# Exposing the Unconscious AGE BIAS in Media



# **ENABLE, DON'T LABEL**

Only 6% of advertising's workforce is 50+.



in Advertising



in Finance



in Medicine



in Science



in Law







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#### Canadians 55+ are commonly addressed in ways they don't like

Don't want to be called Senior

79%

Boomer was preferred by only

19%

THE TERM ELDERLY

Even less preferred the term Retiree



# **OPPORTUNITY**





As of the 2016 census, there are more Canadians over the age of 65 than under 14

### **SOLUTION 01**

# Ditch the old age stereotypes

36% greater emotional connection for 55+ for ads representing their cohort as fit, cheeky and wise, as opposed to meek and helpless

#### **SOLUTION 02**

# Bring back old classics

Millennials aren't the only generation with an apparent need for nostalgia.

Boomers relate to old classics from their time, too, showing up to 36% greater emotional connection to nostalgic-themed ads versus overall benchmarks (all content considered)

#### **SOLUTION 03**

# Tap into the legacy of parenthood not its challenges

Ads communicating a transfer of knowledge and principles between generations see up to 50% greater emotional connection among Boomers than those ads conveying the challenges of parenthood.

# **SOLUTION 04**

#### **Digestible Chunks**

Delivering information in accessible and digestible chunks can drive double-digit lifts across Attention, Connection and Encoding.