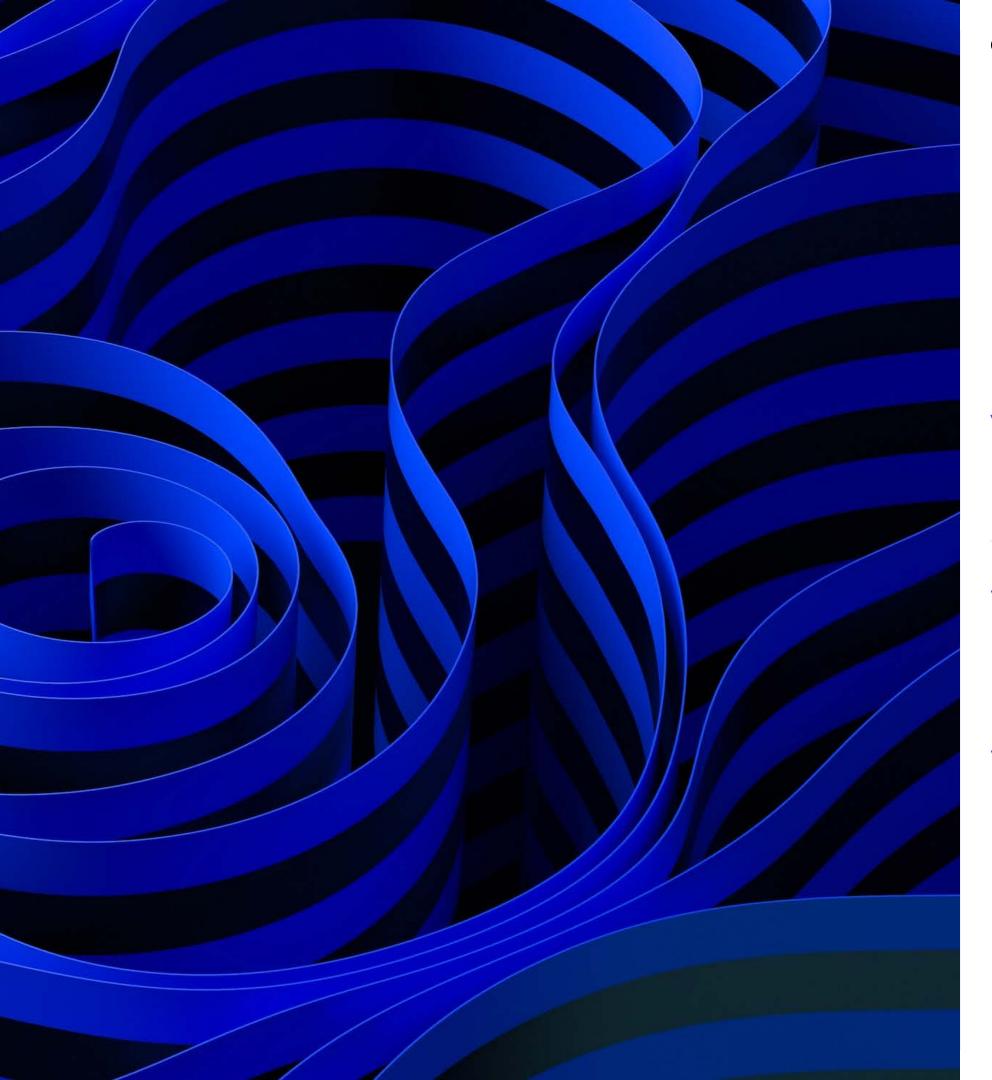
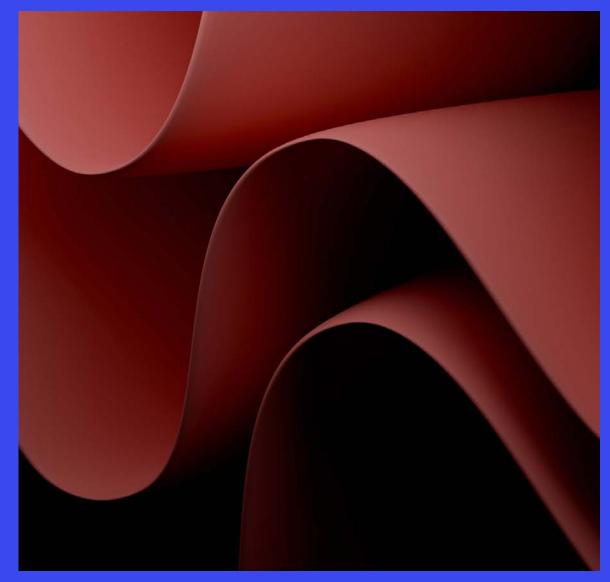
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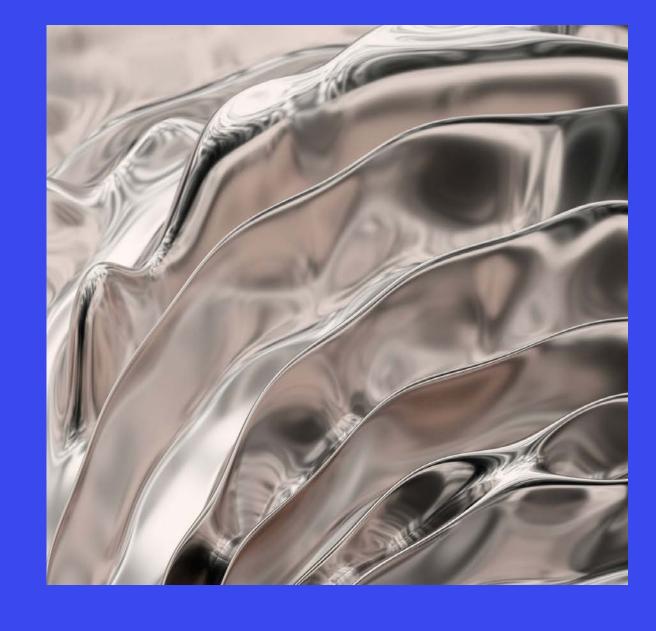
Design takes on customer experience in digital commerce



We took a look at some of the most visited webstores in the Nordics and discovered that they were all missing out on opportunities in three key areas. Keep reading to see our insights.







#### **Promotions**

Webstores thrive on hooks in the form of campaigns and deals. Attract the customer, don't distract them.

#### Upselling

Bring additional value to each stage of the purchase process with personalised upselling.

#### Loyalty

Give reasons for customer to keep coming back without making it difficult to get started.

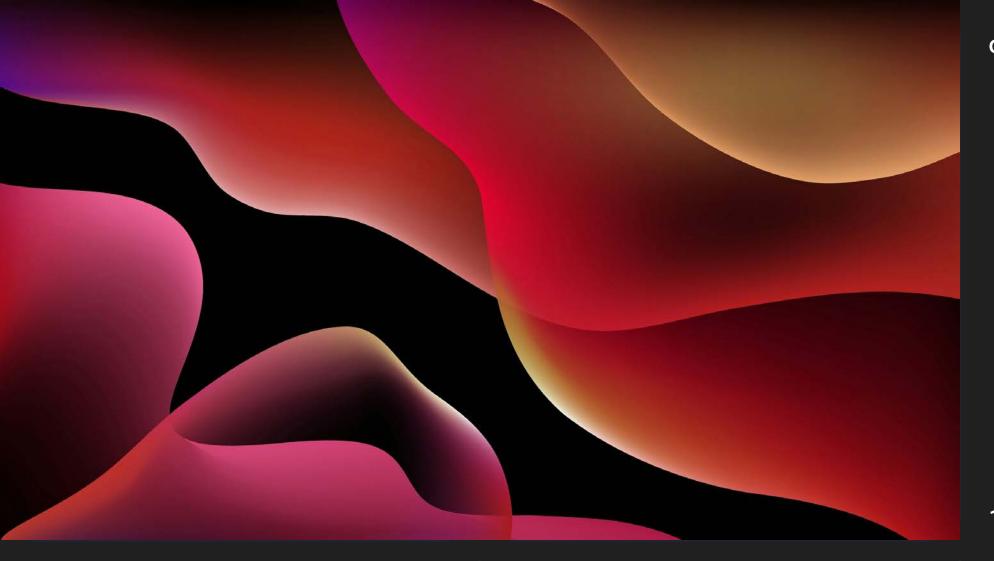
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## Customer experience is the business

There is nothing more important in a highly competitive market than retaining customers. Turning a single purchase into a lifelong relationship is however far from easy and requires careful design at every step. Most reports in this regard focus on the fundamentals of user experience itself, or the need for well-integrated development and marketing stacks, or coordination of business units. While these are all salient aspects of high-performing digital commerce, there are some tactical aspects we should consider.

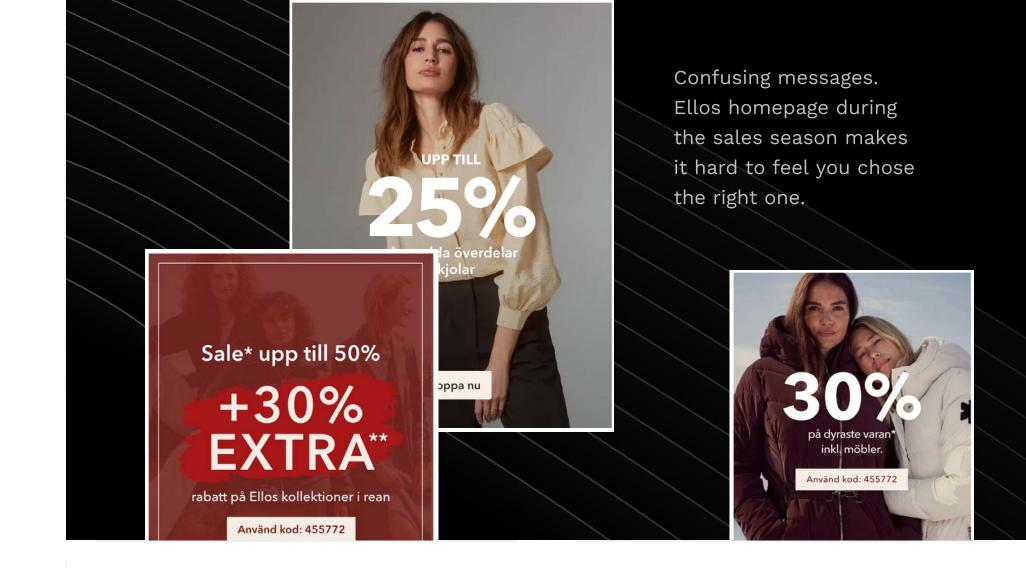


#### Insights at a glance

- 1. Campaigns and promotions need to be balanced with clear navigation patterns to ensure that the experience doesn't get too scattered.
- 2. Upselling can easily get tiresome but it improves the customer experience when it brings genuine value to the exchange.
- 3. Loyalty programmes should be accessible and offer unique incentives to customers. Making them excessively complex or not offering any added benefits at all both detract from building a long-term relationship.

#### **Promotions**

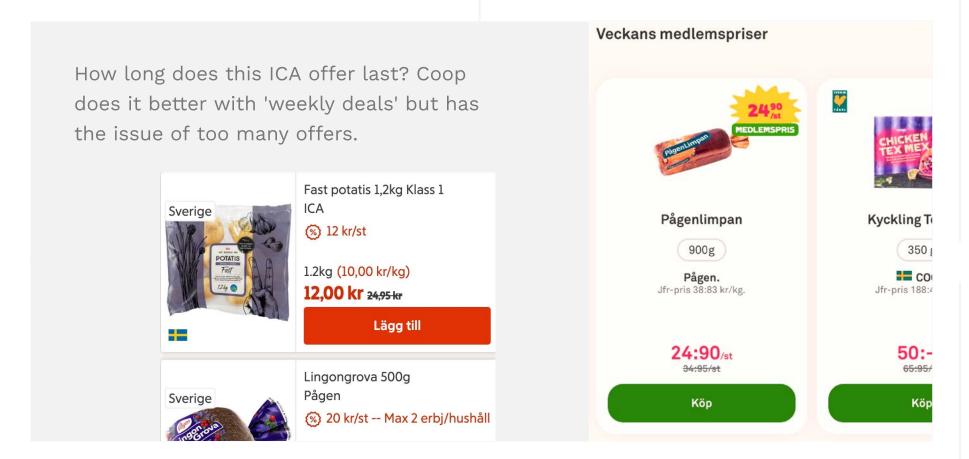
Attention is a scarce resource. Promote without taking away clarity of action.

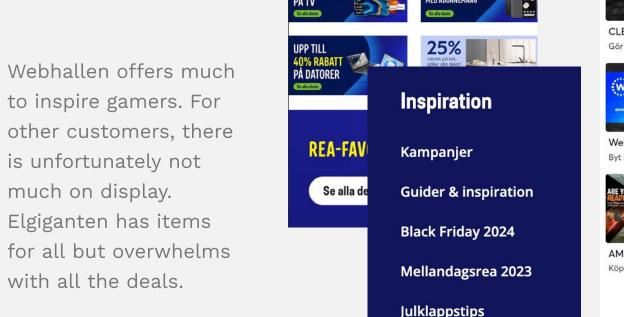


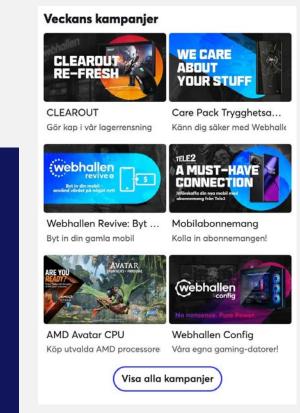
It gets overwhelming when the customer is faced with endless discounts. And it's hard to navigate webstores full of heavily promoted items as they offer limited inspirational browsing and work against the logic of finding things. Complementing campaigns with a clear navigation that offers clear pre-defined paths helps people to find what they are looking for while keeping important conversion pages engaging. (See: <u>Hick's law</u>).

#### **Promotions**

#### There are multiple ways to promote.







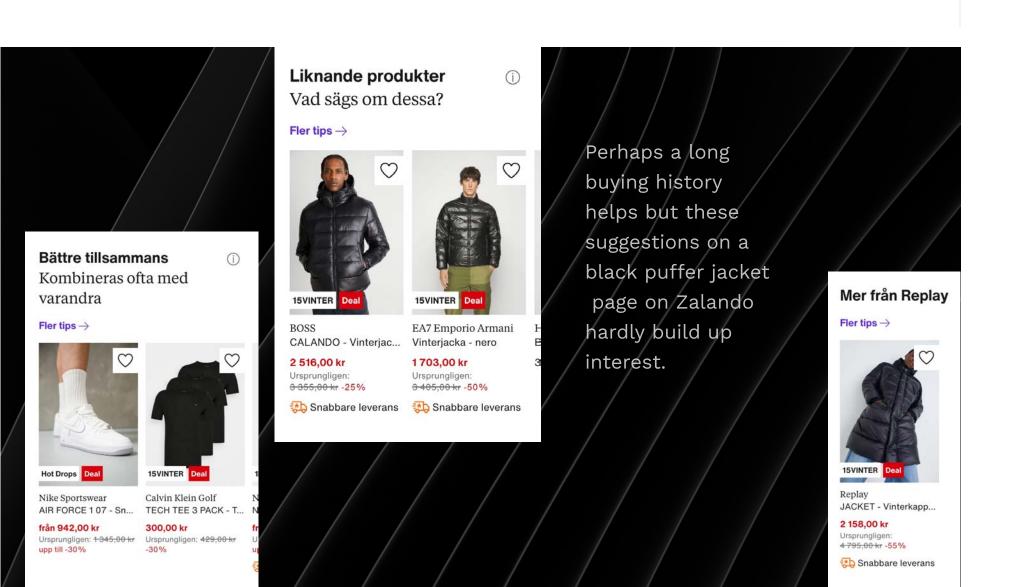
#### Combine deals with scarcity

Perpetual discounts have become the norm in some segments, harming brand perceptions and creating little urgency. Offering limited and timesensitive discounts has better impact (See: FOMO).

#### Inspirational hooks

Campaigns are not just about deals. Customers also need guidance for aspirational purchases and technically complex products. Keeping such flows even during sales seasons is essential.

Upselling is a great way to boost the top line by relying on social influence and deep understanding of customer preferences. The more personalised it is the more powerful it gets (See: <u>Endowment Effect</u>) but overdoing suggestions and add-ons erodes trust and complicates the purchasing decision. Recommend items sparingly and subtly or prominently depending on the context.

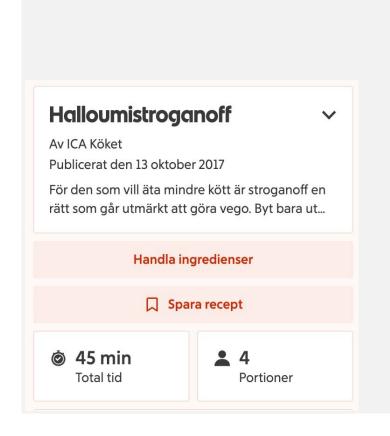


# Upselling has the most impact when it provides real value by saving time and money.

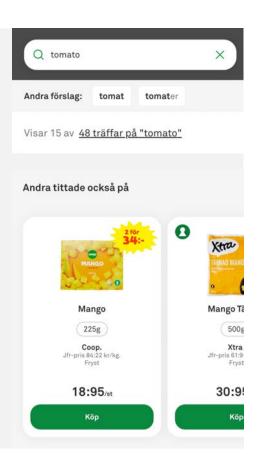
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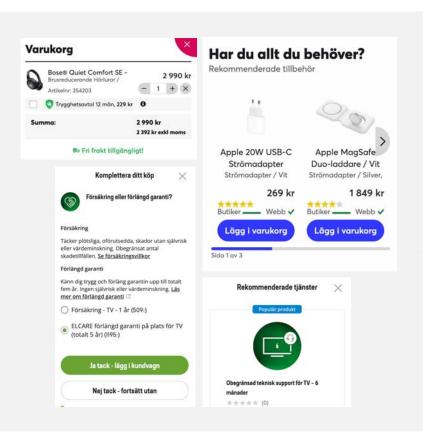
#### It's not about selling more, more, more.



Recipes are a perfect opportunity for offering bundles. But wasting the inspiration on banal search results and bad product suggestions undermines it all.



Electronic stores are
highly competitive when
it comes to upselling. But
trying to be like RyanAir
doesn't make sense when
selling high-end
televisions.



#### Everyone loves bundles

Accessories, extended warranties and other addons are often tedious to purchase individually.

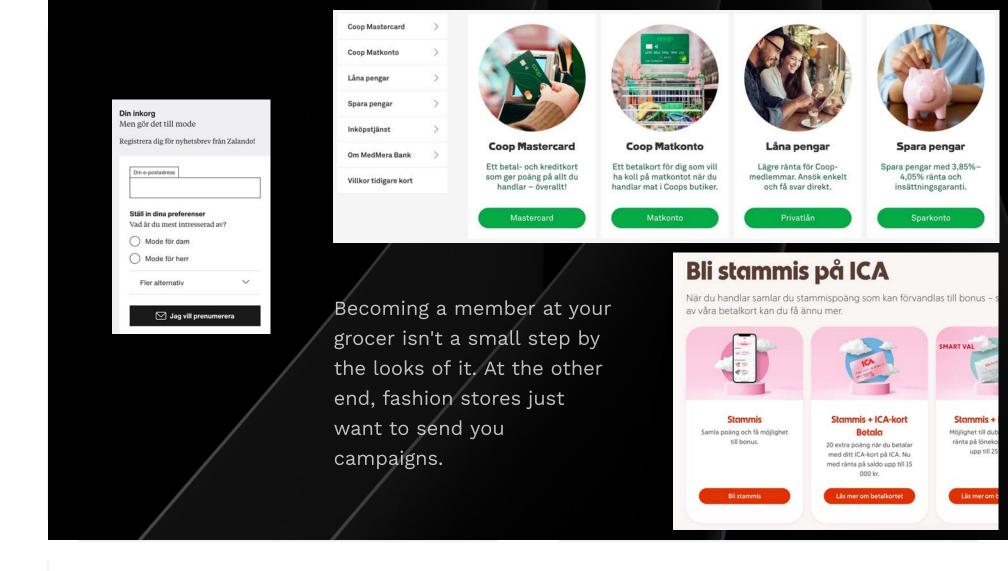
Offering bundles with cost-savings drives both customer satisfaction and order value.

#### Few but relevant

There is such a thing as too many suggestions or too few. Taking attention-spans into account and combining mass behaviour with personalised insights can lead to a limited but powerful selection.

#### Loyalty

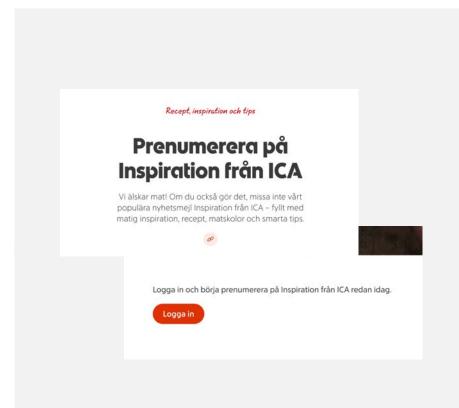
An account is not the same as a membership. Think long term. Start small.

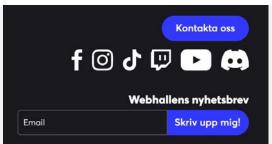


Reward systems are great ways to attract prospective customers into forming a relationship with the brand and benefits the customer lifetime value for highly competitive market segments (See: Operant Conditioning). Not having even the lightest hook for it, with a newsletter promoting private sales or discount/free shipping on first order is a wasted opportunity. This also leads to new opportunities such as wishlists and better recommendations which lead to even better customer engagement.

#### Loyalty

#### Different approaches. Same goal.



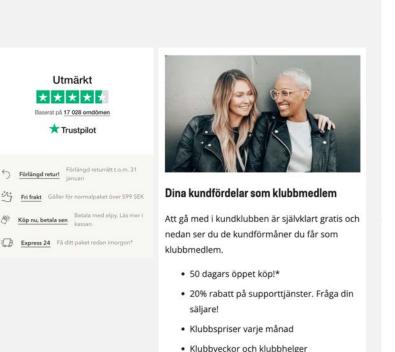


membership offering with a weekly recipe newsletter but makes it too hard to access. Sounding boring and being hidden in the footer like Webhallen does it also doesn't help.

Grocery chains have their rewards all figured out for loyal members while fashion ecoms like Ellos are more focused on that first purchase.

Elgiganten manages both quite well.





Exklusiva erbjudanden från våra

#### Memberships vs subscriptions

Not every customer will be compelled to pursue an account or loyalty programme. Offering low threshold ways like newsletters can help these occasional customers stay connected to the brand.

#### Reward systems

Rewards come in many forms from free shipping to bonus points and private sales. Finding a strategy that makes sense for the audience and business requires taking a long and broad view.

### INSIGHTS — ACTION



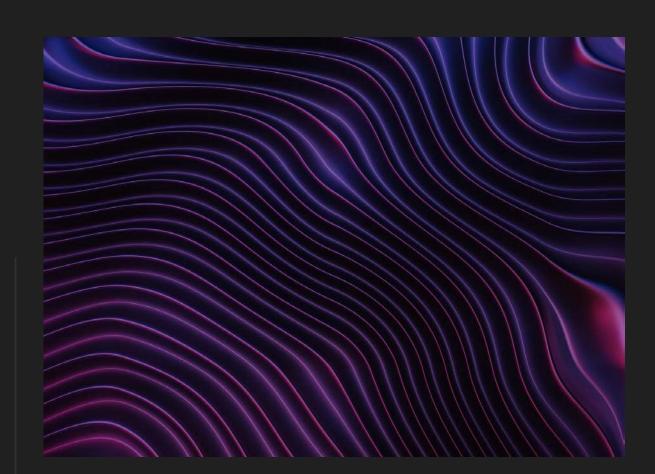


#### Clarify

Chart clear user flows for different customers and jobs-to-be-done. Test how they perform. Repeat.

#### Personalise

Being everything for everyone is a death knell. Personalise and target with relevant, not endless, content.



#### Recruit

Go beyond basic accounts and offer incentives to get customers in the loop. Don't overcomplicate it.



#### Reading list

- HICK'S LAW Reducing complexity can enhance decision-making and user satisfaction.
- ENDOWMENT EFFECT Incorporating personalised recommendations could create a sense of ownership and increase engagement.
- SCARCITY AND URGENCY (FOMO) Highlighting limited-time offers or low stock items can create a sense of urgency, prompting quicker decisions.
- OPERANT CONDITIONING Offering loyalty points or rewards for purchases can positively reinforce shopping behaviour.

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