

## REIMAGINING

### the retail store – thought starters from the shopper's perspective

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### Who we talked to



### **US** Adults

### 40 Retail Brands

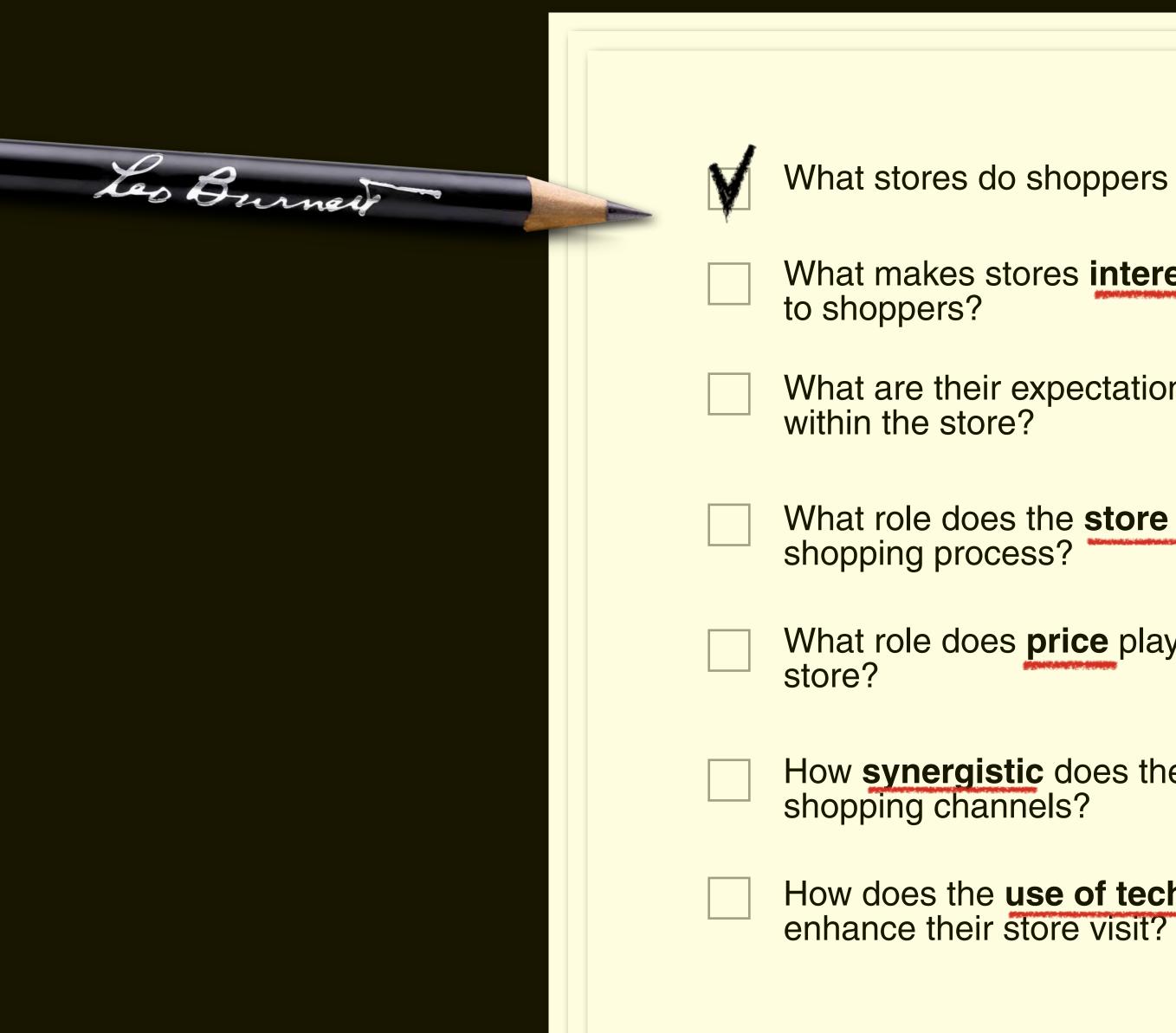
# Online Survey

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### What we asked them



What stores do shoppers like to visit and why?

What makes stores interesting and inviting

What are their expectations for **personal service** 

What role does the **store visit** play within the overall

What role does **price** play when shopping in a retail

How **synergistic** does the store need to be with other

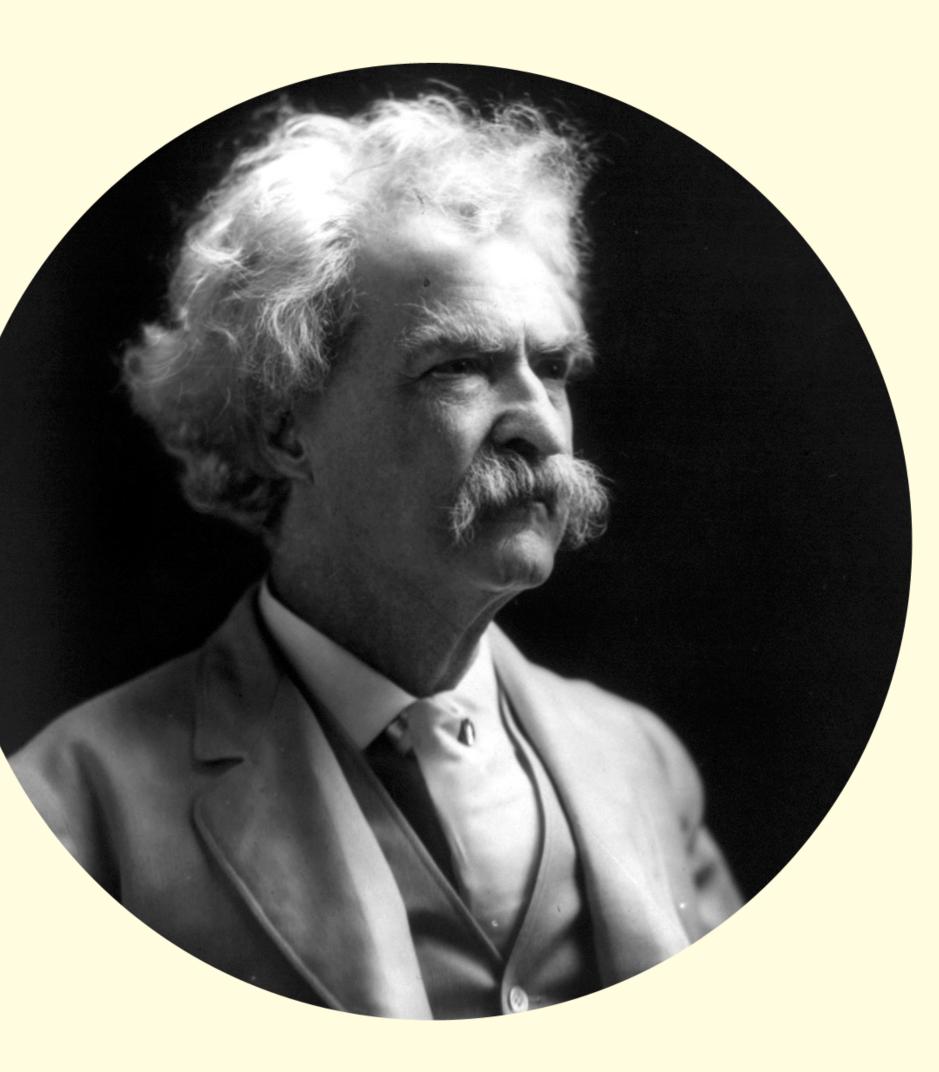
How does the **use of technology** influence and



### What we learned







### Writing the obituary for the retail store is very premature...





### But the relationship between the retailer and the shopper has changed



### Past:

the store managed the shopper's experience



#### **Today:** the shopper manages her own shopping experience, in-store and beyond

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### Understanding the new landscape for retail stores





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## **DYNAMCS**

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### Shoppers organize stores in terms of the experiences they want to have, not just the merchandise they want to buy





### Shoppers distinguish 6 types of stores

### **Price led**

Low prices important, self service can help. Convenience and good return policies. Store environment lacks inspiration. Service can be lackluster. In-store experience doesn't offer much that consumers can't find online.

### All about atmosphere

Extraordinary in-store experience. Fun for consumers, even if they don't buy. Don't tend to sell wide array of products. Prices thought to be high.

### **Price plus**

Good value on what they sell. interesting place to shop, but not as much so as other clusters. Frequently add new merchandise. Shoppers take their time. Offer a more seamless online and offline experience.

### All about ease

Convenient locations. Get what you need in time. May include self-service. Don't tend to have good return policies. Don't offer inspiration, but doesn't matter. High penetration and frequency in physical store. Lowe web penetration.

### Ideas Ied

A bit experimental. Have greater product selection than other cluster. Appealing displays. Offer fresh ideas and unique products.

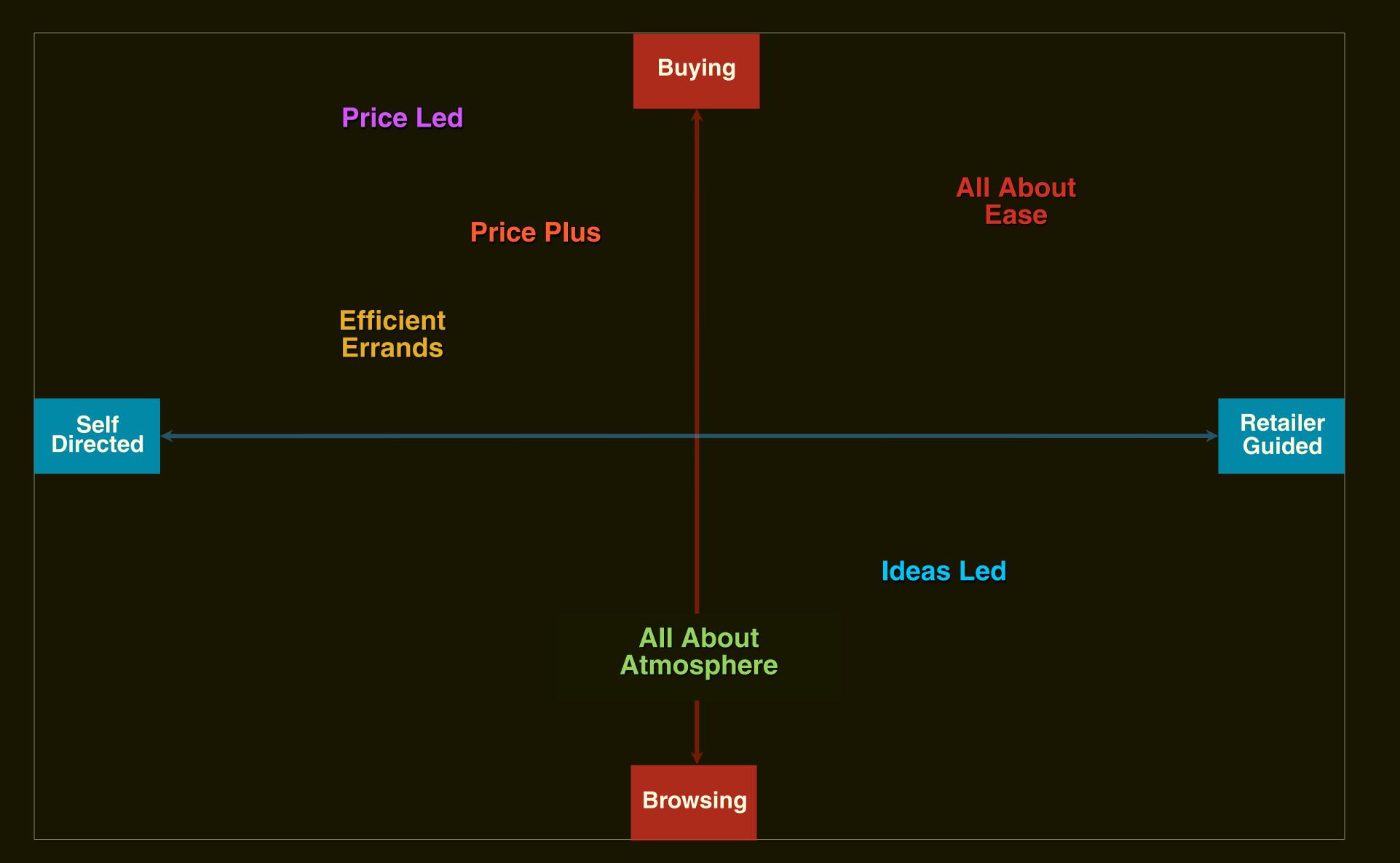
### **Efficient errands**

Convenient locations with decent service. knowledgeable sales people. Lack interesting environment. Seen as pick-up places.



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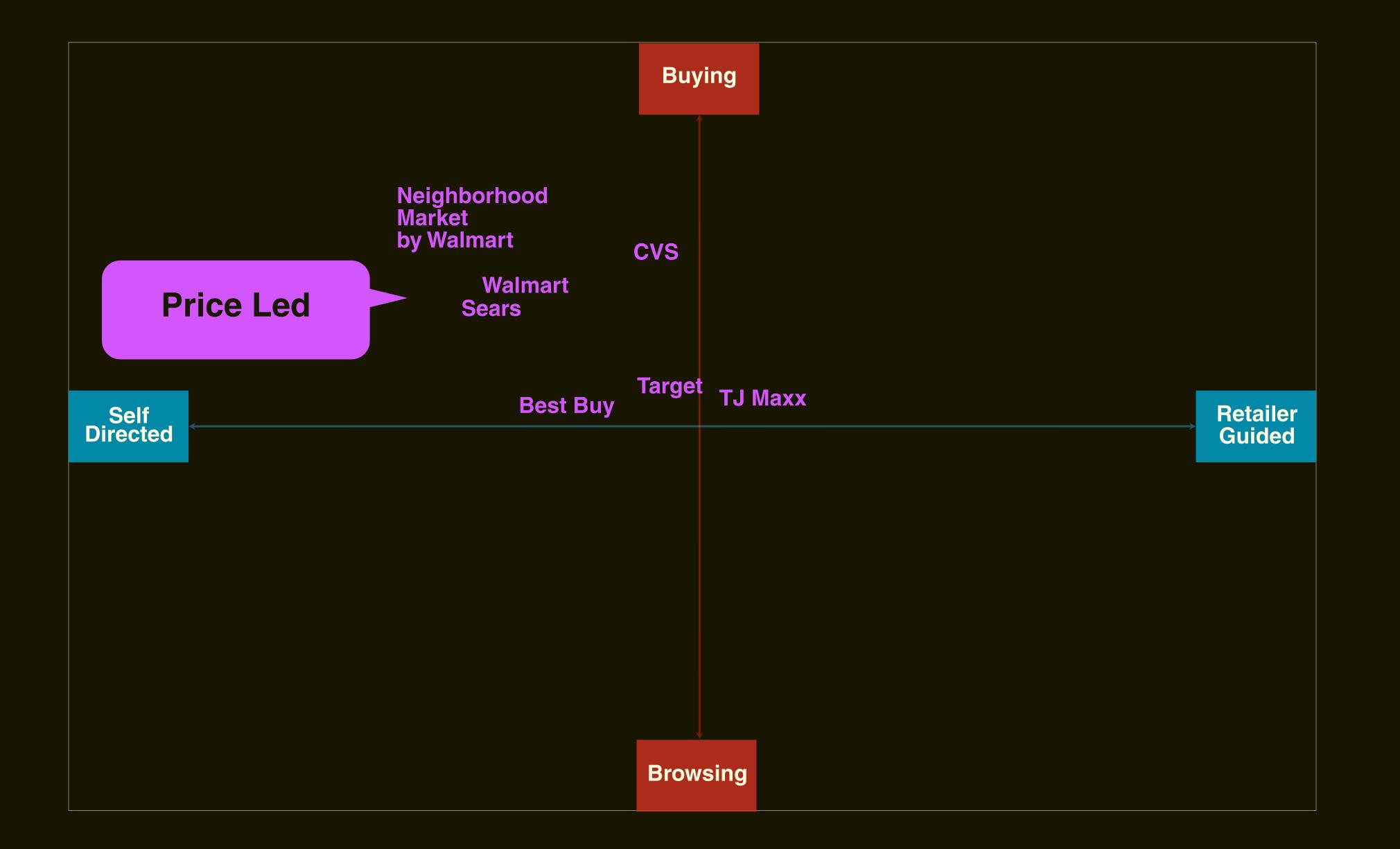
### How shoppers **cluster** stores: Buying vs browsing; self-directed vs retailer-guided



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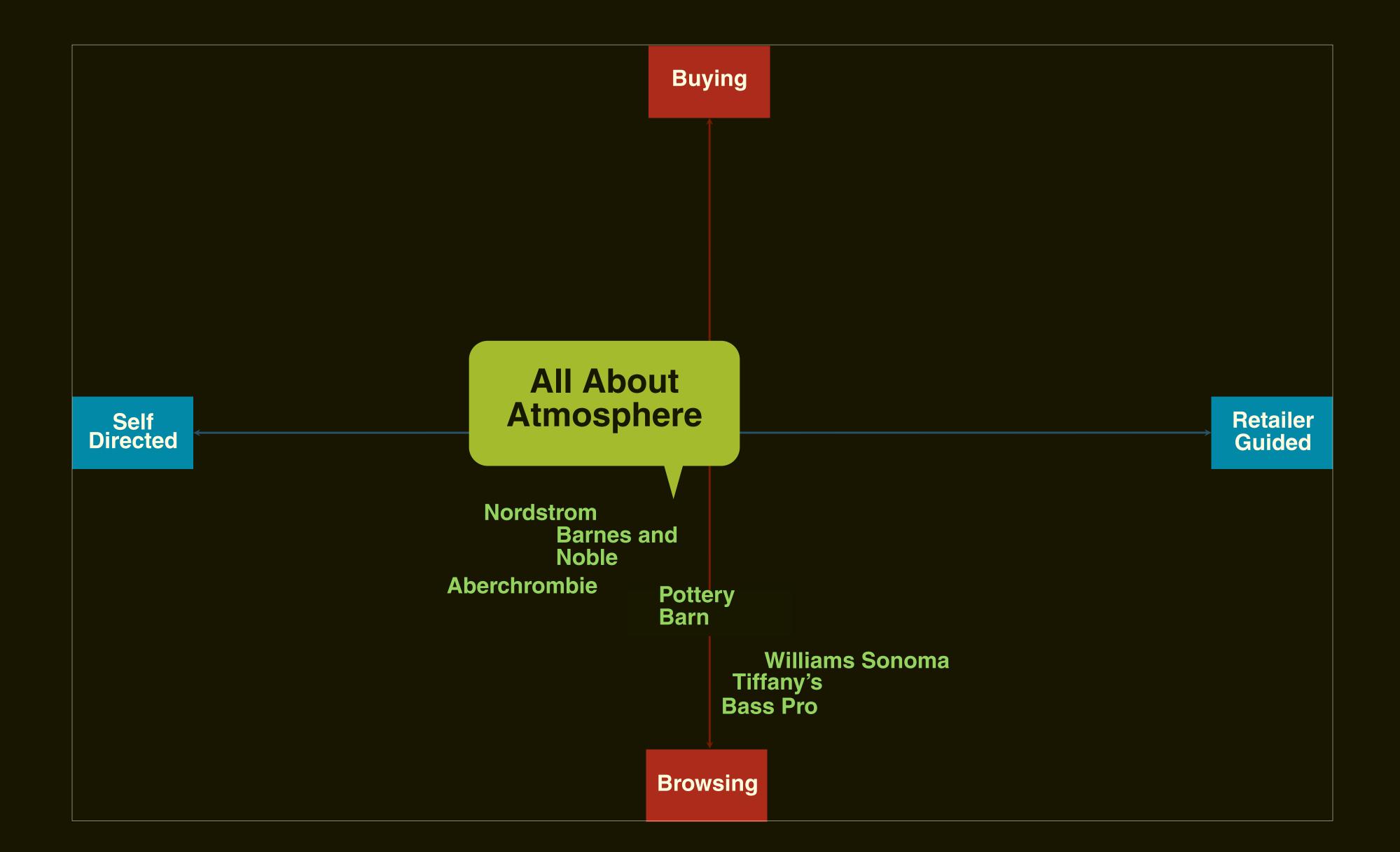
### "Price Led" stores







### "All About Atmosphere" stores









### It's not just about price,

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storewide Sal

SAVE up to

original prices



### Price is important. But so are quality and experience.

Price is the most important consideration in choosing a brand.

The most important thing when shopping is to find high quality products.

When it comes to stores, it's important to me to go to those that have high quality products and excellent service.

42%

36%

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### Shoppers are **disappointed** in retailers' ability to deliver the basics.

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inability?



out of stock





### What matters most to shoppers: Importance

**Convenient location** 

**Great selection of products** 

Store I can trust

Items in stock

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**Right mix of products** 

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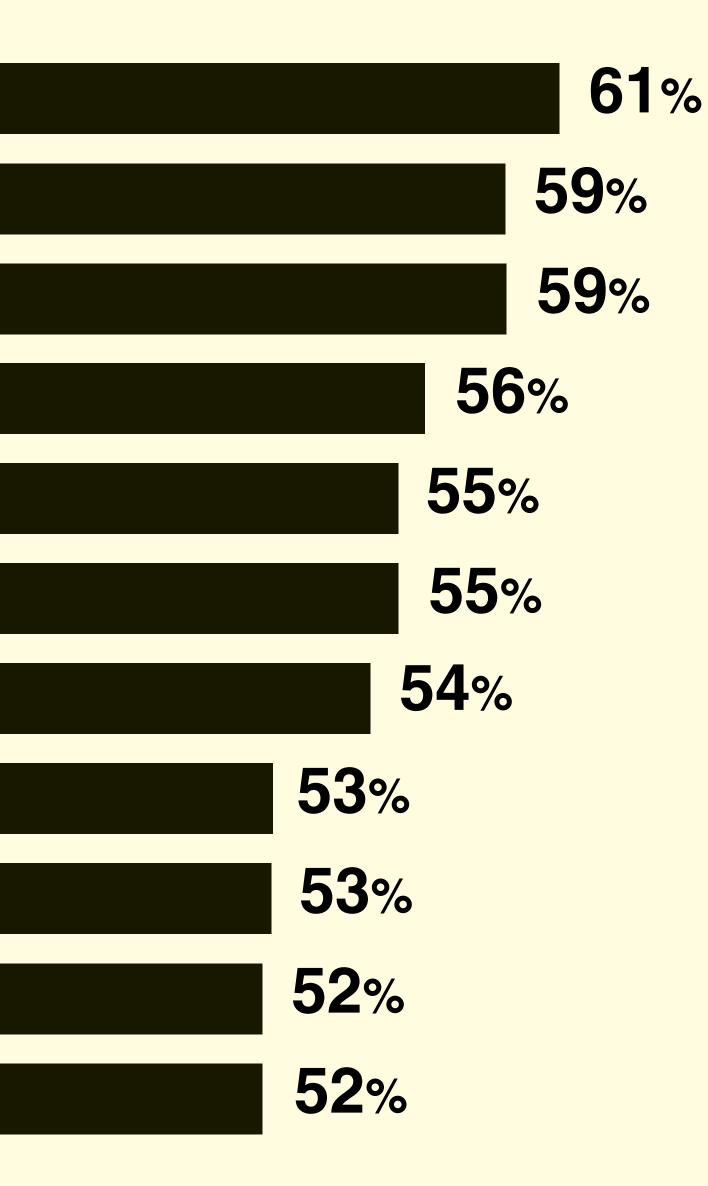
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**Prompt service** 

Keeps prices lower than the competition

Top-3 box agreement scores



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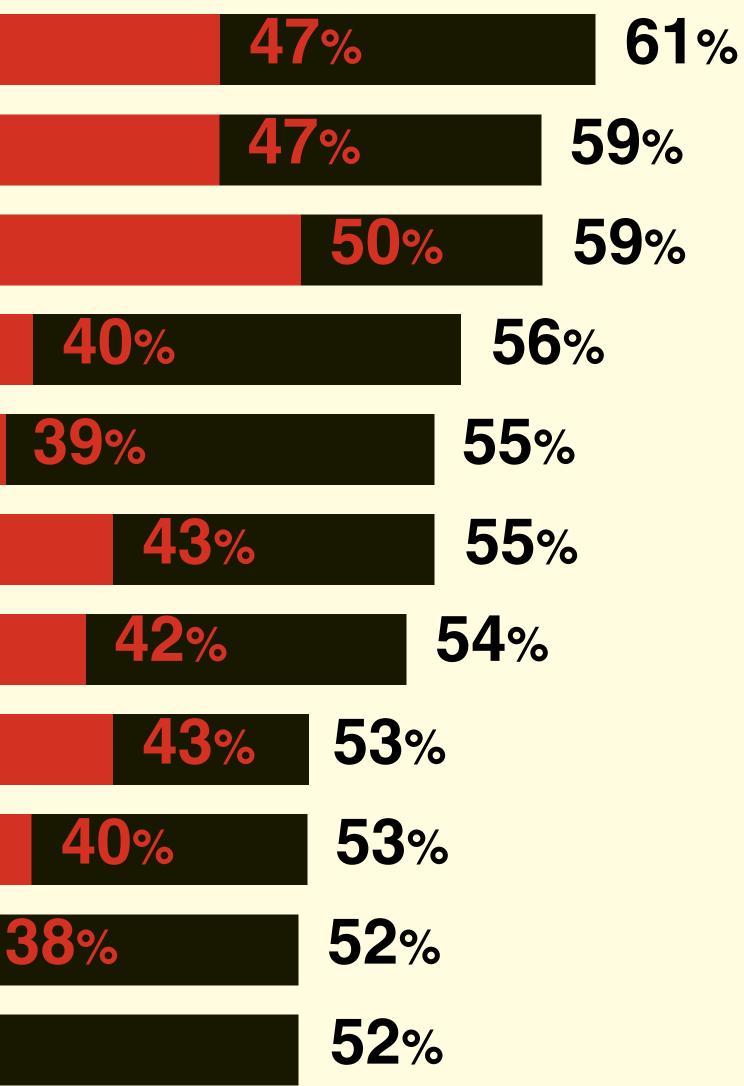
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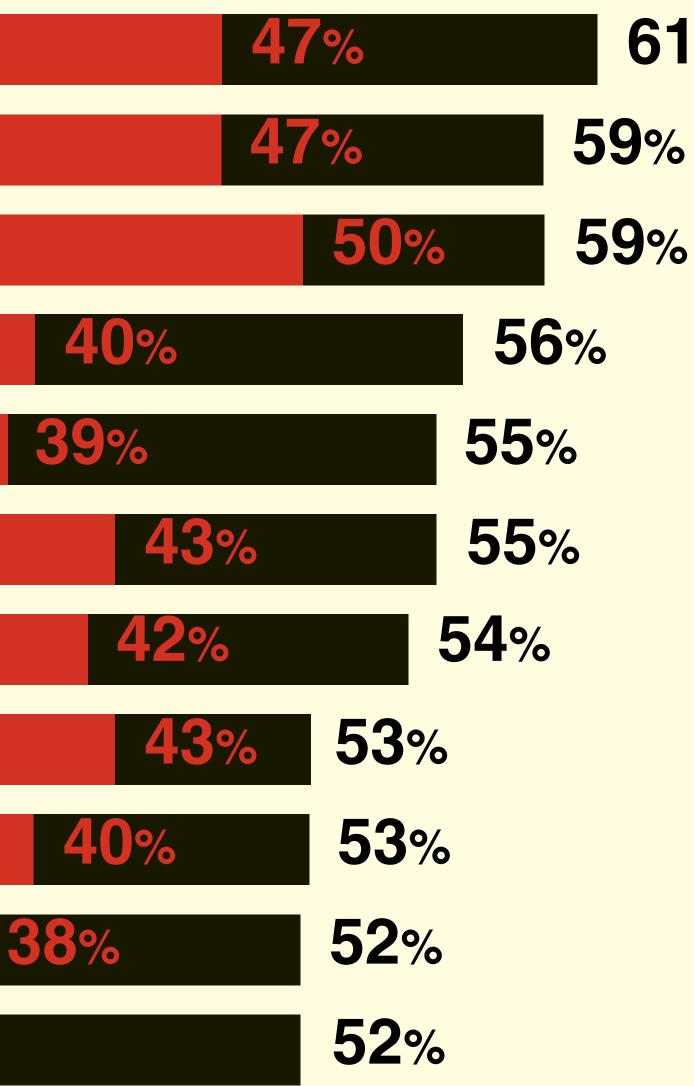
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Shoppers are largely unimpressed with in-store service. It's not just the delivery that's weak – it's the **service proposition** itself.

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### Shoppers want more



#### **Old school** (Acknowledgement)

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#### New school (Relevance)





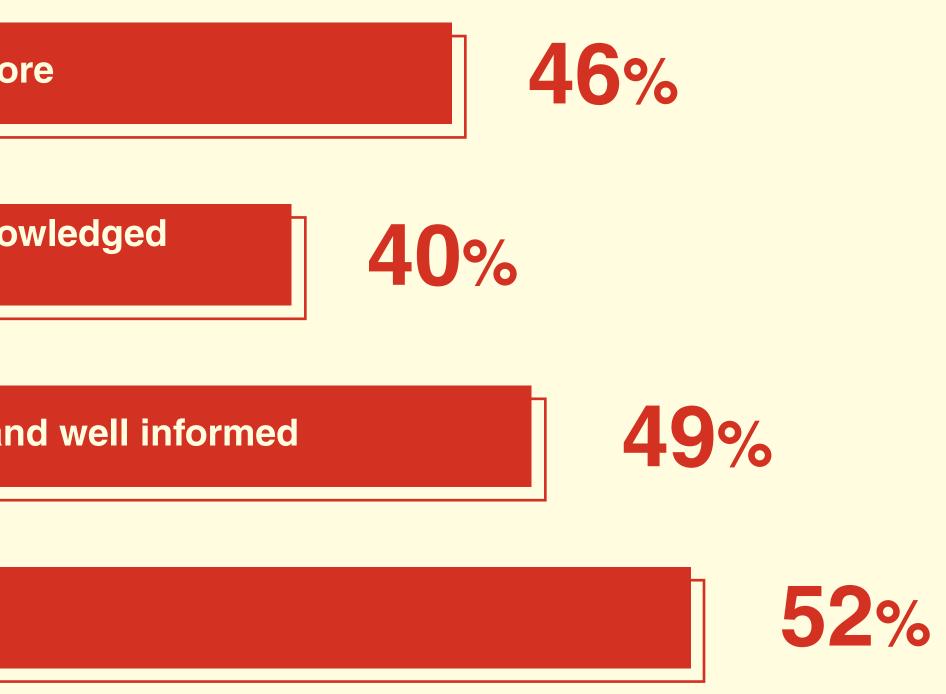
### They want real help to make better informed decisions

**Easily accessible information in the store** 

Help when they need it, but to be acknowledged and left alone when they don't

Service personnel who are insightful and well informed

Don't want to wait



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# Shoppers are promiscuous. **They shop around.** Their loyalty has to be earned every visit, not just bought with a card in their wallet.





### Loyalty to retailers is, for the most part, notably weak.



Definitely prefer to go to this store or a competing store Loyalty is limited even among a store's current shoppers.

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### Don't have a strong preference

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## each time they visit



### Shoppers look to stores to deliver what the web cannot



### Physical stores perform better than the web in several functional and emotional ways



Stores excel at being pick-up points and time savers. They do relatively poorly when it comes to stimulation and learning.

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Physical stores should be able to offer experiences beyond the reach of the web

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### Stores can become meeting and gathering places for **like-minded** enthusiasts













### Stores can offer learning and participation opportunities

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### In-store technologies are often not delivering on their promise of a better shopping experience





### Technology can enhance a shopper's relationship with the store if it delivers an enriching experience.



#### Technology for efficiency

#### Technology to deliver more enriching, engaging experiences



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### In-store technologies are being used to deliver on basics, but at the expense of emotional engagement between the shopper and the retailer

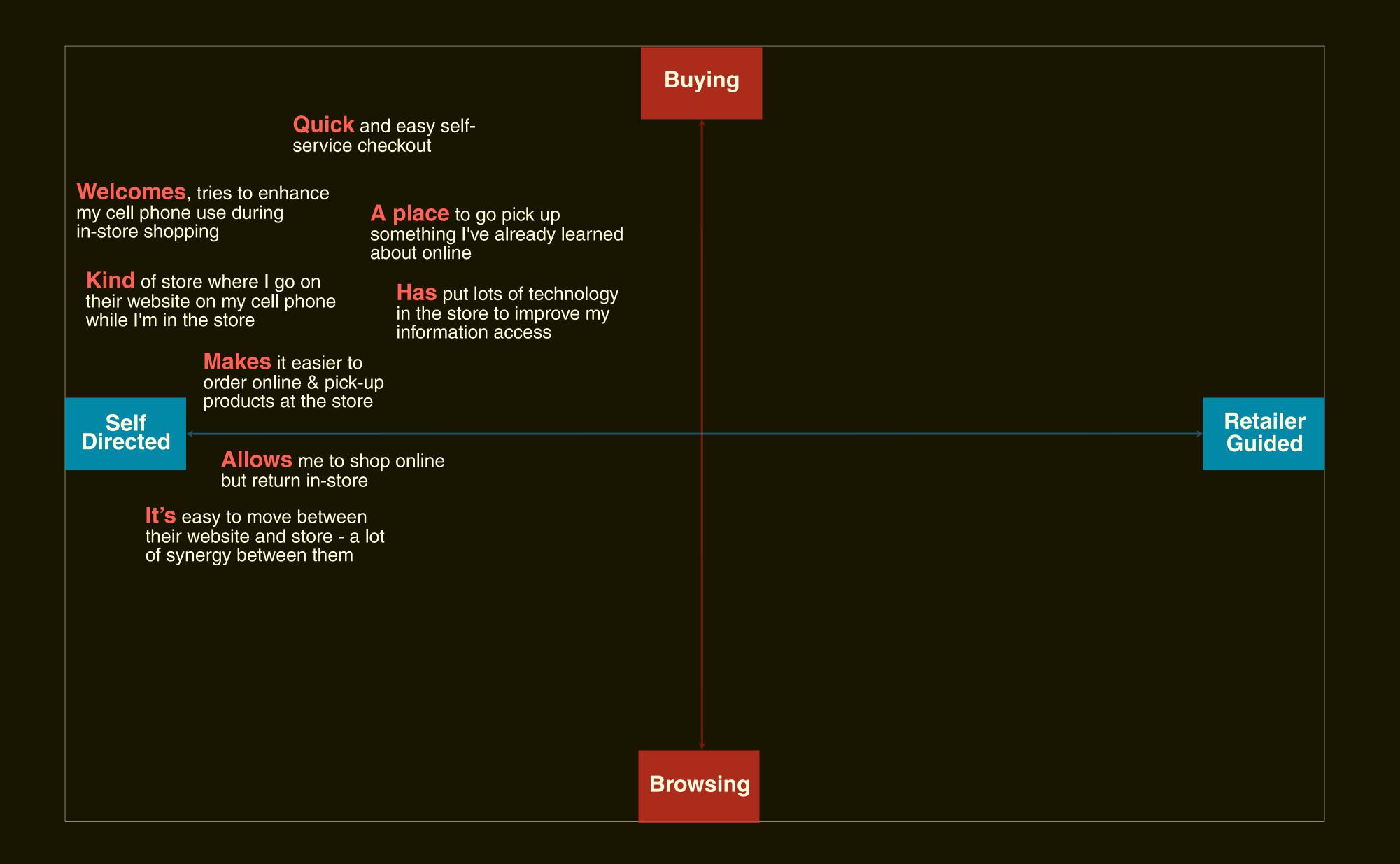
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### Technology can be used to help establish trust









### Technology can be used to reinforce the breadth of selection

Adidas virtual footwear wall features 4000 styles of shoes, and links to Twitter and Facebook

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### Physical stores need to be made relevant with the Internet. It's not stores <u>or</u> Internet, it's stores <u>and</u> Internet











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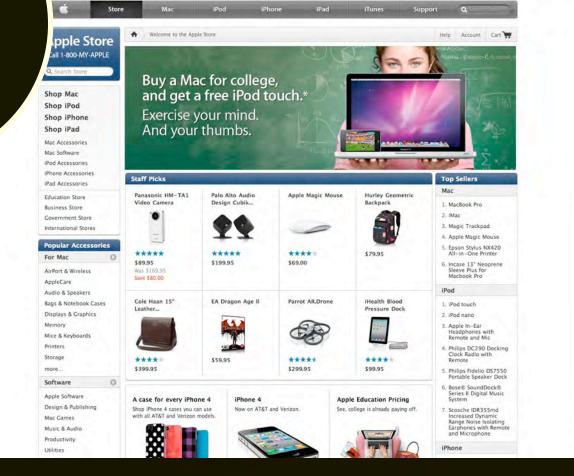
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## To conclude







- It's not just price they want it all
- They're disappointed in retailers' inability to deliver on the basics
- In-store service is a real opportunity
- Loyalty has to be earned thru better in-store experiences
- They're looking to stores to deliver what the web cannot
- In-store technologies are not delivering on the promise
  - It's not stores <u>or</u> web, it's stores <u>and</u> web

### Shoppers organize stores based on the experiences they want to have





# Let's get started!

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