



# Social Media and LaserSafety

6<sup>th</sup> Annual LSO Workshop  
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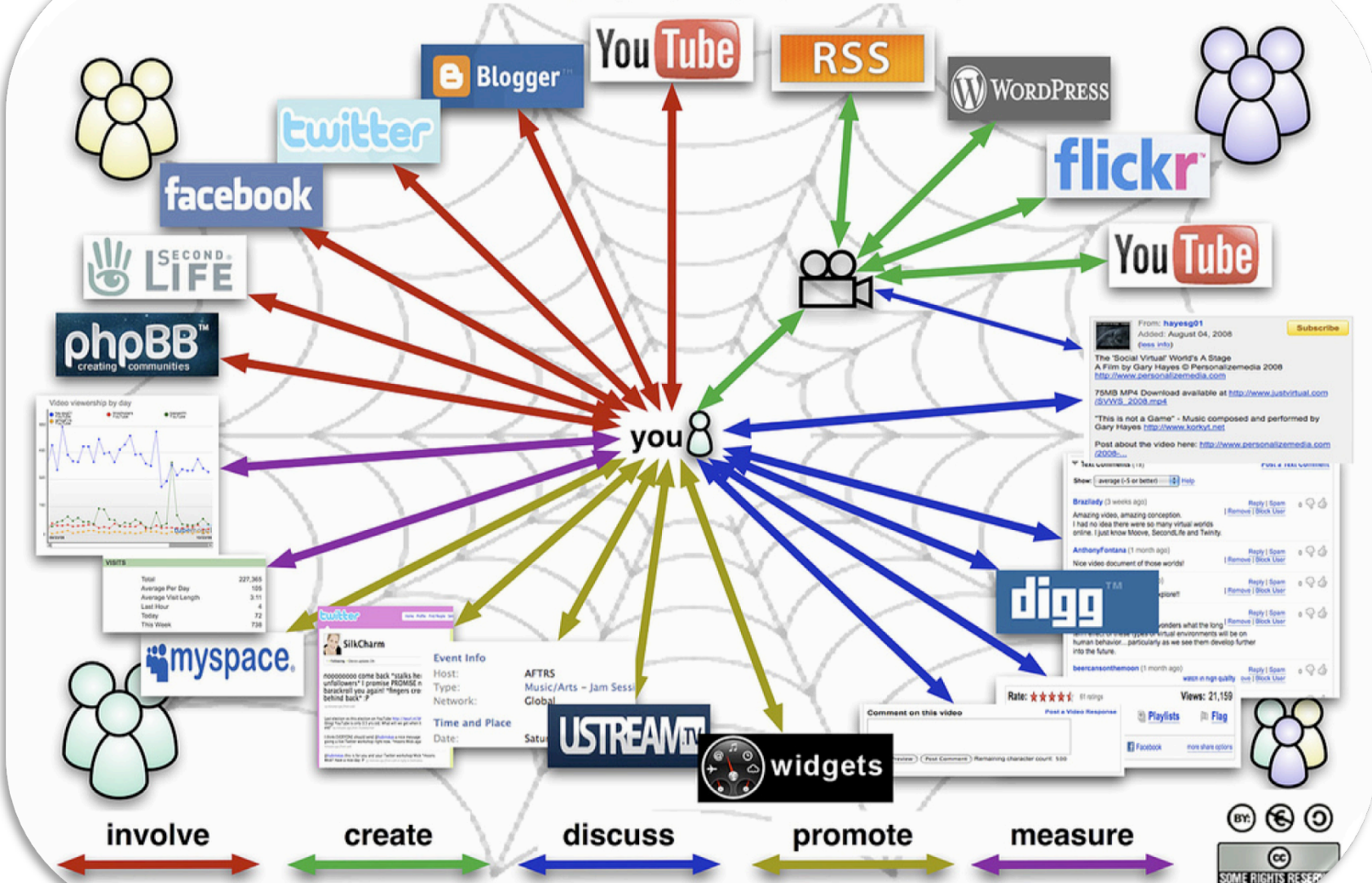
# Why Social Media?







# The Social Media Campaign by Gary Hayes & Laurel Papworth 2008





# Tweeter or Lurker?

- ▶ 140 Characters
- ▶ Precise Language
- ▶ @reply
- ▶ Quality

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# Controversy

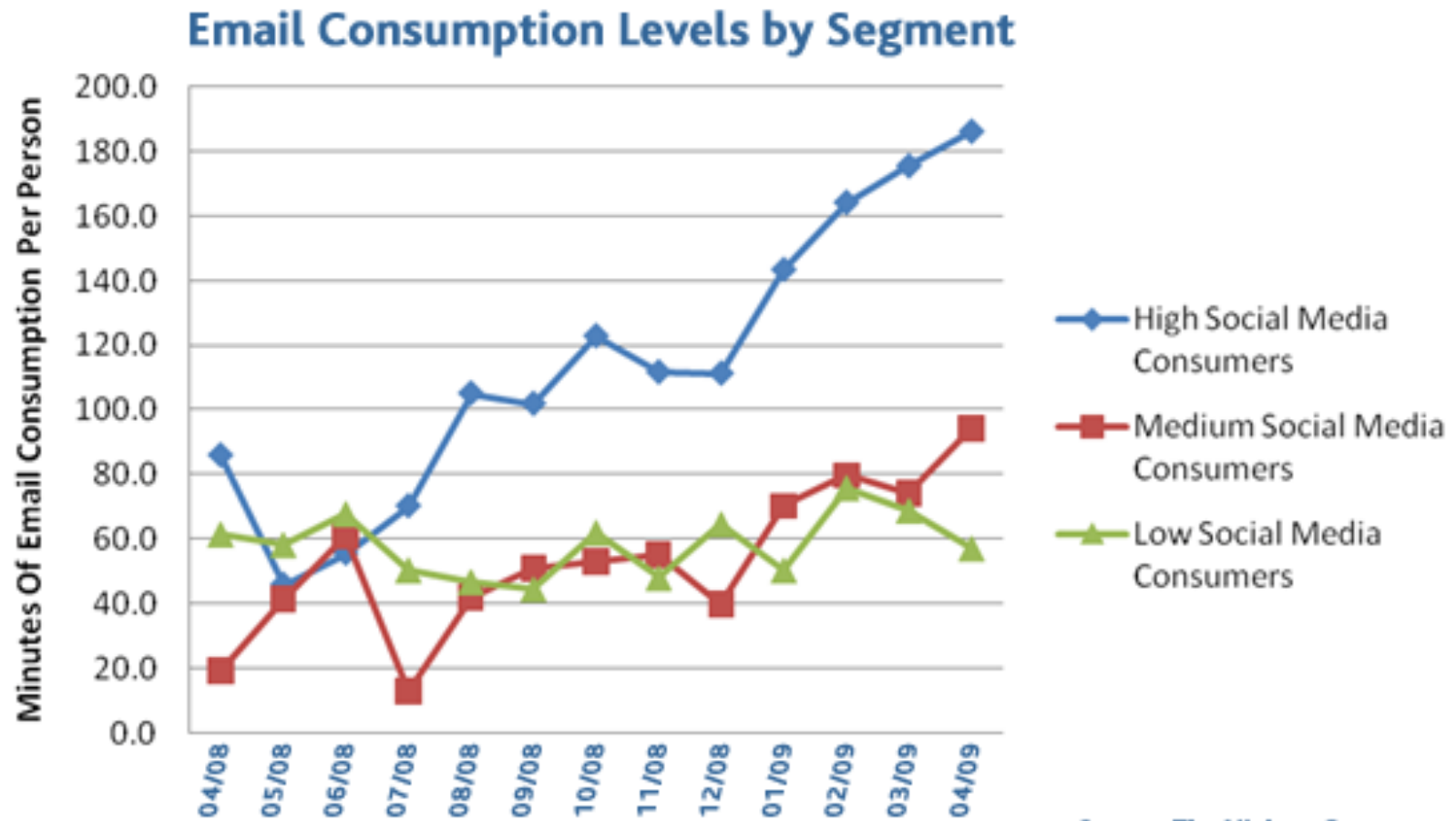
## Email



## Social Media



# Nielsen Data



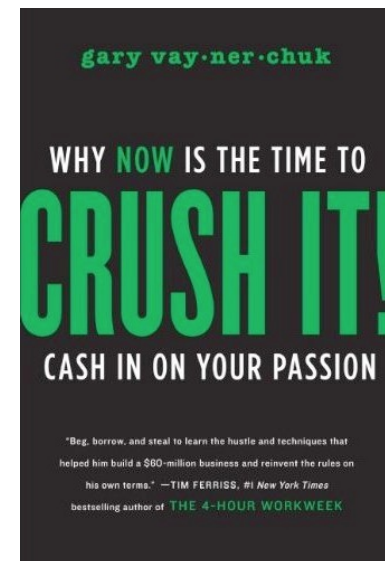
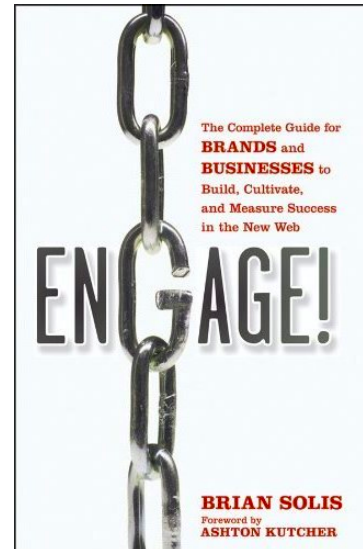
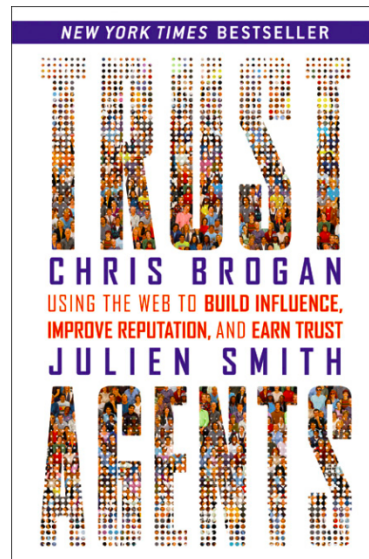
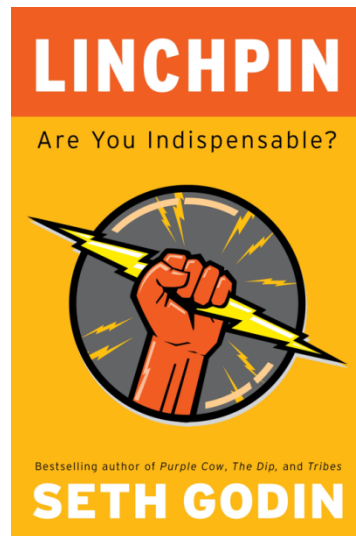
Source: The Nielsen Company

# Geotagging / Cloud Computing





# Social Media Kings



# Pros and Cons

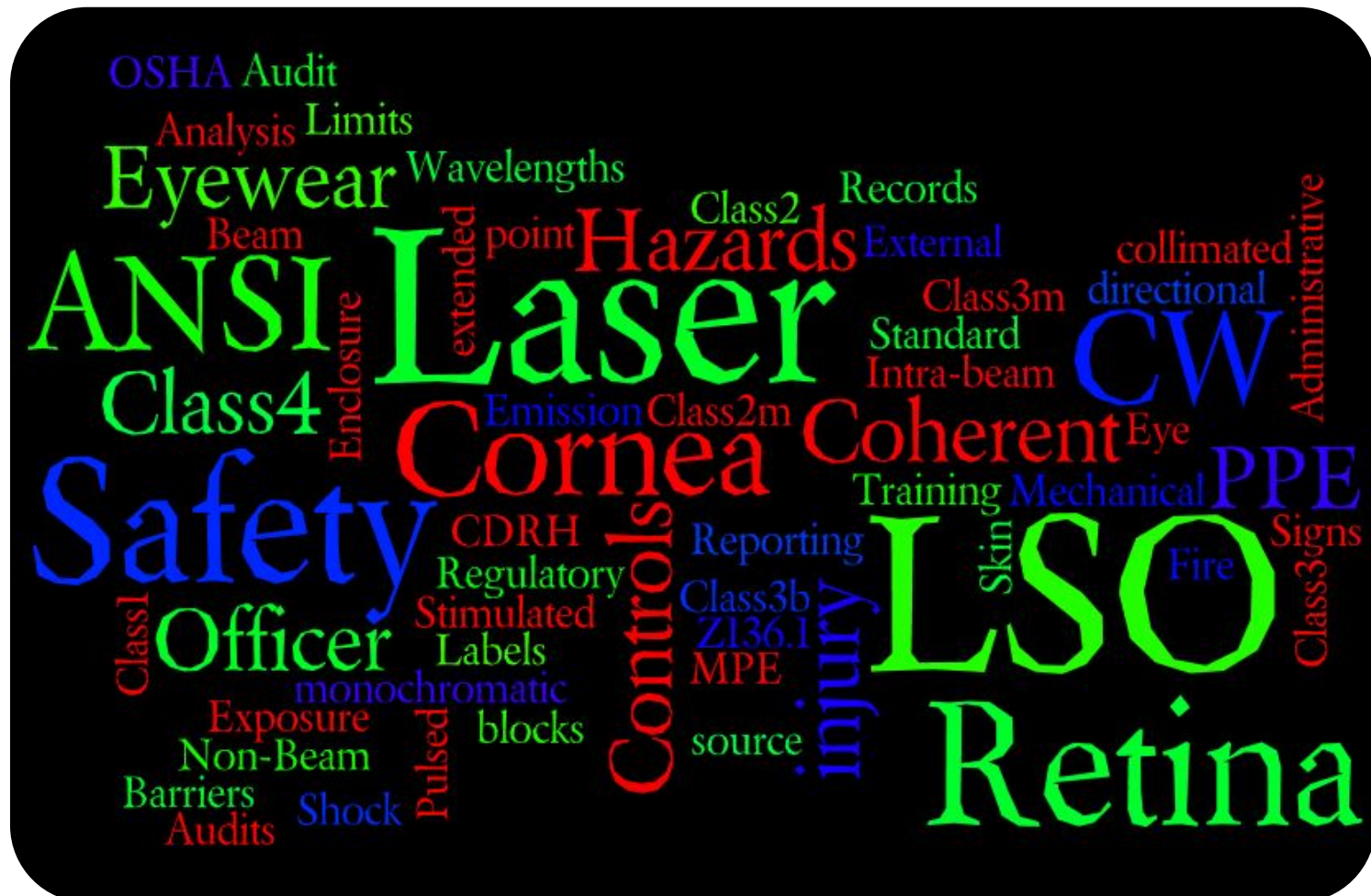
## ▶ Pros

- Active
- Creative
- Community
- Sharing
- Networking
- Informative
- Engaging
- Measurable

## ▶ Cons

- Time Vacuum
- Inefficient
- Mixed Messages
- Ignored
- Wrong Audience
- Imperfect





# Motivation

- ▶ How do we sustain the sense of openness and community we experience at conferences and venues such as the Laser Safety Officer Workshop until the next event?



*6th Annual*

## Laser Safety Officers Workshop

LBNL, Berkeley, CA, USA

July 27-29, 2010



# Takeaways

- ▶ New Methods or Procedures
- ▶ Immersion in Rich Resources
- ▶ Inspiration & Motivation
- ▶ Belonging & Community

# Connections

- ▶ Safety Professionals
- ▶ Laser & Product Manufacturers
- ▶ End Users



# Sustainability

- ▶ Share Ideas and Results
- ▶ Resolve Challenges
- ▶ Implement New Ideas
- ▶ Communicate



# Social Media Tools

- ▶ Influence Others
- ▶ Extended Audience
- ▶ Rewarding
- ▶ Maintain & Build the LSO Community



# Relativity

- ▶ Lasers, Laser Safety, and LSO's
  - Already in use
- ▶ Influence
  - Safety practices, emerging technologies, new products
- ▶ Community, Communications & Networking
  - How open are you willing to be?
- ▶ Research and Information Resources
  - Rich environment of education and experience

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**Description**

From [Wikipedia](#), the free encyclopedia


**Laser safety** is safe design, use and implementation of lasers to minimise the risk of [laser](#) accidents, especially those involving eye injuries. Since even relatively small amounts of laser light can lead to permanent eye injuries, the sale and usage of lasers is typically subject to government regulations.

Moderate and high-power lasers are potentially hazardous because they can burn the retina of the eye, or even the skin. To control the risk of injury, various specifications, for example ANSI Z136 in the US and IEC 60825 internationally, define "classes" of laser depending on their power and wavelength. These regulations also prescribe required safety measures, such as labeling lasers with specific warnings, and wearing laser safety goggles when operating lasers.


**Laser radiation hazards**

Laser radiation predominantly causes injury via thermal effects. Even moderately powered lasers can cause injury to the eye. High power lasers can also burn the skin. Some lasers are so powerful that even the [diffuse reflection](#) from a surface can be hazardous to the eye.


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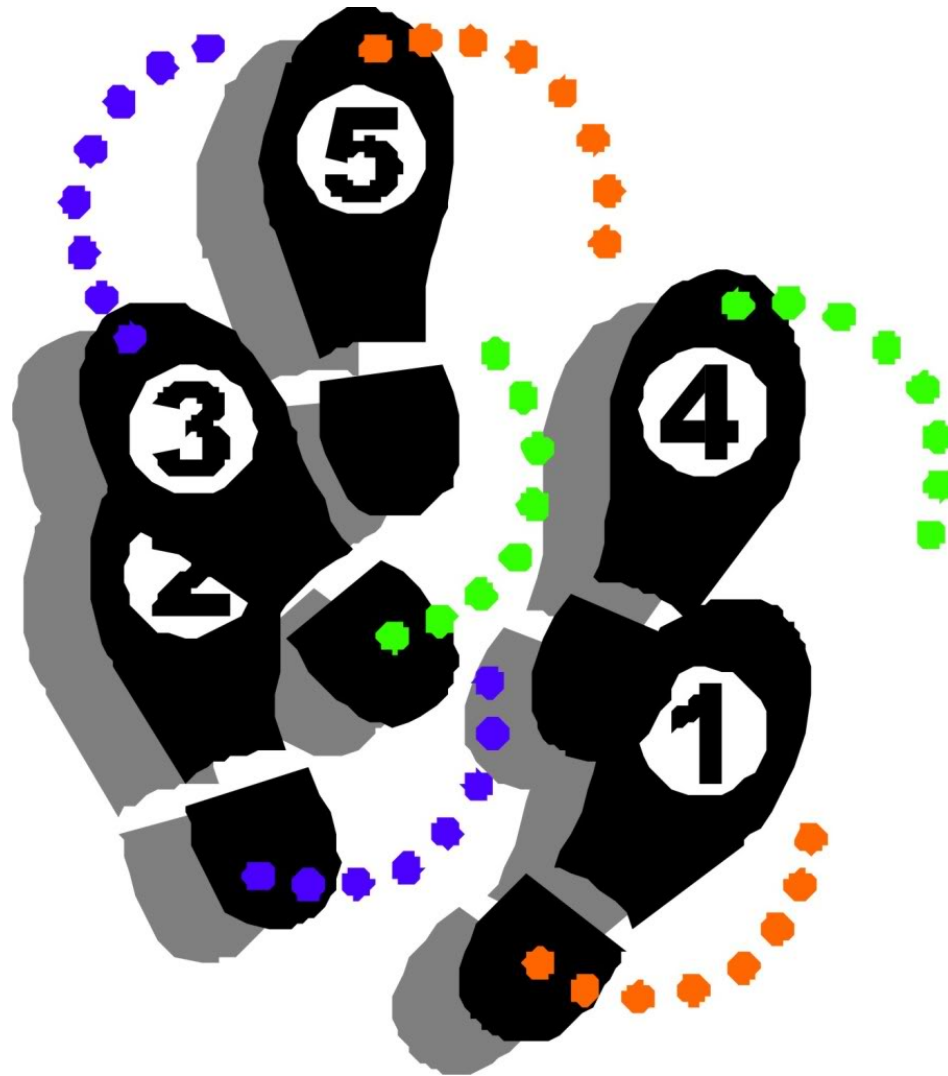
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# What If?



# The Missing Component

