

Marketing Watch

The Challenges Facing CCOs and CMOs July 28, 2022



Some of the critical questions and issues we will be answering today

- What are the critical challenges facing those leading Communications and Marketing teams today?
- Which are the topics of the greatest need for insight and what are the issues driving those needs?
- How do these challenges and needs vary between B2B and B2C organizations? And how do they differ between CCOs and CMOs?
- What can we do to meet these challenges and what is the outlook in the next 2 years for the professions?



Today's Speakers









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Our survey

A rapid pulse survey sent out to members and non-members in the middle of June, 2022

121 responses

- 73 Marketing, 23 Communications, 25 Combined
- 35 B2B, 36 B2C, 50 B2B2C

• 3 simple questions

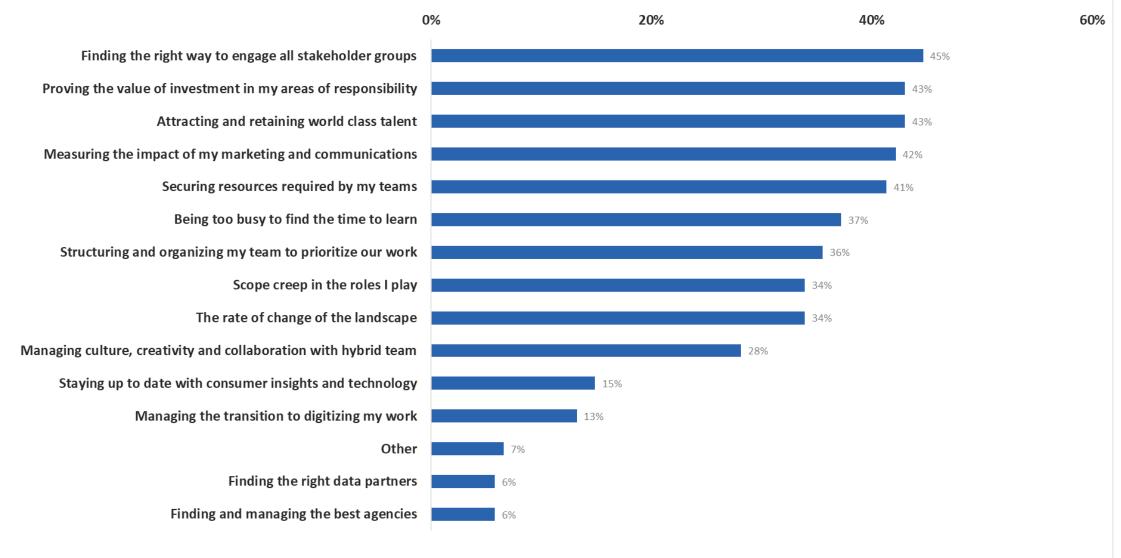
- What are your biggest challenges?
- Where do you need more/better insights?
- Where would you instinctively turn to find those insights?



Big Challenges

There are nine challenges of 'critical mass' facing M&C executives in this volatile environment

Q: Currently, what are the biggest challenges for you in your job? (pick 5)

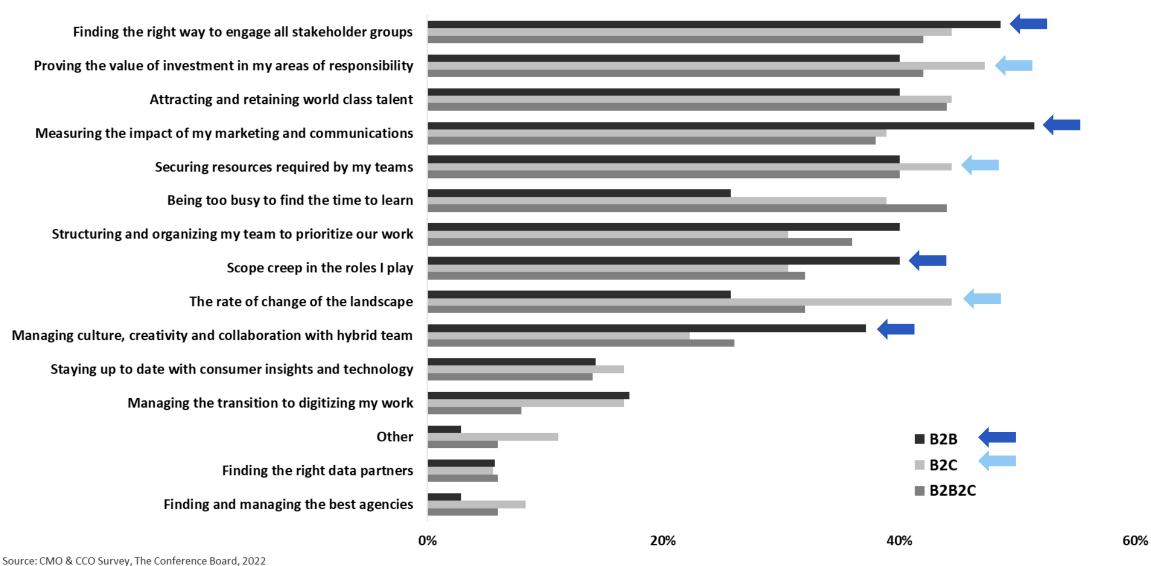


Source: CMO & CCO Survey, The Conference Board, 2022

Note: n=121

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B2B is leaning in to measurement and team/stakeholder management whilst B2C is focused on resourcing and learning to stay ahead of the rapidly changing landscape



Currently, what are the biggest challenges for you in your job? (Pick 5)

Note: B2B, n=35; B2C, n=36; B2B2C n=50.



Communications leaders are focused on meeting their growing internal demand. Marketing leaders are focused on proving they will grow the business externally.

Q: Currently, what are the biggest challenges for you in your job? (Pick 5)

Finding the right way to engage all stakeholder groups Proving the value of investment in my areas of responsibility Attracting and retaining world class talent Measuring the impact of my marketing and communications Securing resources required by my teams Being too busy to find the time to learn Structuring and organizing my team to prioritize our work Scope creep in the roles I play The rate of change of the landscape Managing culture, creativity and collaboration with hybrid team Staying up to date with consumer insights and technology Managing the transition to digitizing my work Marketing executives Other Communications executives Combined Finding the right data partners Finding and managing the best agencies 0% 20% 40% 60% Source: CMO & CCO Survey, The Conference Board, 2022 Note: Marketing, n=73; Communications, n=23; Combined (those doing both functions and those in supporting functions)n=25.



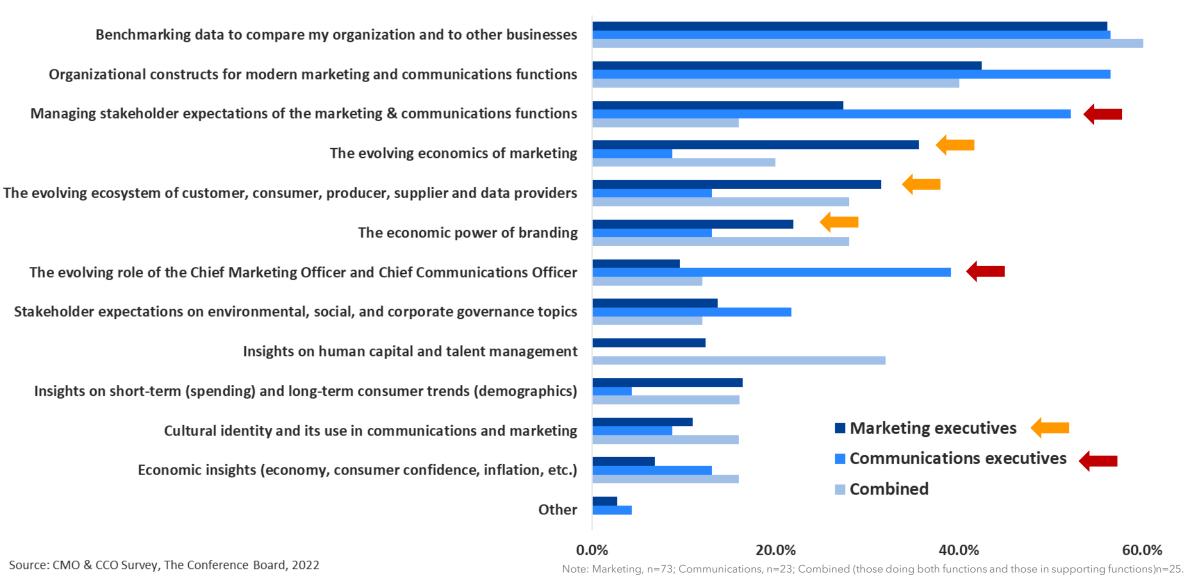
Insights Needed



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The need for benchmarking is common to all. Communications leaders are focused on their evolving role. Marketers are more focused on the dynamics of investment.

Q: Where do you feel external insights and analysis would help you most in your job? (Pick 3)





B2C companies seek more insight on branding and data; B2B are seeking more ESG and stakeholder insights

Where do you feel external insights and analysis would help you most in your job? (Pick 3)



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Instinctive Sources

By Function

| Rank | Marketing | Comms | Combined |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Big Consultancies | Insights organization | Insights organization |
| 2 | Insights organization | My peers in other companies at events | Big Consultancies |
| 3 | My peers in other companies at events | My agency network of partners | My peers in other companies at events |
| 4 | Meetings with vendors, technology companies and others | Big Consultancies | Industry Associations |
| 5 | My agency network of partners | Industry Associations | The internet -Independent research and learning online |
| 6 | The internet -Independent research and learning online | The internet -Independent research and learning online | My team attending conferences/events/webcasts etc. |

By Business Type

| Rank | Business to Business | Business to Consumer | B2B2C |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Insights organizations | Big Consultancies | Big Consultancies |
| 2 | Big Consultancies | My peers in other companies at events | Insights organizations |
| 3 | My peers in other companies at events | Insights organizations | My peers in other companies at events |
| 4 | Industry Associations | Industry Associations | My agency network of partners |
| 5 | My agency network of partners | My agency network of partners | The internet -Independent research and learning online |
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So, what next?



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