing, yet rather to question the effectiveness of gain and loss framing, depending the products being advertised. Another more current study by Edward (2017) has also revealed that negative framing was found to be more effective than positive framing. Studies suggest that people tend to be more sensitive to losses than benefits or rewards, as greater fear arousal is associated with greater engagement with persuasive messages, and negative information and events are more potent than their positive counterparts. (O'Keefe and Jensen, 2008).

In contrast, Burböck, Kubli, Maček and Bobek (2019) conducted research for bothattribute framing and goal framing which resulted in positive frames being more efficient thannegative frames. This study seeks to investigate the occurrence of a framing effect in advertisingmessages when confronted with different types of frames. During the experiment, apositive and a negative publicizing message were made for both types. The item picked to bepublicized in the review was toothpaste named Dentagold. In the attribute framing type, either 99% removal rate of dental caries was featured in the positive frame or the 1% dental caries noteliminated by using Dentagold toothpaste was used in the negative frame. In the goal framing messages, the positive results of buying the item were referenced in the positive frame, such asthe prevention of dental caries, fresh breath and white teeth. Meanwhile the negative frameincluded the unfortunate results related because of not buying the product thatwas used, such as, leading to dental caries, awful breath and yellow teeth. In the attribute framing test, respondents in the positive framing condition assigned higher scores than to the negative publicizing message. Similarly, in the goal framing test, critical outcomes were acquired. The positively framed promoting message, featuring the positive outcomes related with theacquisition of the toothpaste, scored higher in contrast with the negatively framed message. From this research, individuals are bound to show higher favorability towardthe item when the critical characteristics of an item are outlined positively instead of negatively.

Besides, a concentrate by Kim and Kim (2014) has uncovered the impact of message framing onpotential hotel clients' perspectives, behavioral intention, consideration, and activities. With386 members, it is found messages from a valid source that are positively framed prompted thebest



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perspectives toward the actual messages, visit intention, and EFAs. The implication forhospitality practitioners is to keep a positive casing for messages that urge visitors to take partin a lodging's supportability programs, and to add a credible source for additional messagestrength.

Gursoy, D., Ekinci, Y., Can, A. S., & Murray, J. C. (2022) looks at the viability of messageframing, in changing respondents' COVID-19 vaccination intentions. The survey incorporates a 2(message frame: gain, loss) x 2 (message appeal: rational, emotional) ×2 (information content:subjective, objective) experimental design. The positive framing incorporates the beneficialoutcome of getting the vaccine, while the loss-framed message highlighted the expense of nottaking a protective action. Rational message reminds people to be mindful of health in general, while emotional appeal reminds the protection of loved ones. Objective informationincludes statements of facts whereas subjective information includes statements of opinions. Discoveries suggest that loss-framed messages are more effective than gain-framed. In addition, rational and objective messages are more effective messages in changing vaccination intentions.

Pervan and Vocino (2008) in their research have explained the lack of consistency inreal-life marketing practice. Results from their research have shown an absence of consistencybetween marketing practice and scholarly findings. Contrary to scholastic suggestions,marketers utilize positive framing in practically all publicizing messages. Therefore, the mostsignificant finding of the review is the absence of consistency with which scholarly findingsmean advertising correspondence practice. Moreover, it was found that the utilization ofattribute framing, and combined framing (attribute and goal framing) was more well knownthan the goal framing itself. This indicates that marketers frequently look to frame how the components and attributes of their items are introduced to buyers. Additionally, in opposition ideas in scholastic literature, was the predominance of adverts utilizing a mix of framingtypes. Furthermore, risky-choice framing was an unpopular decision among the marketers, given the idea of risky choice framing which implies an accentuation on risk and the decisionbetween two articles, an improbable situation in marketing practice.

#### **Choosing the Right Frame**

Regardless of the debate between negative and positive framing, there are other factors to be considered when determining whether to choose the frame types. Therefore, this section examines the interrelationships between framing, type of individuals and product type. Lee, Liuand Cheng (2018) have revealed that the impact of message framing on an ad's effectivenessdiffers depending on the consumer's regulatory focus and the product type. They believed thatit might be too overly simplistic to emphasize only on a comparison of types of message framing without considering other factors. First, for the product type, the researchers have distinguished between hedonic and utilitarian products. Hedonic consumption is consumed mainly foraffective or sensory gratification, as it provides more experiential consumption, pleasure, and excitement. Meanwhile utilitarian consumptions deliver more cognitively oriented benefits, as itincludes primarily instrumental and functional goods. Moreover, the researchers have also distinguished types of customers into two. The first type is promotion focused individuals who are concerned with aspirations and achievements, as they emphasize on the presence and absence of positive outcomes. The second type is prevention focused individuals who careabout responsibilities and safety and emphasized on the presence and absence of negativeoutcomes. Promotion focused individuals are more anxious to pursue gain rather than to guardagainst a loss, while prevention focused individuals focus more on avoidance of loss rather than efforts towards gain. The research has resulted in a more



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complex analysis in comparison to theprevious research, as it contains a three-way association among framing, types of products, andtypes of individuals. To begin with, the results indicated the impacts of message framing relied upon theperson's regulatory focus. Message framing applied an impact on the attitude and purchaseintention of promotion focused individuals. Positive message framing was more powerful on these promotion focused individuals. These discoveries propose that positive message framingis more effective in convincing promotion focused individuals compared to negative messageframing. Nonetheless, these distinctions were not clear in prevention focused individuals. Forprevention focused individuals, it depends on the product type. Furthermore, based on theproduct type, the outcomes show that when utilitarian goods are featured, positively framedmessages are bound to prompt a more uplifting outlook and increase buying decisions incomparison to negatively framed messages. When confronting an item with utilitarian goods, anindividual is inclined to assess the goods by seeing the benefit. A positively framed messagecoordinates with the objective of the consumer's choice to fulfill the basic needs or functionaltask. Meanwhile, for hedonic goods, both positive and negative framing have the same effect since both can help mitigate the guilt of purchasing luxurious products.

Furthermore, it is additionally observed that negatively framed messages are morebeneficial when hedonic items are promoted to prevention focused individuals. Advertisementsutilizing negative framing that focuses on the expected loss if shoppers don't buy an itemappear to recommend a larger number of advantages to prevention focused individuals. Moreover, positively framed messages are more beneficial when utilitarian products are promoted to prevention focused individuals. Prevention focused individuals will in general beimpacted by the utilitarian idea of the item and are bound to be convinced by positively framedmessages. From this research it can be concluded that simply determining whether to choosenegative or positive framing is not enough. A further analysis should be conducted to choose the most suitable strategy.

#### **Research Synthesis**

## **Table 1 – Research Synthesis**

| Contribution  | Opinion  |
|---|--|
| The examination incorporates a 2 (messageframe:     | The results from the research can be used      |
| gain, loss) x 2 (message appeal:                    | asreference for this study. However, the       |
| rational, emotional) ×2 (information content:       | researchdoes not cover the types of frames.    |
| subjective, objective) experimental design. Main    | Therefore, this research aims to contribute by |
| findings tobe considered from this research is      | coveringanother independent variable that      |
| thatloss-framed messages are more effective         | theresearch is lacking, which is the effect of |
| thangain-framed messages. In addition, rational     | typeof frames towards the effectiveness        |
| andobjective messages are more effective            | offraming.                                     |
| messagesin changing vaccination intentions          |  |
| (Gursoy, D., Ekinci, Y., Can, A. S., & Murray, J.   |  |
| C., 2022)   |  |
| The research can be used as referencefor the        | Even though the research has successfully      |
| occurrence of a framing effect inadvertising        | experimented on FMCG products, which is in     |
| messages when confronted withdifferent types of     | line with this research. The research does not |
| frames, along with focus offrames. In the attribute | cover the importance of content of message.    |
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Therefore, this research aims to contribute by covering another independent variable that the research is lacking, which is the content of the message.

The research has been able to look at theimpact of message framing and the mediatingrole of cognitive fluency and emotional state onattribute framing effects. The research includes a more descriptive explanation of messageframing. (Zhang, M., Zhang, G.-yu, Gursoy, D., &Fu, X.-rong., 2018)

research The evaluated the impacts messageframing marketing campaigns recognizing therole that positive and negative framing play inaffecting purchaser reaction. It can be used as reference that negative framing gives a moresignificant reaction towards the marketingcampaign. Respondents showed moreprominent support when they were told aboutthe negative consequences as against positiveresults. (Sunitha T.R., & Edward, M.,

The research is still lacking in terms of primarydata evidence, since it only focuses on the descriptive part of the research. Moreover, it is only catered toward a specific framing type, which is attribute framing. Therefore, this research aims to provide primary data from survey experiments. Furthermore, it will covera broader type of framing in comparison to the research.

The research does not cater to a specificindustry, although it covers marketingcampaigns for various products. A bias inconsumption behavior toward certainproducts might occur. Therefore, this researchaims to only focus on a specific industry, whichis the FMCG industry. By focusing on a specificindustry, the result will be less biased andmore accurate.

#### Research Methodology

2017)

This research was quantitative based, which refers to the process of collecting and analyzing numerical data. The study has been conducted under descriptive research design. The sampling method was random sampling, with 385 sample size. In which randomized selection of a small segment of individuals or members from a whole population. It provides each individual or member of a population with an equal and fair probability of being chosen. To analyze the purchase decision making behavior, the respondents are potential customers of FMCG products.

This research used both primary and secondary data. The data collection tools for primary data involved the use of survey questionnaires. Whereas secondary data collection tools included existing data available, such as reference books, articles, journals, internet-based information, etc. The survey has been distributed through utilization of the internet, using Google Form.



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#### Conclusion

Based on the findings of research, the following were the conclusions:

- 1.Message framing was effective in affecting Indonesian consumers decision making in the FMCG Industry. This was shown by how framing creates the tendency for individuals to accept the information in a way that they can resonate with the advertisement. Moreover, it is also crucial to note that information displayed on the content can help the respondents to better understand the message conveyed by the advertisement.
- 2. Types of frames do not significantly affect the Indonesian consumers decision making in the FMCG industry.
- 3.Goal framing has more tendency to intrigue the respondents in comparison to attribute framing. This was caused by the challenges to create this acquainted memory affiliations in attribute framing, where it was more direct in goal framing.
- 4.The content of message significantly affects Indonesian consumers' decision making in the FMCG industry. It was the second highest factor that affected consumers decision making, as it falls in between types of frames and focus of frames.
- 5.Rational and objective data had more tendency to intrigue the respondents in comparison to emotional and subjective data. This was caused by the functionality of the objective and rational data, where one was bound to use a more deliberate way to deal with processing the message in comparison to the emotional and subjective data.
- 6. Focus of frames significantly affected Indonesian consumers decision making in the FMCG industry. It was the most prominent factor that could contribute to purchase decision making.
- 7.A negative frame had more tendency to intrigue the respondents in comparison to a positive frame. Negative framing was found to be more effective than positive framing, which was the result of loss aversion theory. It stated that individuals value gains and losses differently, where the pain of losing was psychologically twice as powerful as the pleasure of gaining.
- 8.Marketersdon't need to leave one type for the other in terms of types of frames, content of message, and focus of frames. Yet rather evaluate and measure the difference of effectiveness, depending on the combination of frame types, content of messages, and focus of frames.

#### Recommendation

Based on the stated conclusions, the following recommendations are:

- 1. Marketers should understand current industry practices with regards to message framing.It is important to do formal market research to gain broader marketing information, including level of market changes with respect to share, price and other factors.Marketers should always be tapping into regular sources of marketing information about their organization and industry to monitor what's happening generally. Fromhere, marketers can determine the suitable framing strategy for their products.
- 2. Marketers understand that personal connection is an out-of-control variable that candrive consumers' decision-making behavior. Not all consumers need to feel personally connected, however, it can play a huge role in determining whether the framing effective or not through acquainted memory affiliations.
- 3. It is crucial to assess the difference in effectiveness, depending on the combination offrame types, content of messages, and focus of frames. Previous research has shownthat utilization of combinations between the three factors in framing can optimize theeffect of framing itself.



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In addition, recommendations for further studies are:

- 1. Future studies should take extra caution in gathering their selection of variables to determine the best suited measures for their chosen variables. Subsequent researchis expected to explore other relevant factors that could contribute to the effectiveness offraming effect.
- 2. Future studies should assess whether the current findings can be replicated with different populations. Future studies could employ control variables as part of the model, such as demographic characteristics, pre-existing attitudes, or knowledge or experience toward the experiment.
- 3. Another recommendation for future studies is to consider the number of exposures to the advertisement. Most advertisements are for highly familiar brands, and consumers are usually exposed to these ads more than once.
- 4. Future studies should explore the complexity of choices, a different perspective and changing the language, can be linked to the need to put more effort into adecision-making process.

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Driven by a passion for business and academia, Dr. Seyed Ali Fallahchay has carved a distinguished career as a professor, researcher, and entrepreneur. Holding a PhD in Management from De La Salle Araneta University and an MBA from the Philippines, he brings a wealth of expertise to his role as Professor of Business Administration at Raffles Institute in Indonesia.

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