Social Media Engagement for Environmental Commissions

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The Basics of Social Media

- Strengths & Weaknesses of Platforms
- ► Planning & Coordinating Social Posts
- Reaching & Engaging Your Audience



Facebook

Strengths:

- ▶ Remains leading platform in the world in size & engagement
 - ▶ (2.7 billion monthly active users)
- ► Has ability to create ad campaign
 - ▶ ad revenue has been up during the Pandemic
- ▶ Perfect for adding links to articles or events
- ► Great for reaching a large audience
 - ▶ Studies show people check FB over **13 times a day** on average

- ▶ Some of the younger audience has moved away from platform
- ► Attention spans are short
 - ▶ The average watch time per video is only about **10 seconds**



Instagram

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Strengths:

- ▶ Reaches a younger, more diverse audience
- Second-largest platform
- ► Focus on visuals (photo/video)
- ► New video formats are engaging and exciting
- ► Use of stories, reels, IGTV, highlights makes info feel fresh

- ► Smaller reach (1 billion monthly active users)
- Cannot post links (put them in your bio)
- ▶ People less likely to read your caption

Twitter

Strengths:

- ► Middle-ground age demographic
- Straight-forward & quick
- ▶ Perfect for breaking news & discussing events
- ► Higher-educated demographic

- ► Smaller audience (187 million daily active users)
- ► You can only say so much 280 characters
- ▶ People spend less time here
 - Less than 4 minutes on average per day



LinkedIn

Strengths:

- ► Higher-educated, higher earning demographic
- ▶ B2B audience good for campaigns
- Great for topical news articles and job openings
- ► Builds your credibility

- ► Smallest audience (738 million users total)
- Less frequent usage
 - ▶ 63% of users access LinkedIn monthly



Planning and Coordinating Social Posts

Scheduling

- ► In Platform
 - ► FB Creator Studio, Twitter calendar
- Using tools
 - ► Hootsuite, Buffer, Friends+Me

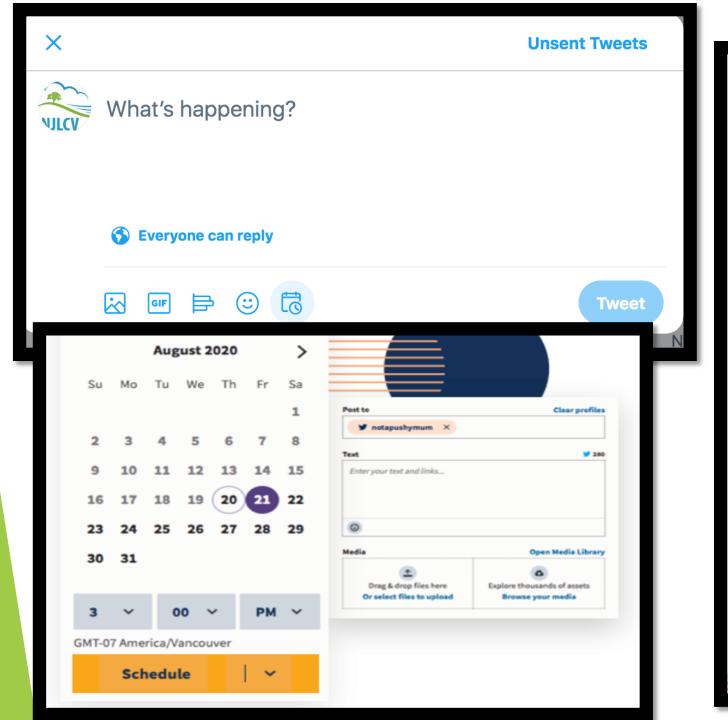
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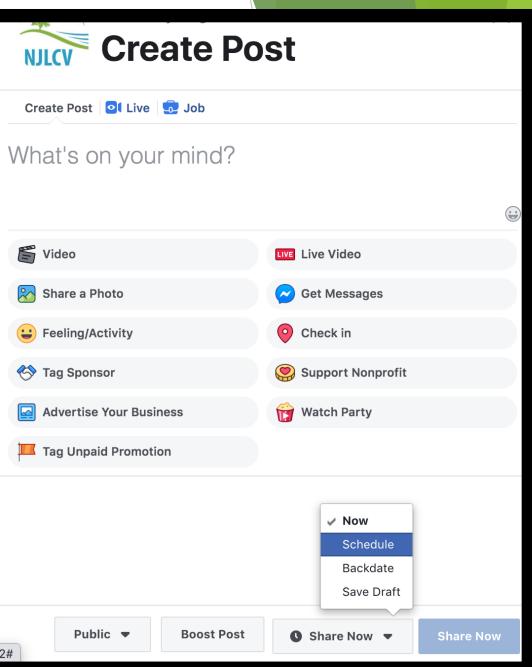
- Space out throughout the day
- ▶ What YOU can realistically do consistently

Optimal timing

▶ Different for every platform and day of the week





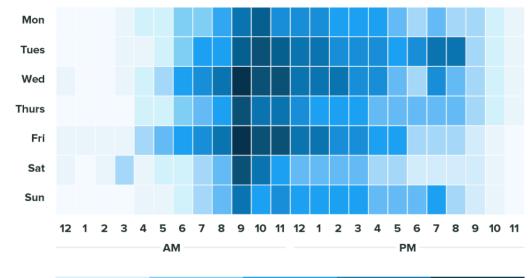


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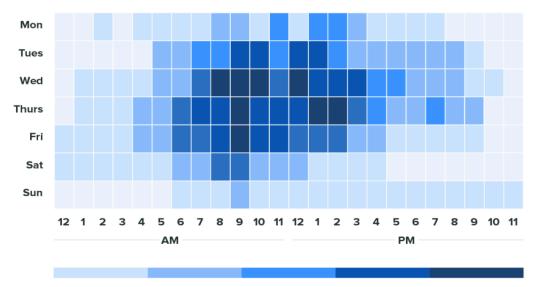


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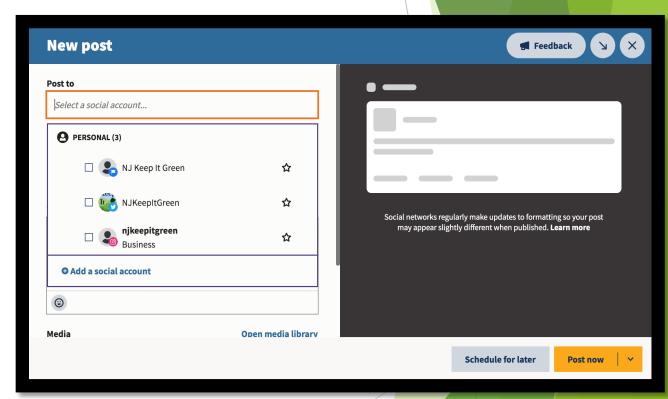
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Planning and Coordinating Social Posts

Coordinating across platforms

- You can schedule posts at the same time across platforms
- You may want to change posts slightly
 - Add hashtags for Twitter
 - ► Take out links for Instagram





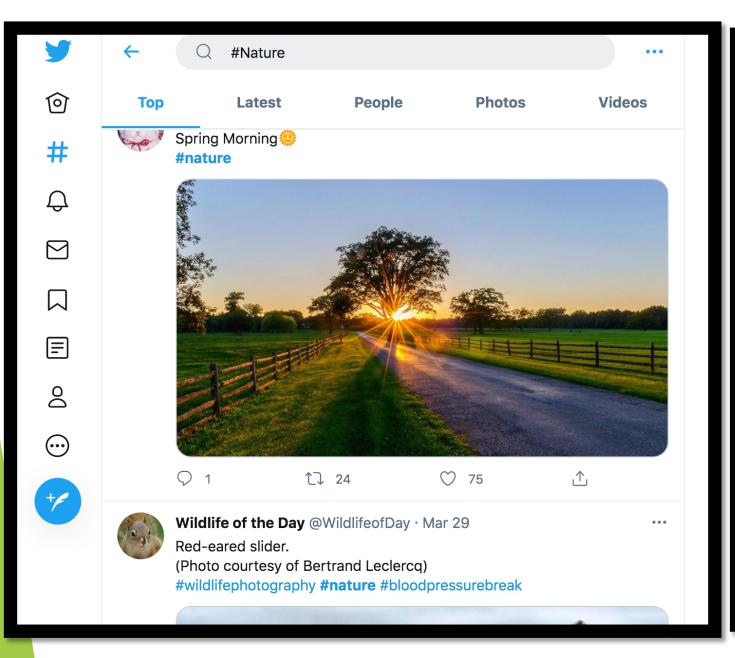
Use of hashtags

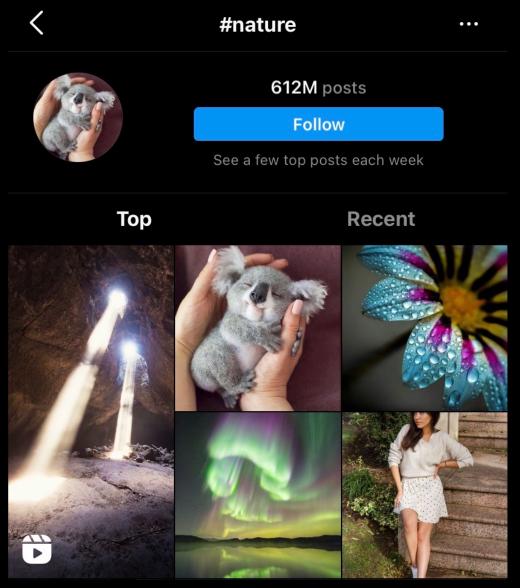
- Using #Hashtags on Twitter and Instagram allows others to easily search for those keywords and find your posts
- ► Can put you in front of your target audience, even if they don't follow your account yet
- ► The more the merrier, but be sure to use ones that are related to your media

Know your audience

- ▶ Who you want to reach and why
- ► Influences what platform you use, when you post, and what kind of content (photos, videos, text)







Reaching and Engaging With Your Audience

Using insights - View insights to see which posts perform better, track goals, and make alterations for better reach/engagement

- ► Within each platform
 - ► Facebook: Your page has its own "Page Insights" to track many different insights
 - Twitter: https://analytics.twitter.com/user/"Your Account"
 - Instagram: On business/creator accounts each posts has an insights button below it

