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Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 20:57:16 GMT  
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Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 21:10:58 GMT  
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Posted by [xptek](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 21:23:39 GMT  
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Nothing, since I'm one of those sales people on the phone.

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If you're trying to piss them off, don't. I love when people do that, because I'm required to wait five minutes. That means five minutes to talk to friends, get on the internet, etc.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 22:08:12 GMT  
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I let them tell me their entire spiel about their product, then I tell them, "I'm not interested," and hang up.

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 22:41:13 GMT

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Most people just do what Ryan3k do, which is understandable.

Sometimes (once a week, usually) you get assclows like DJM that think they're clever.

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Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 22:49:58 GMT

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You're an asshole and should be put to sleep if you screw with, swear at or hang up on a telemarketer. Yes they are annoying but the people on the other end of that phone are just doing their job and don't need bullshit from immature morons. They are just trying to get through the day and earn an honest living like the rest of us. Simply tell them not to call this number again and say good bye.

btw, they call at dinner time because they know that is the best odds of you being home dip shit.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [WNxCABAL](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 22:50:27 GMT

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Usually it's somebody from abroad, we just hang up before they begin XD

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 22:52:47 GMT

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So I'm an asshole to people who bug me about things I don't need/care about or already have. Sue me.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 23:26:35 GMT

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My entire family is cruel to telemarketers...including me. We pull the funniest and sometimes mean tricks on them...

But I think about it alot...They are just doing their job.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [bigejoe14](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 23:30:49 GMT

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Hang up.

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 27 Mar 2006 23:45:49 GMT

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I just got a sales call and this I wanted to share.

Here is the conversation from my last call...this is what I really hate.

Me: Hello.

Them: Hello, is Mr. Jeff Anderson there?

Me: He is not available, may I take a message?

Them: No, but can you tell us when the best time to try back later would be?

Me: Is this a sales call?

Them: No, we are calling to try save you money on your television service.

Me: So it's a sales call...

Them: Well...(Pauses for about 3 seconds)...Yes.

Me: \*Hangs up.\*

I hate when sales representatives do that. It's annoying.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 00:04:40 GMT

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Human telemarketers don't annoy me anymore. They go away when you tell them you aren't interested and you can have them place you on the do-not-call list by asking them to not call again.

Mechanical ones, on the other hand- they piss me off to no end. You know the type; they call and there's no way in hell you can hang up until they're done with you (seriously...you hang up, come back 5 minutes later and that digitized voice is still blabbering on about something or other). Mechanicals make me want to kill things, especially when I've got other calls I want to make.

Telemarketers aren't the ultimate form of phone evil, though. Call waiting is. Nothing, and I mean nothing annoys me quite like a person who calls me and then proceeds to put me on hold while they yak on the other line. I frankly don't give half a shit how important that other call is, you called me. You are wasting my time. My answer to things like this anymore goes something like this:

Caller: Hi, how are you?

Me: Fine, you?

Caller: Great. Hey, could you hold a minute, I've got someone on the other line...

Me: No.

Caller: What?

Me: I won't hold.

Caller: I have to take this call.

Me: Fine. Just don't expect me to be here when you get back.

Caller: I'll call back then.

Me: I won't answer.

Caller: Why not?

Me: Whatever you want to say to me, you can say it now or not at all. If it was important enough to call me about before you called whoever else you want to talk to, you can let them wait.

Caller: I don't understand why you can't just hold for a minute.

Me: I don't see why I should have to. Have fun on the other line.

\*click\*

What's even worse is when someone like that calls for someone else living in your house and then makes you hold as if they were someone who you wanted a call from in the first place.

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Posted by [M1Garand8](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 01:23:57 GMT

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I'll probably tell them: "wrong number" because we got too many strangers calling to my house. =/  
Normally, I get real confused when salespeople start calling my house and kept telling wrong number. =/

Damn stupid telephone company. For example, a guy dials a number which is different from my house and the tele company somehow patches that guy to my house number instead. And that happened on handphones too, one guy dialled a totally different number from my hp no and my tele company actually patched it to my hp..... =.=

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 02:06:40 GMT

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SpyGuy246 wrote on Mon, 27 March 2006 13:10Two words: Arnold Soundboard.

<http://www.ebaumsworld.com/soundboards.shtml>

I second that.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Homey](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 02:38:30 GMT

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Politely say no, not interested as quickly as possible. Yes I hate the phone calls, but you gotta remember the people are human beings too...

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 02:41:04 GMT

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Actually, to be honest, I usually don't have the presence of mind to have the website up and be ready with Ahnold when someone calls. That and I don't have caller ID. But what I do do is tell them "I'm not interested" 3 times. If they keep talking, I hang up. And they often do just that, although most get the hint after the first no.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 03:14:54 GMT

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I'm sorry but my mother and father are busy.

They are people too.

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 03:23:19 GMT

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How you people get our numbers is beyond me, we've had our number removed from the phone book and the numerous "lists" and we still manage a few courtesy calls every now and then.

Generally, if you politely ask to be placed on a do not call list and don't hang up right away, it'll be processed within 3-4 weeks. Otherwise, "not interested" works. Harassing the person doing their job isn't going to do anything. Generally, kids that think they're tricky don't make me think twice anymore. I'll usually try back in about 2-3 days to see if I can catch an adult, otherwise we just place them in a list for a six month callback.

(And no, I'm not one of those "lol insurance guys." I call previous AOL customers and either set them up with Verizon DSL + AOL or a three month AOL trial.)

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [idebo](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 15:35:22 GMT

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Whenever I pick up that call, I lay it down and go away to do something else. Then I check up in about 30 minutes.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 16:12:38 GMT

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If they try to sell you something. Try\*\*\* to sell them something.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 18:30:49 GMT

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For some people, that's their living. Blame the company behind the practices, not the callers.

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 18:50:06 GMT

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Since most of the dialers are automated, when I see an obvious telemarketer on my caller ID I just do the pickup/hangup. I assume that if a person were on the other end, they just got nothingness or my call was never given to a rep.

My brother fucks with them -- it's hilarious for us listening and often the caller as well. He makes up a character on the spot and asks stupid questions. He does that to wrong number callers, too. He pretends that the person being called is indisposed at the moment and goes on and on about it.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Renx](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 19:30:58 GMT

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Tell them whoever they are asking for has just recently died.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 19:47:24 GMT

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No, telemarketers aren't "honest people". Would you say Nazis who worked at concentration camps were just "Honest people working for a living"? No, they make their money at the expense of other people, and so do telemarketers. Who has the AUDACITY to become a telemarketer with the reputation they have?

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 20:54:22 GMT

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How I treat them depends on how they treat me. I'll start off polite, but I can quickly turn that around if they start pushing. In my book, no means no. If the telemarketer keeps pushing after someone says they're not interested, then I could care less what is done to them over the phone.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 20:56:11 GMT

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If high wages and flexible hours are the only reason you have the job, then you're a terrible person. How can you justify causing others discomfort for "flexible hours"?! If most of the workforce can go to work from 9 to 5, so can you. I'm sure you didn't take the job with the intention of wasting our time, but that's a by-product you should've considered before taking the job.

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 21:25:28 GMT

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Yeah, there is a shortage of available jobs.

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Two minutes of discomfort? How AWFUL!

Grow a fucking spine, say "Not interested," and get on with your day.

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And the whole 'comparing telemarketers to Nazis': ...what?

You honestly get THAT worked up over a phone call?

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If they're being forced to do something against their will... yeah, it does make them innocent. If you're raped, does that not make you innocent? You're being forced to perform a sexual act, yet the victim is still performing the act. Then by your logic, they're not innocent. Now you've just made all rapists wrongfully accused.

Calling people and advertising is an equivelant of killing jews? You're a member of PETA, aren't

you?

If telemarketing didn't work, it wouldn't be worth spending the money on it, now would it be? Corporations don't just go, "hey, let's waste millions of dollars on telemarketing just for the Hell of it!" They know that it works. Sure, a majority of people don't buy into the products, but for the percentage that it does work on... they make a profit off of.

Also, if you're going to bitch about telemarketing, then you better bitch about TV commercials, radio commercials, and road billboards because they do the same thing. If I see a Budweiser TV commercial, I'm not interested in buying Budweiser, but that doesn't mean that it won't work on others.

Also, yeah, there is a shortage of jobs. Unemployment is at 5%, which means that it's NOT at full employment (4% unemployment). If it's not at full employment, it means that there's not enough jobs for there to be full employment. Hence an obvious observation of a shortage of jobs.

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We don't get those calls. Our number ins't listed.

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Mindtzar lives!

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I see Godwin's Law has been invoked. Sorry Dover, but I think tradition clearly states that you just lost the argument.

But seriously people, stop acting so overly sensitive. Don't act offended by people who say they play pranks on telemarketers if you're going to call them "assclowns," "dipshits," or suggest that they should be killed. You're treating them the same way on the internet as they treat people over the phone.

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I don't like telemarketing but seriously, you can't compare them to Nazis. That's just insane.

My point is, we've had our number taken of every list we can find and yet some calls still manage to come through on a Sunday night occasionally whilst we're eating. If these people are going out of their way to bug us even though we've asked not to be bugged then they deserve what they get.

Me: Have you got a number I can ring you back on?

Them: Yes it's 0176.....

Me: Is that your home number?

Them: I'm sorry I don't want you calling that.

Me: I don't want you calling mine either. \*Puts phone down\*.

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Before you put the phone down and after you say "I don't want you calling mine," just ask to then be removed from their list.

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Well, up here in Manitoba getting a job even at Mcdonalds or a Dairy Queens is hard. That's how bad it is, and no I'm not incopitent as I'm often seen as the overachiever in the group.

Anyways, what I do to telemarketers is just get my parents to handle it. My mom's pretty nice to them, but depending whether or not my dad has had one too many.... lets just say I'm left feeling sorry for the guy on the other end of the phone.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [exnyte](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 01:17:56 GMT

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I used to work at a call center... I got fired because I suck at it. I had a blast working there though, not because of what we were doing there, but because the people I worked with. Didn't matter that age. There were some younger than myself, and those who were well older... Almost like a close group of friends out to just have a good time.

A telemarketer isn't a bad thing. When you say you don't like that they continue after you say, "I'm not interested.", you can't get mad at the caller... They truly are just doing their job. At where I worked you were required to rebuttal at least twice during each and every call they are able to. My wife also worked as one and the same policy applied.

I don't have any problem with listening to what they have to say. You'd be surprised with how nice a person would be after you let them say their thing, and then you nicely said your not interested. Surely there can't be much where you can't spare yourself a few minutes to let this person do their job. You know... The longer their on the phone with you, the better they do their job... They don't mind giving you the whole story about the product they might be selling, just for you to say no. In fact, I loved when I got them type of people. Had some great conversations with some people on

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the phone that way... Talking to strangers on the phone can be quite fun.

I've had pranks pulled on me also... Know what? Doesn't do anything. When that call is over, you or what you just did is not even a memory... But those calls who actually listened to you or even talked to you (even if they said no) are the ones you remember.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 03:30:04 GMT

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I got an automated telemarketing call today on my CELL PHONE.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 04:09:45 GMT

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We have Caller ID, so we just don't answer. I would never make fun of one of them or prank them though. I'd feel really bad about it...

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 10:00:33 GMT

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I say "Mrs \*mymum'ssurname\* isn't available etc"

This is a funny story:

A friend get's a telemarketing call:

sales person: Would you like a conservatory?

Friend: Yes, ooh, how much?

SP: \*some quote\*

F: ooh, that sounds great

SP it has self-cleaning glass etc...

(this continues for about five minutes whilst the sales person lists all the features and times they can put it on etc...)

SP: so on saturday? at 3:00?

F if you can put a conservatory on a second floor flat.

\*click\*

lol

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 14:20:00 GMT

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Doitle wrote on Tue, 28 March 2006 23:09 We have Caller ID, so we just don't answer.  
What if some of them don't display caller ID(it just says unknown number)?

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 17:23:03 GMT  
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We ignore unknown numbers. If it's important, they'll leave a message.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 18:11:28 GMT  
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because we have been getting so many sales calls recently we have just taken to not bothering to answer the phone anymore... If it's important they will leave a message...

Sometimes we do 1471 and see if its a number any of us recognise, if not we dont call back..

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 19:44:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 19:52:30 GMT

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j\_ball430 wrote on Tue, 28 March 2006 15:36

Let me guess, you're a liberal? (off topic, but I feel that I make an accurate assumption)

Define "liberal".

j\_ball430 wrote on Tue, 28 March 2006 15:36

If they're being forced to do something against their will... yeah, it does make them innocent. If you're raped, does that not make you innocent? You're being forced to perform a sexual act, yet the victim is still performing the act. Then by your logic, they're not innocent. Now you've just made all rapists wrongfully accused.

That entire paragraph was absolute nonsense. Rapists have a choice, the victim doesn't. Similarly, you, the telemarketer, can quit your job and stop bugging people. The people on the receiving end of the call have no choice. Even if we don't answer, we endure the endless ringing, and then you just call back later that day.

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Are you shitting me? Of course not. PETA sucks. And I never implied that the two were equivalents.

j\_ball430 wrote on Tue, 28 March 2006 15:36 If telemarketing didn't work, it wouldn't be worth spending the money on it, now would it be? Corporations don't just go, "hey, let's waste millions of dollars on telemarketing just for the Hell of it!" They know that it works. Sure, a majority of people don't buy into the products, but for the percentage that it does work on... they make a profit off of.

Do spam e-mails work? I doubt it, but people still do it because it's so damn cheap. The companies win because they get a measly "20 or so percent" of the people called, the callers win because they get their measly \$14 an hour, but the call-receiver just gets pissed off.

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then you better bitch about TV commercials, radio commercials, and road billboards because they do the same thing. If I see a Budweiser TV commercial, I'm not interested in buying Budweiser, but that doesn't mean that it won't work on others.

Oh, but there are ways around those. I have Tivo, and can skip commercials. I listen to internet radio--no commercials. I'm not FORCED to look at road billboards. They're just there if I happen to glance over. If I don't like it, I look away. I can't do that with telemarketers.

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You dumbass. Do you have any grasp of economics? If we were at 0% unemployment, do you know how much inflation there'd be? Your \$14 an hour would be worthless. The target unemployment rate is between 4 and 6%, so I'd say there are enough jobs. More than enough, even.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 20:06:18 GMT  
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Dover, your rebuttal is weak and immature.

And you continue making the telemarketer-Nazi comparison.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 20:50:19 GMT  
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As for the nazi thing, would you like another comparison?

- Internment camps along the West coast during WWII
- Rape
- Mormon Missionaries
- PETA

The list goes on. The point is, if I wanted to know about whatever crap you're selling, I would call YOU.

Again, my point is DON'T CALL ME. Don't, don't, don't, don't, don't, don't, don't, don't call me.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dan](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 20:57:15 GMT

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Dover wrote on Wed, 29 March 2006 14:44xptek wrote on Tue, 28 March 2006 15:25

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You lose by default!

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Posted by [Mindtzar](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 21:02:43 GMT

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 21:41:18 GMT

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Democrat

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 02:34:32 GMT

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Friends, and Family don't have unknown numbers... Thus, we don't answer.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 02:45:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Homey](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 05:06:08 GMT

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Welcome to the internet...

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 05:49:09 GMT

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Exchanging opinions in a topic? Awful.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 06:03:37 GMT

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I'm not usually rude, but I definately don't "wait" for their first (of three) rebuttals.

"Hi, is this shane?"

"yes it is"

"we're calling you to let you know of a ..."

"not interested, thanks"

<click>

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 06:20:27 GMT

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Unemployment rate is just under 4%, whereas the target unemployment rate is 4-6% to avoid inflation. If he lives anywhere in the United States, there are enough job.

And there are even more in Europe.

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/\*Begin Sarcasm

Wait, so you mean people DON'T want to be called by strangers? Wow, you're right. I never thought of it that way.

End Sarcasm \*/



Mindtzar wrote on Wed, 29 March 2006 15:02 On a side note, you're coming across as an angsty it's cool to hate everything kid.

Hate everything? No, a handful of things, telemarketers included. Let me tell you a story.

About a year and a half ago, I had my girlfriend over, and we were...eh..."getting intimate". That's when a telemarketer calls. The first time I ignore it, but he calls back in 5 minutes. He repeats this until I answer on the fourth call. I told him I wasn't interested, but he didn't take "No" for an answer. I ended up having to yank the phone line to get the fucker to stop calling. By then I was so pissed I wasn't in the mood for sex. My entire day ruined, thanks to one telemarketer and his \$14/hr wage and BS hours.

How about you telemarketers find REAL jobs, eh? You know, jobs where you actually do WORK?

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 06:37:10 GMT

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No.

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"Forced", doubtful. Soldiers were sent to fight WWII, the SS ran the camps. Are you going to sit here and defend the SS for me?

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In all my days, I've never heard of anyone actually buying something from email, with the possible exception of porn.

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Ugh, it if was one phone call, I'd understand, but these people make a living out of calling other people and talking about nonsense. What the fuck is that?!

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2% is a big margin, but an economy isn't a scarecrow. It can take a bit of a beating. Anything above 6% is considered "High" unemployment, and anything below 4% is considered "low", therefore the target is between 4 and 6%.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 06:46:41 GMT

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I'm sure it does, but frankly, I don't give a shit about your sales.

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The national unemployment rate. How'd you come to the conclusion that there's a shortage?

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Nazis = caused harm to others for their own satisfaction

Telemarketers = cause harm to others (Via unwanted phonecalls) for their own satisfaction (Via \$14/hr)

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I don't have one pre-made, but I'll draw one up for you.

Thrice  
Maddox  
Bill Clinton  
Lola Ray  
---Good people above here---  
Talk radio hostss  
----Bad people below here---  
Oprah  
Telemarketers  
People who insist on causing arguments online  
Nazis  
Paris Hilton

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I have a job. But then again, what do you care? You're a blowhard who assumes I don't.

And again, if you're only concerned with your paycheck for doing "work", then you'd be what's called "selfish", which puts you under the "Bad Person" catigory.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 06:47:35 GMT

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I fail to realize why everyone is making a big deal out of this. I don't like telemarketers. In fact I hate them with a passion. Are you telling me I'm not allowed to do that?

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 07:15:31 GMT

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There can be enough jobs generally but not enough jobs in the category you're applying for.

That being said, in the US there are many jobs but many people need more than one job to get around. Welcome to the dream of America!

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Correction:

Everyone

--Good people above here--

Leonard J. Crabs

--Bad people below here--

Martin Kasakov

/me nods.

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No, it's the fact that you're lashing out at the people doing their jobs rather than the companies using the telemarketing firms' services. If you honestly want to do anything to stop telemarketing, write a letter/call the company using our services and tell them you're not buying their product because of the telephone solicitation they use.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 14:22:23 GMT

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Dover"Forced", doubtful. Soldiers were sent to fight WWII, the SS ran the camps. Are you going to sit here and defend the SS for me?

Do I look stupid enough to defend the SS? Did I not earlier call them the true enemy in WW2?

My point is, you're an idiot for comparing the two. I think that's been everybody's point.

DoverThe president of PETA will also have us consider that animals have formed their own nations, and that we as humans have no right to intervene. I'm sure she also wrote a book on "How to introduce farm animals into your love life", but that doesn't make her right. Or sane. So we agree on something, however, that was not my point. I was just noticing a similarity in your ideologies.

DoverIn all my days, I've never heard of anyone actually buying something from email, with the possible exception of porn.

You've also never heard of a 20% sales rate for telemarketing, so I'm going to go as far as guessing that you truly don't know any numbers concerning email advertisement. I almost bought a new harddrive off of a TigerDirect email that I received. I wanted to, but I couldn't afford it.

DoverUgh, if it was one phone call, I'd understand, but these people make a living out of calling other people and talking about nonsense. What the fuck is that?!

You don't have to answer the phone. Enough said.

Dover...And have them call back later in the day, or tomorrow...

So you ignore them later in the day or the next. It's quite a simple idea.

Dover2% is a big margin, but an economy isn't a scarecrow. It can take a bit of a beating.

Anything above 6% is considered "High" unemployment, and anything below 4% is considered "low", therefore the target is between 4 and 6%.

The target percentage is about 4.3% unemployment. I never heard of this 4-6% bullshit. Maybe, at the most, unemployment can be at 5% and be considered healthy. Speaking of which...

DoverUnemployment rate is just under 4%

Where the Hell did you get that number? The national unemployment rate is around 5%, not under 4%. There's no shortage of jobs. I have no clue where you're getting your numbers from...

And on another note:

Bill Clinton and Maddox are "good" people? Heh... you are truly confused, aren't you? How is Oprah "bad"? I don't like her, but I certainly don't consider her a "bad" person.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 15:49:33 GMT

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xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 01:57 The fact remains it's a profitable practice that's not going away any time soon. Deal with it.

So is carjacking, but that doesn't make it okay. Since when does "Profitable" mean "Acceptable"?

xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 01:57 Namely the lack of jobs in my area.

Based on...your keen observation?

xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 01:57 Correction:

Everyone

--Good people above here--

Leonard J. Crabs

--Bad people below here--

Martin Kasakov

/me nods.

For having an opinion?

Heh, what do I care? I'm secure enough to not get all butt-hurt about some guy over the internet talking about what he thinks. I guess the same can't be said for you though.

xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 01:57 No, it's the fact that you're lashing out at the people doing their jobs rather than the companies using the telemarketing firms' services. If you honestly want to do anything to stop telemarketing, write a letter/call the company using our services and tell them you're not buying their product because of the telephone solicitation they use.

Companies are capitalists, and capitalists have no feelings. What do they care who they're discomforting? And don't the people who work for those companies still have some kind of moral obligation? Or are they washed clean from that using the excuse "I'm just doing my job"?

Even if I am lashing out, why are you getting all anal about it?

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 15:59:07 GMT

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My comparison ends at their frame of mind, not at their actions. I think you're an idiot for taking it out of context.

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Ideologies? My ideology is "Leave me the hell alone, I don't want your car insurance, I don't want your Book-O-Mormon, I don't want to buy cheaper

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j\_ball430 wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 09:22 You don't have to answer the phone. Enough said.

If I don't, they keep calling back. And even if I don't answer, the ringing is interuption enough.

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I could go on into this big long explanation on why I consider some people above the line and others below the line, but I don't think you care, and I don't care to tell you. Suffice to say that it's based on my experiances and opinions.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 16:35:25 GMT

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I happen to like capitalism. I like the fact that people can make themselves successful and don't have to answer to anybody for it.

Telemarketing is... marketing. Marketing isn't always the most convenient for the consumers, but it gets the job done. Marketing is about one thing, and one thing only. It's to sell the product. You can't just sell the product and expect people to buy it just on chance alone. How do you get sales? You build it upon the quality of your product and the name of your product. How do you get your name out there to where it becomes trusted? You advertise. How do you advertise? TV and radio commercials, billboards, flyers, and telemarketing.

Business is economics. The whole point of business is to make a profit. You don't look for the nicest ways of making a buck, you look for the easiest, cheapest, and most effective. If something works, you do it. Telemarketing obviously works, so it's going to be used. Get over it. You are a consumer. Companies want your business. They can't get your business if you don't know about them or their product.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 17:38:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 18:54:28 GMT

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Ryan3k wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 11:38 Just for the record, the definition of liberal is not Democrat, in any way, shape, or form.

Well, yeah... I know.

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:00:25 GMT

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Based on the lack of jobs.

Quote:Even if I am lashing out, why are you getting all anal about it?

I don't know, generally when you're slandering an entire group of people, there's at least one person that's going to have a problem with it.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:11:33 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:16:47 GMT

xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 13:00 Sources indicate carjacking is indeed illegal. Telemarketing isn't.

"Illegal" and "immoral" aren't the same thing. Just because something isn't illegal doesn't mean it isn't immoral. Peeing in a public pool, for example, isn't illegal, but it sure is immoral

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Yeah, just like a factory will recall a defective/dangerous product only if they're going to lose money out of it. It's true, but is it morally right? I say no. Call me an idealist, but that's the way I see things.

xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 13:00 Based on the lack of jobs.

And what told you there's a lack of jobs?

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You know, I'm sure telemarketers are fine people, when they're not telemarketing. I could meet a telemarketer on the street and not notice, or care. He could be a great guy. It's on the job I can't stand them. I suppose you could say it's not the people I hate as much as the act of telemarketing. I cannot stand being called by a telemarketer, since whatever I'm doing is almost always more important than hearing about car insurance.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:25:29 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:38:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:39:29 GMT

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Dover That part's fine. It's the part where people who actually do work get paid chicken shit, while cushy office jobs get higher wages. Being an "administrator" and twiddling your thumbs gets you an even higher wage. Do you see the problem yet? Honestly? No. Most likely they earned that position.

Dover The "easiest, cheapest, and most effective" would be subliminal messaging and brainwashing, but that happens to be illegal in most countries, because it's something called "immoral". Morality comes to play with business practices, and advertisement is no different. Calling you on the phone and offering a product is not immoral.

Dover Perhaps they can tell me about their product in some way that doesn't interrupt whatever it is I'm doing. On a billboard, let's say. The company owns that billboard. It can do whatever it wants on it. What right does this company have to bother me in the privacy of my own house? They own a phone line, don't they? That gives them the right to make phone calls. Just as owning a billboard gives them the right to post their advertisement.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:40:04 GMT

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xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 00:49 dude#1 wrote on Wed, 29 March 2006 21:45 Wow, this simple topic has turned into a full fledged argument.

Exchanging opinions in a topic? Awful.

Your words, not mine.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:42:41 GMT

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Eh, I don't know. Where I work, we don't do any rebuttals. Ever. So I can't speak for every company.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:50:47 GMT

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xptek wrote on Thu, 30 March 2006 13:42Cutting my pay in 1/2 because of your moral concerns simply isn't viable.

I'm sure it isn't, but that was when I was in 10th grade, 15 1/2 years old, with slightly below average grades. I now work at a blockbuster for \$10.25/hr. I'm sure since you're undoubtable older and have a prettier resume, you can get higher without engaging in immoral activity. I used to work at my mom's office fixing up their computers for \$20/hr, for a couple weeks.

Not that I'm asking you. That's your business. I just think the world would be a better place if all telemarketers quit their jobs.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 19:53:30 GMT

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^----- 16. 10th grade. Slightly above average grades.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:02:02 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:38:15 GMT

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...No shit? What company?

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:40:52 GMT

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Who are these "companies" I should be blaming? A company isn't a person, it's a collection of people, in this case, telemarketers.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:43:25 GMT

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Therefore, labor does not equal a company.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:49:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 20:51:26 GMT

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The company can exist on paper. It won't survive for long as the purpose of a company is to make profit, so it won't last long, but it does have the ability to exist.

I'm just saying that workers don't equal a company. A lot more makes up a company than just the labor. Therefore, you can't consider telemarketers as the companies themselves as you attempted to do.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 22:20:46 GMT

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AOL/Time Warner. (Read: The Devil)

[http://xptek.shackspace.com/new\\_script.JPG](http://xptek.shackspace.com/new_script.JPG)

'nuff said.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 22:54:24 GMT

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Sorry, I had to.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 23:39:59 GMT

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So this is a thread about what I do to sales people on the phone, and I shall contribute!

Usually, I check the caller ID to see if the caller is "unknown", "out of area", or something else, I usually let it ring. If, by the off chance that I do answer, they ask for my dad. I politely tell him he's not around at the moment. They'll ask for another time that they could call, and I pull a random plausible time that I know my dad won't be around to answer. We exchange goodbyes, and it's done.

And so we can see we can avoid telemarketers while not coming off as a jerk.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [Homey](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 23:57:01 GMT

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"they don't live here anymore" "i'm house sitting for a few weeks"

Wonder how those would work.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 23:57:09 GMT

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If the telemarketers don't give one shit that they're bothering the people they call, why should the people they call give one shit if the telemarketer likes/dislikes how they respond?

If you can call us whenever you feel like it, it only sounds reasonable that we converse however we feel like it.. then we all go our seperate ways.

Why try and insist that you're "just doing your job, and consumers don't need to get so upset", when in the same breath you're telling us you don't give a shit if we like you calling or not.

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Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

Posted by [xptek](#) on Fri, 31 Mar 2006 03:40:51 GMT

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If someone is genuinely upset, I do care, and I'll apologize and remove them from the list. But, more often than not you get people being complete assholes, and I generally treat them as such.

Quote: [http://image03.webshots.com/3/7/73/97/13177397GNRDGEjbLa\\_ph.jpg](http://image03.webshots.com/3/7/73/97/13177397GNRDGEjbLa_ph.jpg)

Sorry, I had to.

Haha, I think I'd snap if I was on support. Those poor people look like zombies.

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