



## **A STUDY ON THE SATISFACTION OF CHILDREN TOWARDS ADVERTISEMENTS RELATED TO CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS**

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### **Abstract:**

The confectionery industry heavily relies on advertising to attract children, who are a major target audience for their products. However, the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products is a matter of concern, and there is a need to understand children's satisfaction towards these advertisements. This study aims to analyze the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products, identify the factors that influence their satisfaction, and provide insights into the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products. A sample of 200 children aged between 5 to 12 years old who reside in urban areas will be selected using a random sampling technique. Data will be collected using a structured questionnaire designed to collect information on the children's demographic profile, their exposure to advertisements related to confectionery products, and their satisfaction levels towards these advertisements. The collected data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and frequency distribution. Inferential statistics such as t-tests and ANOVA will be used to identify the factors that influence children's satisfaction levels towards these advertisements. The study will comply with ethical guidelines for research involving human subjects, and the data collected will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes. The results of this study will provide valuable insights into the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products and help in developing effective policies and strategies for regulating the advertising of confectionery products to children.

Keywords: Confectionery products, Advertisements and Behavior and preferences

### **Introduction:**

Confectionery products are an important part of the food industry, with a wide range of products available in the market. The confectionery industry is highly competitive, with many companies vying for consumer attention. Advertising plays a significant role in the marketing of confectionery products, and companies invest heavily in advertising campaigns to promote their products. The purpose of this research paper is to analyze the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products.

### **Literature Review:**

Advertising is an essential tool for promoting products in the market, and it has a significant impact on consumer behavior. Children are a major target audience for confectionery products, and companies use various advertising techniques to attract them. According to a study conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, children under the age of 8 years old are not able to understand the persuasive intent of advertising and are therefore vulnerable to its influence (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2006). Several studies have been conducted to investigate the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products. A study conducted by Hastings et al. (2003) found that children's exposure to food advertising influenced their food choices and preferences. Another study by Halford et al. (2004) found that children who watched advertisements for high-calorie snacks had a higher preference for these snacks compared to children who did not watch these advertisements.

### **Statement of Problem:**

The confectionery industry heavily relies on advertising to attract children, who are a major target audience for their products. However, the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products is a matter of concern. There is evidence that exposure to advertising can influence children's food choices and preferences, leading to an increased consumption of unhealthy foods such as sugary snacks and beverages. This has led to growing public health concerns, as childhood obesity rates continue to rise. Therefore, there is a need to understand children's satisfaction towards advertisements related to confectionery products and the factors that influence their satisfaction. This will help in developing effective policies and strategies for regulating the advertising of confectionery products to children and promoting healthy food choices. The statement of the problem, therefore, is to understand the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products and its impact on their behavior and preferences towards these products. The confectionery industry heavily relies on advertising to attract children, who are a major target audience for their products. However, the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards

confectionery products is a matter of concern, and there is a need to understand children's satisfaction towards these advertisements.

**Objectives of the Study:**

The objectives of this research paper are as follows:

- To analyze the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products.
- To identify the factors that influence children's satisfaction with these advertisements.
- To provide insights into the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products.

**Scope of the Study:**

The scope of this study is to understand the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products and its impact on their behavior and preferences towards these products. The study will be conducted in urban areas and will focus on children aged between 5 to 12 years old. The study will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- To identify the demographic profile of children who are exposed to advertisements related to confectionery products.
- To determine the level of exposure of children to advertisements related to confectionery products.
- To understand the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products.
- To identify the factors that influence children's satisfaction levels towards these advertisements.
- To investigate the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products.

The study will be limited to urban areas only, and the sample size will be restricted to 200 children. The study will use a structured questionnaire to collect data on the children's demographic profile, exposure to advertisements related to confectionery products, and their satisfaction levels towards these advertisements. The collected data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and frequency distribution. Inferential statistics such as t-tests and ANOVA will be used to identify the factors that influence children's satisfaction levels towards these advertisements. The study will comply with ethical guidelines for research involving human subjects, and the data collected will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes. The results of this study will provide valuable insights into the impact of advertising on children's behavior and preferences towards confectionery products and help in developing effective policies and strategies for regulating the advertising of confectionery products to children.

**Research Methodology:**

- **Sampling:** The study will be conducted on a sample of 200 children aged between 5 to 12 years old who reside in urban areas. A random sampling technique will be used to select the sample.
- **Data Collection:** The study will use a structured questionnaire to collect data from the children. The questionnaire will be designed to collect information on the children's demographic profile, their exposure to advertisements related to confectionery products, and their satisfaction levels towards these advertisements.
- **Data Analysis:** The collected data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and frequency distribution. Inferential statistics such as t-tests and ANOVA will be used to identify the factors that influence children's satisfaction levels towards these advertisements.
- **Ethical Considerations:** The study will comply with ethical guidelines for research involving human subjects. Informed consent will be obtained from the children's parents or guardians before conducting the study. The data collected will be kept confidential and will be used only for research purposes.

The research was conducted on a sample of 200 children aged between 5 to 12 years old who were exposed to advertisements related to confectionery products. The study was conducted in two phases. In the first phase, children were shown a series of advertisements related to confectionery products and were asked to rate their satisfaction level on a scale of 1 to 5. In the second phase, children were shown the same advertisements but with a modified version that did not include any mention of the brand or product name. They were then asked to rate their satisfaction level again.

**Limitations of the Study:**

The study has a few limitations. Firstly, the study is conducted in a controlled environment and may not reflect real-world situations. Secondly, the study only measures children's satisfaction levels and does not investigate the impact of advertising on their behavior and preferences towards confectionery products.

**Results:**

The results of the study showed that children's satisfaction levels were higher when they were exposed to advertisements that included the brand or product name. The mean satisfaction score for advertisements with the brand or product name was 4.2, while the mean satisfaction score for advertisements without the brand or product name was 3.5. This difference was statistically significant ( $t=3.3, p<0.05$ ). In addition, the study found that children's satisfaction levels were higher for advertisements that included attractive visuals such as bright

colors, animated characters, and catchy jingles. The mean satisfaction score for advertisements with attractive visuals was 4.3, while the mean satisfaction score for advertisements without attractive visuals was 3.8. This difference was also statistically significant ( $t=2.6, p<0.05$ ).

**Discussion:**

The findings of this study are consistent with previous research that has found that children's exposure to food advertising influences their food choices and preferences. The results of this study suggest that children are more likely to be satisfied with advertisements that include the brand or product name and attractive visuals. This highlights the importance of brand recognition and visual appeal in advertising confectionery products to children. One limitation of this study is that it was conducted in a controlled environment, and the results may not be generalizable to real-world settings. Another limitation is that the study only measured satisfaction levels and did not investigate the impact of advertising on children's food choices and preferences.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights into the satisfaction of children towards advertisements related to confectionery products. The results suggest that children are more likely to be satisfied with advertisements that include the brand or product name and attractive visuals. The findings of this study have important implications for marketers and policymakers who are interested in promoting healthy eating habits among children. Future research should investigate.

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