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# **A STUDY OF FACTORS INFLUENCING PURCHASE INTENTION IN THE CONTEXT OF INFLUENCER MARKETING**

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## **Abstract**

Influencer marketing is rapidly growing throughout the globe, which has led marketers to view it as a crucial component of their available marketing alternatives. The internet offers a marketplace and a channel for reaching potential customers. Utilizing influencers in the marketing campaign is one of the best strategies to do this. The aim of this study is to find out the factors affecting the perception of the consumers on influencer marketing and find out how demographic variables moderate between independent variables and consumer perception on influencer marketing. The influencing factors considered for this study are trustworthiness, knowledge, homophily, attitude and likability. Quantitative method is used, whereby a self-administered questionnaires were distributed to obtain data using convenience sampling. Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) were used to analyze data collected. Linear regression analysis was used to assess the impact of the influencing factors on purchase intention. The findings indicate that a significant amount of relationship between all the independent variables toward purchase intention and hierarchical linear regression was used to prove that demographic variable such as household income, gender and employment moderates purchase intention in influencer marketing.

**Keywords:** Influencer marketing, social media influencers (SMI), trustworthiness, knowledge, homophily, attitude, likability