



Inside modern B2B buying

How decisions really get made

The new decision reality

Buying is collective, quiet and risk-aware

B2B buying no longer follows a clean, linear path, and much of the important stuff takes place largely out of sight.

- Research happens without you
- Shortlists form early
- Decisions are made by groups
- Influence is hidden

Internal discussions, AI-assisted research and peer input shape preferences long before a sales conversation begins.

Influence has shifted.

Sales is no longer the primary source of information. It is one input among many.

If your outreach assumes early access, single decision-makers, or clear funnels, it is misaligned with how buying now works.



The data behind the shift

The generational shift

71% of B2B buyers are Millennials or Gen Z



The death of the lone wolf

Only 16% of organisations say one person owns the decision



The illusion of control

89% use generative AI as part of their buying process



Buyer-led journeys

Buyers complete around 70% of their journey before speaking to sales



The shortlist forms early

Over 80% have a preferred vendor before speaking to sales



Hidden buyers

Hidden stakeholders reject 50% of potential vendors



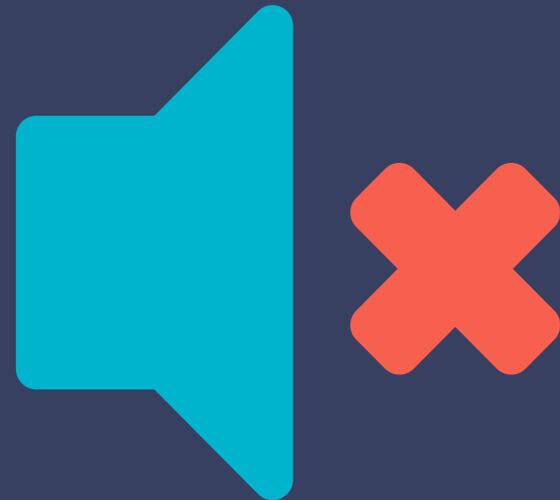
Why deals go quiet?

Most deals do not collapse because of a competitor. They stall because stakeholders cannot align.

In fact, **50%** of buying attempts fail due to a lack of agreement.

From the outside, it looks like silence. Internally, there is hesitation. Each stakeholder is weighing risk. Is this the right decision? Can I defend it if it goes wrong?

Progress requires shared confidence, not just individual interest.

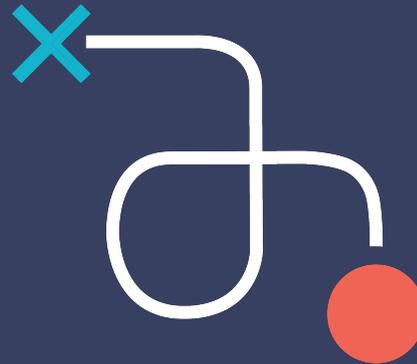


The response: three pillars of modern outreach

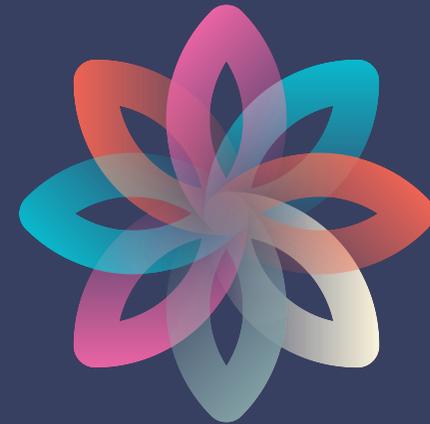
To reflect modern buying behaviour, outreach must be built around three principles:



Coverage



Relevance



Consistency

Each addresses a structural change in how decisions are made.

Pillar one: Coverage

If you are not visible, you are not shortlisted



say their prospecting does not cover their full addressable market

Yet,



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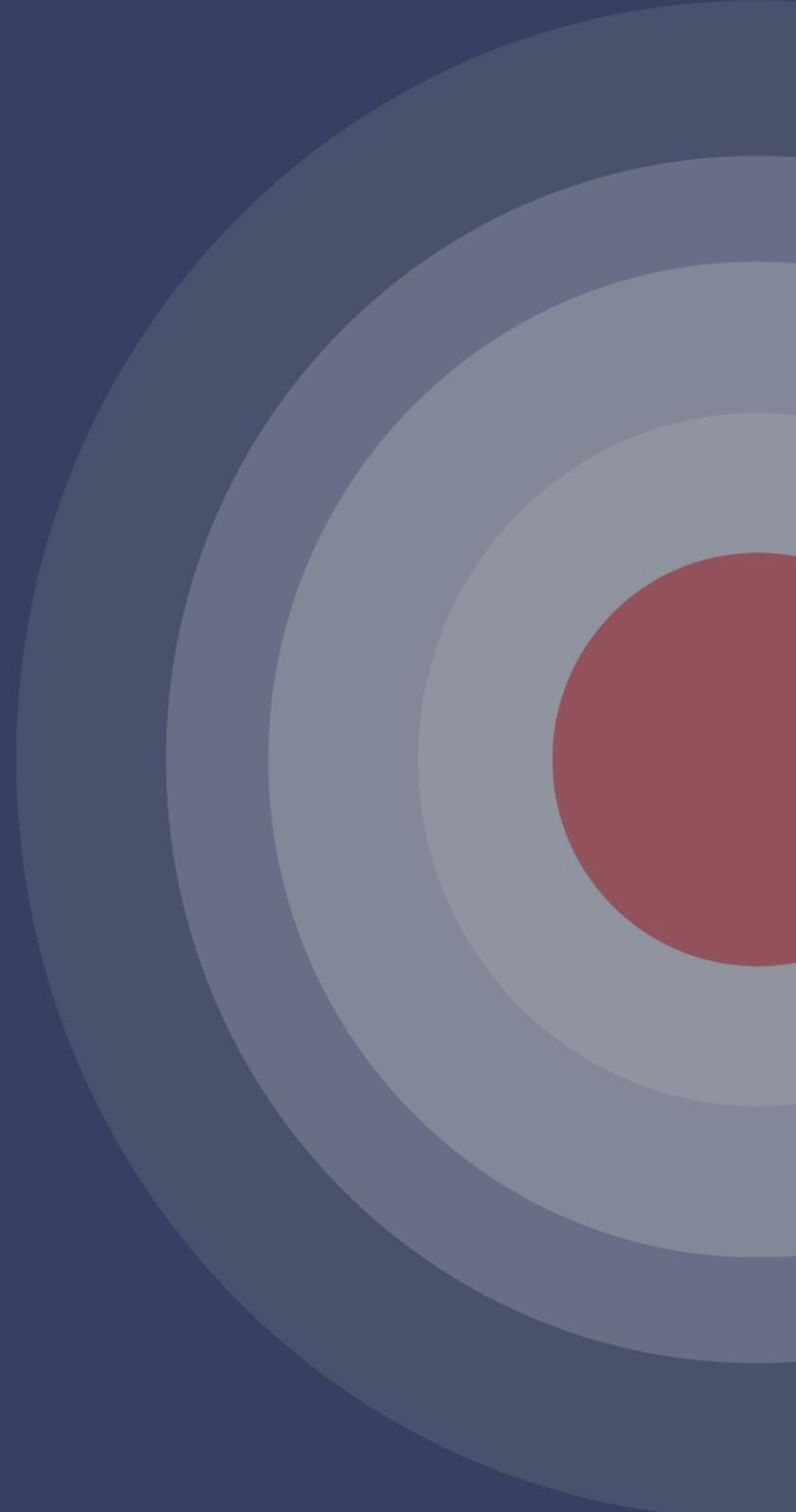
Coverage determines who gets considered.

Modern coverage means:

- Engaging your full TAM
- Reaching multiple stakeholders within each account
- Measuring performance at company level, not just contact level

The objective is not to win individuals.

It is to influence accounts.



Pillar two: Relevance

Precision reduces friction and supports agreement

Using AI-filtered best-fit audiences, we saw a **350%** uplift in closed deals

At the same time,



say most outreach feels sales-led rather than helpful



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Relevance operates at two levels:

1. Selecting the right people in the right organisations
2. Addressing the priorities of each stakeholder

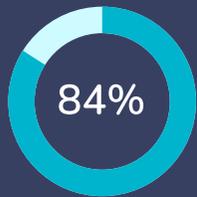
Good outreach does not add noise.

It makes internal discussion easier.



Pillar three: Consistency

Visibility bridges unpredictable timing



84% of buyers are more likely to engage if they recognise the sender



44% say decision timelines are getting longer

Buying rarely happens in one short burst.

Many outreach campaigns still do.

Consistency means:

- Sustained presence across accounts
- Familiarity before intent appears
- Activity that matches buying cycles, not calendar campaigns

Familiarity does not close deals. It ensures you are considered when the time comes.



A modern outreach checklist

Use this to sense-check your approach.

If buying is group-led:

- Are you engaging multiple stakeholders per account?

If shortlists form early:

- Are you reaching your entire addressable market?
- Are you visible before buyers enter market?

If deals stall due to misalignment:

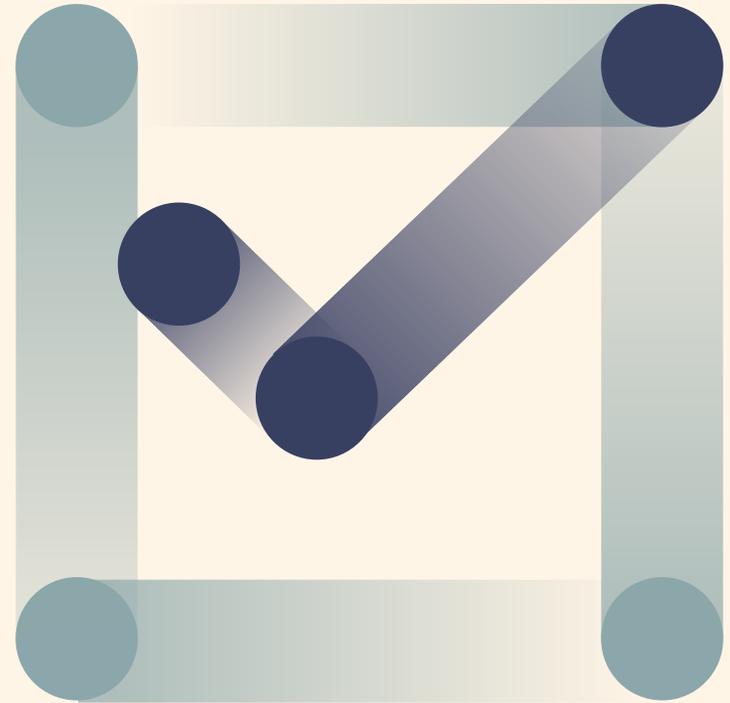
- Does your messaging help each stakeholder justify the decision?

If timelines are longer:

- Is your outreach sustained over time?
- Do you use intent signals to know when they start buying?

If research is self-directed:

- Are you visible and credible without a live sales conversation?



Modern B2B buyers cannot be controlled.

But visibility, relevance and consistency can.

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