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### **Abstract**

**Purpose** -- This paper tests the premise that brand growth can come from targeting the poorest consumers at the bottom of the economic pyramid (BOP). This study is the first that uses quantitative marketplace data covering BOP consumer purchase records.

**Design/Methodology/Approach** -- The study uses newly available panel data from Egypt covering 15 months and 35 categories of frequently bought consumer goods. Brand penetration rates for socio-demographic tiers are established to explore brand purchasing. The metrics are: penetration, the number of buyers a brand has; and loyalty as measured by purchase frequency and share of category requirements.

**Findings** -- Buyer behavior patterns for the poorest consumers do not differ much from those in advanced economies; all brand performance metrics (BPMs) vary according to brand penetration-- a Double Jeopardy (DJ) effect, and the biggest brands are those that target the whole market, including the base.

**Practical implications** -- The biggest brands are those with the most customers, even if those customers are poor and do not buy very often. Growth can therefore be based on marketing interventions that appeal to the largest possible customer base.

**Originality/value** -- This paper extends previous research on brand buying behaviour for the first time to the vast base of poor consumers who make up around half of the world's population. This research shows that strategic approaches that emphasize increasing penetration are most likely to result in brand growth.

**Keywords** -- Base of the pyramid, brand strategy, Emerging markets, stochastic modelling

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"The Ehegwo family lives in Oguta in Nigeria. Jude is 40 years old and is a farmer. His wife Njideka is 25 years old and she is also a farmer. They are parents to 7 children and live with them in a rented 2-bedroom house. Their favorite item in the house is their clothes. The next thing they plan on buying is a mattress and their dream is to buy a house made of block walls.

In this household each adult can consume goods and services worth about 59 US dollars each month. This consumption includes the things they buy as well as the things they produce for themselves (if any). We estimated this amount based on the assets the family owned and the incomes they reported."

*source: Gapminder: Dollar Street, 2019*

The Ehegwo's are a typical example of a bottom of the pyramid (BOP) household (see Figure 1). They were visited along with 253 other families at various income levels around the world as part of a project that aims to show "how people really live" through a standardized set of photos of living and sleeping areas, cooking facilities (figure 2), bathrooms, and household goods (Gapminder.org, 2019; Dollar Street). Only a small portion of featured households are amongst the very poorest, but they can be seen as representative of over two billion people who live on less than \$2.50 per day (most recent UN report, 2014) mostly in developing or emerging economies.

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The photos show that while these BOP households possess very little, they do have some of the things that the more affluent have in abundance--typically consumables such as

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3 toothpaste, detergent, and packaged food, but also mobile phones and sometimes TVs  
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18 Surviving on \$2.50 a day is difficult or impossible for most people to imagine. So is  
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24 Resources Institute, 2018), leaving families in suspense about funds for emergencies, or  
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26 big-ticket items like a refrigerator or education for the children. So how do the very  
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57 international firms when C.K. Prahalad published *The Fortune at the Bottom of the*  
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59 *Pyramid* in 2005. Prahalad used case examples to make a compelling, if perhaps idealised  
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3 argument for seeing, developing and enrolling the world's poorest people as participants  
4 in the modern economy, saying that while this is profoundly challenging, the effort could  
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11 This idea was rapidly challenged by many authors under titles such as *Misfortune at the*  
12 *bottom of the pyramid* (Karnani, 2007), and *Reality Check at the Bottom of the*  
13 *Pyramid* (Simanis, 2012), focusing on the difficulties inherent in tackling the BOP,  
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16 criticising Prahalad's case studies and offering counter examples of frustrated companies  
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fundamental rethinking of established marketing assumptions (Sheth, 2011).

### 1.1 *The case for empirical evidence of BOP buying behaviour*

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Kolk et al's (2014) systematic review of the BOP literature included 104 articles from  
2000-2009, concluding that while the BOP concept had evolved over time, there is still  
little consensus on its definition. They called for more and different types of studies  
beyond the conceptual or case-study analyses (only four articles in their review used  
quantitative data, none dealing with consumer goods (CPGs)) and to broaden the setting  
beyond the Asian/SE Asian context where the majority of studies was conducted.

The theoretical contribution to the BOP debate made by the current research comes not  
from individual case studies, but from applying a highly generalised stochastic model to  
evaluate newly available panel data records of BOP buyer behaviour. The study  
examines brand choice behavior in 35 CPG categories over fifteen months. In doing so, it  
begins to fill the gap between theory and practice, focussing on the empirical evidence.  
The approach takes as its starting point the idea that at their core all markets are  
composed of suppliers, customers and the purchases they make, therefore the aggregate

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3 outcomes of what is bought, who is buying and how often they buy, even in an  
4 unfamiliar BOP market context can be better understood by benchmarking against the  
5 law-like patterns of consumer brand choice found in other markets. The research  
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7 model of marketing may be required in markets with large numbers of BOP households.  
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12 The findings reveal that the main patterns of brand choice behavior in the BOP segment  
13 do *not* vary greatly from higher income segments, nor are they very different to those  
14 found in advanced economies. Competitive market structures reflect and can be  
15 explained by the behavioural norms established by Ehrenberg (1988) and extended by  
16 Sharp et al (2017). In the BOP as elsewhere, the common behavioural brand loyalty  
17 metrics (average purchase frequency, share of category requirements, buying  
18 heterogeneity) are closely correlated with each other, vary according to, and are  
19 predictable from brand size, and reflect a Double Jeopardy (DJ) characteristic (Ehrenberg  
20 et al., 2004). The theoretical assumptions underpinning the Double Jeopardy Law  
21 therefore reveal important similarities in buying behaviour between and across market  
22 segments where buyers hold different brand repertoires and buy at different rates.  
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42 Second, the evidence shows that in each category, BOP buyers invariably already use the  
43 leading brands, which are indigenous brands in some categories, but regional or global in  
44 others. What separates the smallest from the largest brand in every case is not country of  
45 origin or rate at which they are chosen (loyalty levels between competing brands vary  
46 little), but the number of people who buy them at all. The third finding is therefore that  
47 the big fight is not at the top, nor even as Brandt & Thun (2010) argued, in the middle,  
48 but rather for *the whole* market. In many markets, that means targeting the BOP.  
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4 competitor – on average, twice its size. The gap suggests that valuable market leadership  
5 can be achieved (and perhaps maintained) by leveraging competitive advantages of scope  
6 and scale from broad market coverage that includes masses of consumers even though  
7 most of them are light buyers – in other words, targeting the BOP repays the effort.  
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13 reinforce established empirical generalizations. Further, they provide brand management  
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15 develop realistic strategies in pursuit of market penetration.  
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26 This paper proceeds as follows: section 2 elaborates the empirical generalisations that are  
27 extended to a BOP context, their theoretical underpinnings and the model adopted to  
28 describe them. The salient features of a BOP market are then presented, followed by the  
29 dataset, with validation, and a brief description of the analysis. The main findings follow,  
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## 42 **2. Buying behaviour in the BOP**

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46 “developed” or “developing,” but without exactly defining either term. Two-thirds of the  
47 WTO's 164 members are developing countries (WTO, 2018) while 47 are least developed  
48 countries (LDCs). Both tend to have large BOP segments and are economically,  
49 demographically, culturally and socio-politically different from developed markets and  
50 from each other (Luiz, 2006, Sheth 2011), but the important point is that they often have  
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6 countries (Hanssens & Pauwels, 2016; Trinh and Anesbury, 2015). In addition, many  
7 BOP markets are very large (see Table 1) and while per capita income is very low, the  
8 huge numbers aggregate to high purchasing power (Prahalad, 2005; Nakata & Weidner,  
9 2012; Chikweche, 2013) of about \$5 trillion worldwide (World Resources Institute,  
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31 levels (Jagtap et al, 2014) which in turn affect buying behaviour (Batra, 1999) that in  
32 poorer communities is shaped by resource shortages and psychological, social and  
33 literacy barriers (Viswanathan & Sridharan, 2012). BOP consumers may eschew  
34 nondiscretionary or expensive brands and instead spend cautiously on basic products  
35 (D'Andrea et al, 2010; Kotler & Kotler, 2012), and their repeat brand purchasing is likely  
36 to be further reduced by unstable competitive sets, high levels of unbranded competition  
37 and imbalances between supply and demand (Cateora et al, 2014; Brown, 1995;  
38 Ghemawat & Altman, 2016). Weak buying power and low levels of product penetration  
39 are thought to lead to unstable choice behaviours (Luiz, 2006), so marketers are advised  
40 to focus instead on establishing brand presence and distribution systems (Sheth, 2011;  
41 Eyring et al, 2011) before building customer loyalty, e.g. via a top down strategy that  
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11 adapted marketing approaches (Jagtap et al, 2014; Hahn, 2009; Eyring et al, 2011).  
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20 earned, is understandable but based on little evidence. Until now, the BOP literature  
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22 stressing behavioural differences and barriers to entry is largely anecdotal and conceptual  
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24 (Kumar, Sarang & Sharma, 2015) and when tested or measured is likely to use  
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26 qualitative or case-study based data (Kolk et al, 2014).  
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33 therefore inform knowledge of brand diffusion processes, particularly if there is evidence  
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37 really differ in their buying, behavioural benchmarks are needed. Fortunately there is a  
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41 of empirical generalisations, and one in particular describes behavioural loyalty, the  
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43 Double Jeopardy Law (Ehrenberg et al., 1990). The next section reviews this literature  
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### 49 50 *2.1 Empirical generalisations in marketing*

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54 An empirical generalisation (EG) is a relationship between two or more variables that has  
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56 been widely observed to hold across a range of conditions (Uncles and Wright, 2004).  
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3 *behavior and, therefore, business performance, when a firm, brand or other relevant*  
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10 behaviour in terms of how many consumers buy, how often they buy and what else they  
11 buy (Bound, 2009). EG explanatory theory is integrated into the NBD-Dirichlet model of  
12 purchase incidence and brand choice (Goodhardt, Ehrenberg and Chatfield, 1984) but its  
13 components, including DJ may be applied independently to provide benchmarks in new  
14 marketing environments. Such differentiated replications would then reveal any  
15 contingency effects operating in the new contexts (Easton, 2002).  
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27 where they live supports the supposition that many consumer-related constructs or EGs  
28 may indeed be universal. But if DJ is to be considered as a successful theory by  
29 Marketing Scientists, it must continue to predict in novel settings (Hunt, 1994). That is  
30 why Burgess and Steenkamp (2013) called for more testing in new market contexts, i.e.  
31 real-world learning laboratories, to develop contingency theory.  
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45 than bigger competitors, and those buyers are somewhat less loyal (Ehrenberg et al,  
46 1990). The EG summarises the outcome effects of repeat buying in repertoire markets  
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5 the average brand purchase frequency across those buyers, the model relates the values in  
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7 the sales equations for competing brand ( $x, y, \dots, n$ ) described by the equation:  
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$$w_x(1 - b_x) = w_y(1 - b_y) = w_o$$

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16 all observed brands. The predicted value of  $w_x$  for a given  $b_x$  is therefore  $w_o / (1 - b)$ ,  
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18 which shows that the fewer the buyers ( $b$ ) the smaller  $w$  must be, the Double Jeopardy  
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32 total category on average, and no one brand monopolises the heaviest category buyers.  
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39 has predicted loyalty in scores of product categories (Ehrenberg et al, 2004) over the past  
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47 goods and brand extensions (Ehrenberg & Goodhardt, 2001). The theory has made novel  
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3 The two assumptions suggest that buyers behave habitually because they are experienced  
4 with the category and the brands in their individual repertoires. A zero-order assumption  
5 also implies that category buying remains stationary. However, this may not be true for  
6 BOP segments where new buyers and new brand entrants may violate stationarity. Any  
7 deviation from theoretical values would show that the strict assumptions of the law have  
8 been breached (nevertheless providing valuable insight).  
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13 Segmentation assumption arises because households buy habitually from individually  
14 different repertoires of competing brands that they perceive as close substitutes. In  
15 aggregate this means first that the most popular brands get bought a little more frequently  
16 simply because rather more people know about them, and second most brand buyers in a  
17 given time period are light buyers of that brand and devote more of their category  
18 purchasing to other brands, so the number of buyers any brand attracts is the main  
19 determinant of performance.  
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### 36 37 *2.3 Extending the analysis to a new context* 38

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40 The negative view of marketing barriers in BOP markets is likely based on an unrealistic  
41 view of brand loyalty. It supposes that at the BOP buyers are light for extrinsic reasons  
42 including spotty distribution, low disposable income, etc. but gives no evidence of  
43 loyalty at the BOP or any other level. However, it has been repeatedly shown that most  
44 brand buyers in *any* customer base are predictably light buyers (Graham et al, 2017).  
45 This should be the case at the BOP as well and means that brand strategy is obvious and  
46 tactics are clear – to deliver consistent penetration growth across the whole market  
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3 Almost all research involving stochastic modelling of consumer purchase data has been  
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5 1), 84% were conducted in highly developed markets, and the few that included data  
6 from developing markets (Thailand, South Africa, Indonesia, Nigeria, Kenya) did so at  
7 the category level without specifically looking at the BOP segment. To the best of the  
8 authors' knowledge, no previous analysis of BOP buying behaviour based on recorded  
9 purchase data has been published. It therefore remains an empirical question as to  
10 whether BOP consumers behave in ways that mirror more affluent consumers. The main  
11 research question is:

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25 **Does the Double Jeopardy Law apply at the bottom of the pyramid?**

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28 If BPMs are shown to be normal in the BOP, then DJ provides an excellent prescription  
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30 buyers each attracts. In context, the model predicts the necessary sales equation ( $b \times w$ )  
31 for any planned market share, and this study examines brand buying through a DJ lens to  
32 understand the differences in BPM's between brands in the BOP.  
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40 The research contributes evidence-based knowledge of consumer behaviour, strengthens  
41 and extends useful empirical generalisations and provides managerial insight for strategic  
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### 3.0 Method

#### 3.1 Data

This study analysed purchasing records in 35 CPG categories recorded by a consumer panel of 3265 households in Egypt. The panel was recruited for commercial purposes by Kantar-TNS to quotas that contained representatives from each socio-economic group (Figure 1) including BOP participants. Reporting quality was rigorously controlled. The income classifications are designed to be similar across countries or markets, dividing populations roughly by income quintiles. Markets with large BOP segments are highly skewed towards the poorest. For comparison, in the UK the C2, D and E segments account for around half the population; in Egypt, they account for 84%, with 31% at the BOP, at incomes of \$2.50 USD per day or less.

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The panel data used here do not rely on respondents' unreliable memories or intentions (Sharp et. al, 2012; Malhotra et al, 2010) but are a comprehensive record of household purchasing. Nevertheless, this is a limited panel, so data for the smallest brands in the smaller categories risk some sample error. To minimize this, analysis for each category was conducted over the longest possible time period of fifteen months and restricted to the top 10 brands, generally accounting for over 90% of category sales.

#### 3.2 Analysis

The CPG categories analysed included detergents, soaps and deodorants as well as food products including yoghurts, cereals, confectionery and processed cheese. Based on purchase occasion, category and brand performance measures were tabulated for the

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3 period to describe relative competitive outcomes; market share, penetration, average  
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5 heavy and light buyers, category purchases, share of category requirements and 100%  
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13 Many international or global brands appear in the data but an obvious BOP market  
14 characteristic was a recurring “loose” brand classification within the top ten brands.  
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16 analysis as a discrete competitive entity.  
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23 The Double Jeopardy model was estimated for each category for the top ten brands and  
24 its fit evaluated, then BOP households were isolated from the panel and a further model  
25 fitting conducted to investigate the nature of BOP buying.  
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## 34 **4.0 Results**

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37 This section presents an analysis of buying behaviour for laundry detergent, and  
38 processed cheese, both typical CPG categories but with market-specific penetration,  
39 purchase rate and branding. The results for these categories were similar to those of all  
40 other categories, all 35 of which clearly demonstrated clear DJ patterns. This is followed  
41 by an analysis of the market structure and buying behaviour of the BOP segment and a  
42 summary of model fittings across all categories.  
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57 bought category that reaches almost every household. The main pattern in the table is that  
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3 theoretical and observed purchase frequencies vary together ( $r = .83$ ;  $p = .003$ ). A  
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7 theoretical values ( $Z = -1.224$ ,  $p = .240$ ). Market share, penetration, and SCR are all  
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9 strongly correlated with purchase frequency and with each other (average  $r = 0.9$ ). The  
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11 proportion buying any brand just once is larger for smaller brands, and bigger brands  
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13 have higher repeat rates. In addition, the percentage buying a brand six or more times is  
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17 buyers also buy less often (a DJ pattern).  
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32 is strongly promoted and distributed in rural areas where poorer consumers buy small  
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34 pack sizes, frequently, raising the brand's purchase rate. This segmentation strategy is  
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36 also why *Leader HS* has only a third of the market share of brands with similar purchase  
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38 frequency, showing that share depends more on the number of buyers than on buying  
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45 Typically, the customer base of a brand includes many one-time buyers, and few loyal  
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47 buyers. Looking at the top 4 brands, more buyers buy 6+ times, compared to once. Yet  
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49 on average, only 1% are 100% loyal (i.e., 99% of category buyers are switchers) - loyalty  
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55 Note that market metrics of liquid soap (LS) deviate from the general patterns. LS is  
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57 purchased by A and B class consumers where 6 of the top 10 brands were liquid, while  
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59 only 3 were bought by the middle classes, and none by class *E*. Industry practitioners  
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3 explained that LS is an innovation in Egypt, and higher SECs are more capable of  
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9 The detergent category shows that established patterns of normal buying behaviour are  
10 present. Some slight deviations from theoretical values suggest market partitioning due to  
11 differences in distribution and product formats; these are also found in mature markets.  
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20 Table 3 shows that BPMs for cheese brands also align closely to brand penetration.  
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22 Purchase frequency varies less than penetration – the biggest brand has 14 times the  
23 penetration but only 3 times the purchase frequency of the smallest brand – a DJ pattern.  
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25 This says that the number of brand buyers and not their degree of loyalty explain  
26 differences in brand size. In sum, DJ patterns are again dominant ( $r= 0.72$ ;  $p= .018$ ;  
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*Elseedy* has a higher than predicted purchase rate (42% error). As a smaller brand with  
9% market share, *Elseedy* has relatively more frequent buyers (6+ times), high SCR  
(46%) and high purchase frequency of 100% loyal consumers. Further analysis found  
that like *Leader HS* in detergents, *Elseedy* is popular with the SEC E where it has 24%  
market share and purchase frequency of 4.7. Few from SEC A or B buy it because its  
distribution and promotion is focused on poorer areas. This in turn raises the question of  
whether the particularities of BOP consumer segments may violate the known laws of  
marketing. We now proceed to a closer analysis of BOP markets to find out.

### 4.3 BOP Consumer Buying Patterns

Of the Egyptian consumer market's six socio-economic classes, the largest is class E (31%), which is also the poorest (BOP). The richest, Class A, is a tiny 0.4% of the population. In practice, most international marketers target class A because of its wealth and concentrated distribution. The marketplace outcomes of targeting strategies can be seen in Table 4 showing the top brands of laundry detergent for each SEC.

The market leader (*Ariel HS*) leads in 5 of 6 SECs; and the top four brands are the same in 4 of 6 SECs. The two where the leading brands are slightly different are A and B – small, rich segments that together make up just 6% of the population. The brands targeting these segments tend to be small e.g., *Persil LS* and *Ariel LS* each have 2% market share. In contrast, the five biggest brands are big with the poorer but bigger SECs, suggesting that marketers who seek size and growth should target as broadly as possible.

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Table 5 shows that the BOP segment has all the normal buying behaviour of the category as a whole; looking down the columns, purchase frequency varies directly with size of the brands, the percentage of buyers buying each brand once, 2+, 4+, etc. is similar to the figures for the overall market, and high purchase frequencies for the top brands suggests that bigger brands enjoy more repeat buying than smaller -- a classic DJ pattern.

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3 Table 5 also shows that all BPMs vary together. Again *Leader HS* (*variance*= 130%) is  
4 out of line--as it was to the overall category patterns because of its small pack sizes and  
5 increased buying rate (Prahalad, 2005; Simanis & Hart, 2008). Even so, the DJ patterns  
6 remain clear. If *Leader HS* is removed from the analysis, *MAPE* drops to an acceptable  
7 21%. Thus observed deviations can be explained, in this case by the marketing strategies  
8 of certain brands, and not by any peculiarities of BOP consumers.  
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21 To verify the generalizability of the findings, analysis was extended to 35 categories, and  
22 over 800 brands. The observed results for every category were compared against  
23 theoretical values and confirmed that the DJ equation closely predicts buying rates ( $r=$   
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32 than the 40% observed here (about 37%, Euromonitor, 2016), and market share tends to  
33 be more evenly distributed between competitors. And while it might be expected in the  
34 BOP that the biggest brands would be the cheaper domestic ones, in fact, a third are  
35 foreign, showing that foreign brands can not only become established, but also attain  
36 leadership. Note also that the household category penetration of 70% suggests that most  
37 Egyptian households bought most categories at least once in fifteen months.  
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## 5.0 Discussion

Abstract learning occurs when the findings obtained through replication studies are integrated with previous research to arrive at or update empirical generalizations. Bass & Wind (1995) hold that “*Science is a process in which data and theory interact leading to generalized explanations of disparate types of phenomena. Thus, empirical generalizations are the building blocks of science.*” This underlines the importance of research for establishing generalizability and boundary conditions in disparate settings. BOP research contexts are widely disparate to the ‘traditional’ context of highly developed markets. If established EGs hold in new contexts, they build confidence in the universality of a theory. If on the other hand, the results fail to hold, boundary conditions may be established. In either case, marketing science progresses.

This paper contributes to marketing theory first via a differentiated replication of the stochastic  $w(1-b)$  modelling technique in a new context characterized by rapid growth, category immaturity, and masses of BOP consumers. The resulting empirical analyses show how stochastic modeling techniques represent a fruitful area for the development of explanatory theory.

The second contribution is to provide empirical evidence that patterns of behaviour typical of mature advanced economies are also generated in a very different BOP market. Against the view that “*an entirely new strategic process*” is required (Simanis & Hart, 2008), this study provides guidance by showing that in cross section the assumptions underlying the Double Jeopardy law are not violated when analysing dynamic market data. This helps to advance knowledge and provides insight for international strategic marketing planning, by making it possible to predict consumer buying behaviour. This in

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3 turn provides guidelines for where to direct marketing efforts and robust benchmarks  
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9 If DJ assumptions hold in BOP markets, then brand choice behaviour follows familiar  
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11 rules; the biggest brands are those that can tackle the bigger demographic segments to  
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13 acquire more buyers. For every brand, the majority of its customer base will be light  
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15 buyers because they regularly buy other brands too. The key to brand size is therefore  
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17 total buyer numbers, not buyer loyalty.  
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21 The third contribution is to demonstrate that the idea that market structures or buying  
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23 behaviour at the BOP are markedly different is ripe for re-thinking and empirical testing  
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25 (section 2.0 above, e.g., Luiz, 2006; Batra, 1999; Eyring et al, 2011). This study shows  
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27 that BOP buyer behaviour has many familiar characteristics (Uncles et al, 2010; Bayne et  
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29 al, 2014) and that understanding both the similarities and differences are vital to the  
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31 formation of effective marketing strategy. BOP buying patterns are virtually identical to  
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33 those seen in other markets. Nor are BOP consumers constrained to low price or generic  
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35 products (as might have been expected), rather, they buy across the brand spectrum  
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37 (Subrahmanyam & Gomez-Ariaz, 2008), further supporting the premise that there are  
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39 solid bottom-line reasons to develop BOP marketing strategies (Guesalaga & Marshall,  
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48 The fourth contribution concerns brand leaders that are often far larger than their nearest  
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50 competitors. Whether they are local, regional, or multinational, what unites them is that  
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52 they target the broader market, especially the BOP, exploiting their positional advantages  
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54 (Martin, Javalgi & Cavusgil, 2017) or market embeddedness (Halaszovich & Lundan,  
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56 2016). The finding that both AMNEs and emerging multinational enterprises (EMNEs)  
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3 can attain category leadership suggests that the BOP holds opportunity for sales and  
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11 categories. Even with “expected” divisions, such as between AMNE brands and local  
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13 imitators the BPMs differ only according to the size of the brand. This is because  
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15 consumers see the products as functionally similar, as substitutes – even at very different  
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17 price points. Similar patterns have been reported in many other markets; for Chinese  
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19 retailers (Uncles et al, 2010; Uncles & Kwok, 2008), South African banks (Bayne et al,  
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21 2014) and Nigerian and Kenyan soft drinks (Romaniuk & Sharp, 2016).  
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### 26 *5.1 Marketer imposed restrictions*

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29 Brands that restrict their marketing to certain small market segments (e.g., targeting SEC  
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33 they enjoy very little market share in the overall market. This is in line with Sharp (2010)  
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35 and Romaniuk & Sharp’s (2016) arguments against brands that place restrictions on their  
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37 growth by trying to “lock” and own buyers of a certain segment.  
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41 BOP purchasing is instead limited by the brands' marketing and distribution efforts.  
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45 exceptionally well with them, but not because BOP buyers have unusual loyalty patterns  
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47 (or deviate from theoretical values). If managers choose to serve the BOP segment, the  
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49 evidence shows that they can expect BOP consumers to respond in ways that follow the  
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51 law-like patterns of consumer buying observed elsewhere.  
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56 The benefit of targeting all possible category buyers is that it enables brands to grow  
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3 difficulties of reaching millions of buyers may mean that managers only have the  
4 resources to address some segments, they are still better off targeting the BOP segment  
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6 *and* the smallest SEC A. Targeting A alone will never deliver the same volume.  
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## 9 10 11 *5.2 Conclusions*

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14 In established markets the route to growth is through salience – the brand must be both  
15 mentally and physically available at the buying situation to increase the chances of being  
16 bought. And when bought, brands are usually bought by light buyers who are a great  
17 majority in every market (Sharp, 2010; Romaniuk et al, 2018). DJ holds across the BOP  
18 in every category observed, and brands that achieve leadership are those that gain  
19 salience across the whole market - successfully increasing their chances for every sale.  
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21 Also, leadership means success beyond that in developed economies since it tends to  
22 create a two-fold difference in share between leader and challenger. The evidence  
23 therefore suggests that there is ample scope for a fortune at the bottom of the pyramid,  
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## 38 *5.3 Research limitations & suggestions for future research*

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54 The empirical results raise new questions about market structure. While there is room for  
55 growth at the BOP, how can brands secure market presence that will enable that growth?  
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3 regional and multinational brands? Is targeting the whole market a viable alternative for  
4 resource-constrained companies? And if not, what are the better choices to leverage in-  
5 market capabilities and resource bases? How does product or brand innovation fit in  
6 strategic marketing planning for BOP consumers? Attempts at tackling such questions  
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18 This research demonstrates that consumer behavior EGs are found in the BOP segment.  
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20 But this is not to say that all BOP segments are the same--one in India may be quite  
21 unlike one in Algeria, Bangladesh or even different states in India, and further research  
22 should investigate how BOP consumers behave especially in underexplored markets.  
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24 Further, such studies could be replicated over time and across industries to identify how  
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33 BOP deviations from DJ norms are also potential areas for theory development. The  
34 under-prediction of one-time buying observed in some categories and consequent over-  
35 prediction of loyalty metrics present potentially valuable directions for research and  
36 model refinement. More research is required to determine whether these deviations are  
37 present in other markets, and whether the model could be modified to accommodate the  
38 particular conditions. These insights into market structure, and deviations from  
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52 This article details the findings from an application of the Double Jeopardy Law. The  
53 discoveries are encouraging. The next steps will involve fitting more complex models,  
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55 of metrics across competing brands, including duplication of purchase, share-based  
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loyalty measures and other norms including brand Pareto share.

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Figure 1. The Ehegwo family has an income of about \$59 per month



Figure 2. The Ehegwo's kitchen



Figure 3. Branded consumer goods, toothpaste

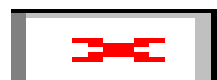


Table 1. Top 10 BOP markets, millions of adults

	adults 18+ (millions)	% under poverty line
India	379 million	22%
China	239	4
Indonesia	57	11
Nigeria	44	70
Brazil	32	4
Ethiopia	31	30
Pakistan	30	30
DR Congo	30	63
Egypt	30	28
Philippines	29	22

Source column 1 Euromonitor's income and wealth model, 2015; Column 2 CIA World Factbook, 2019

Figure 4: The skewed distribution of Socio-economic classes (SECs) in Egypt

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS (SEC)	TITLE	PERCENT (%)	HOUSEHOLD MONTHLY INCOME BRACKET (EGYPTIAN POUNDS)
A	Higher upper class	0.4	20,000 +
B	Upper class	5	12,000-19,999
C1	Upper middle class	11	6,000-11,999
C2	Lower middle class	26	1,500-5,999
D	Lower class	27	500-1,499
E	Very low class (BOP)	31	Up to 499

These socio-economic classes (SECs) were defined to establish international comparability. In addition to household income, occupation, education, club membership, travel, owned durables, transportation and residence were considered.



**Table 2. Brand Performance Metrics for Laundry Detergents, Egypt 2015-2016**

Detergent Top 10 (96% of sales)	Market Share %	Penetration % <i>b</i>	Average Purchase Frequency		% Buying				Category		100% Loyal	
			Observed	Theoretical $w_o/(1-b)$	Once	2+	4+	6+	Purchase	SCR(%)	Pen.	Avg
			<i>w</i>								%	Purch
<b>Category</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>29.2</b>									
Ariel HS	36	80	12.5	<b>16.8</b>	9	14	12	64	30	41	2	10.3
Persil HS	26	75	9.4	<b>13.3</b>	18	20	14	49	31	30	2	16.4
Oxi HS	15	59	7.1	<b>8.1</b>	25	26	13	37	33	22	1	15.2
Leader HS	8	22	9.7	<b>4.2</b>	22	21	13	44	35	28	3	23.0
Extra HS	3	17	4.7	<b>4.0</b>	38	26	13	23	32	15	0	35.5
Ariel LS	2	20	3.2	<b>4.1</b>	39	31	11	18	25	13	1	6.4
Tide HS	2	19	2.9	<b>4.1</b>	52	27	8	12	33	9	0	1.0
Persil LS	2	14	3.4	<b>3.8</b>	44	24	10	21	24	14	1	3.4
Tide LS	1	12	3.0	<b>3.7</b>	48	25	12	14	24	13	1	3.6
Loose HS	1	9	4.2	<b>3.6</b>	55	19	6	20	35	12	1	1.0
<b>Average</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b><u>O vs T</u></b>												
Correlation				0.83								
MAD				1.9								
MAPE %				32								

Data Source: Kantar WorldPanel

The observed loyalty in the entire category is lower than expected with the exception of Leader HS which is strongly niching

**Table 3- Brand Performance Metrics for Processed Cheese, Egypt 2015-2016**

Cheese Top 10 97% of sales	Market Share %	Penetration %	Purchase frequency		% Buying				Category		100% Loyal	
			Observed <i>w</i>	Theoretical $w_o/(1-b)$	Once	2+	4+	6+	Purchase	SCR(%)	Pen. %	Avg Purch
<b>Category</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7.2</b>									
President	35	41	4.4	<b>3.9</b>	34	29	14	22	9	51	24	3.8
Teama	17	29	2.9	<b>3.3</b>	48	29	10	13	9	33	16	2.8
Other	10	18	2.8	<b>2.8</b>	53	28	8	11	9	32	20	1.9
La Vache	10	14	3.5	<b>2.7</b>	46	25	10	18	12	30	7	1.9
Milkana	9	14	3.2	<b>2.7</b>	44	31	11	14	10	33	17	3.5
Elseedy	9	12	3.7	<b>2.6</b>	39	30	14	18	8	46	21	5.1
Kiri	4	10	2.3	<b>2.5</b>	60	29	4	8	12	19	6	1.3
Firo	1	3	2.1	<b>2.4</b>	60	24	9	7	7	32	18	2.7
Labanita	1	3	1.5	<b>2.4</b>	72	25	1	2	14	11	6	1.0
Domty	1	3	1.4	<b>2.4</b>	71	27	2	0	14	10	7	1.0
<b>Average</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>O vs T</b>												
Correlation				0.72								
MAD				0.6								
MAPE %				21								

*Data Source: Kantar WorldPanel*

**Table 4. Top 5 brands (in rank share order) in each of the 6 SECs in the laundry detergent category**

	<u>Socio-economic classes (SECs)</u>					
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
First Brand	Persil LS	Ariel HS	Ariel HS	Ariel HS	Ariel HS	Ariel HS
Second Brand	Ariel HS	Persil HS	Persil HS	Persil HS	Persil HS	Persil HS
Third Brand	Ariel LS	Ariel LS	Oxi HS	Oxi HS	Oxi HS	Oxi HS
Fourth Brand	Persil HS	Persil LS	Leader HS	Leader HS	Leader HS	Leader HS
Fifth Brand	Tide LS	Oxi HS	Ariel LS	Extra HS	Extra HS	Extra HS

A Wilcoxon signed-rank test showed no significant difference between observed and theoretical values ( $Z = -1.020, p = .336$ ).

Ariel is the leading brand in the entire category, and in all SECs except for A.

These few richest category buyers do not choose the local & regional brands

Table 5. Brand Performance Metrics in SEC E, showing DJ patterns at the BOP. Egypt 2015-2016

Detergents Top 10 <i>99% of sales</i>	Market Share	Penetration % <i>b</i>	Purchase freq		% buying				Category		100% loyal	
			Observed <i>w</i>	Theoretical $w_o/(1-b)$	Once	2+	4+	6+	Purchs SCR	Av Pen purch		
<b>Category</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>35.1</b>									
Ariel HS	32	79	13.8	<b>17.1</b>	10	13	12	65	36	39	1	11.4
Persil HS	26	79	11.5	<b>17.1</b>	14	14	12	60	37	31	2	25.8
Oxi HS	17	68	8.6	<b>11.3</b>	17	23	14	46	37	23	2	23.3
Leader HS	13	36	12.9	<b>5.6</b>	13	18	12	57	37	35	5	25.7
Extra HS	4	26	5.4	<b>4.9</b>	37	21	14	28	35	16	1	3.0
Tide HS	2	22	3.6	<b>4.6</b>	51	25	7	16	38	9	0	0.0
Bonux HS	2	14	3.7	<b>4.2</b>	45	24	13	18	42	9	0	0.0
loose HS	1	9	4.2	<b>4.0</b>	53	18	3	26	35	12	2	1.0
Bahy HS	1	7	4.5	<b>3.9</b>	43	36	4	17	43	11	0	0.0
Other	1	13	2.2	<b>4.1</b>	62	23	9	6	40	5	0	0.0
<b>Average</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b><u>O vs T</u></b>												
Correlation				0.78								
MAD				2.4								
MAPE %				32								

*Data Source: Kantar WorldPanel*

## Appendix 1

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