

# Beyond Demographics and Cookies Why Demand Profiles Built on First-Party Data Drive Superior Marketing Results

Legacy digital advertising models often depend on cookies, inferred demographics, and generic audience segments. In today's privacy-conscious and data-rich landscape, brands and platforms leveraging first-party data—particularly active user preferences and selections—are proving far more effective in reaching, converting, and retaining customers.

### The Limitations of Traditional Audience Targeting

- Website cookies: Historically used for retargeting and behavior tracking, but now less reliable due to browser restrictions and consumer privacy changes.
- **Demographics and third-party data**: Offer only broad assumptions about interests and purchase intent, often leading to missed opportunities and wasted ad spend.
- Generic categories: Can't capture real-time shifts in user preference or intent and lack the consent, transparency, and accuracy increasingly demanded by users and regulators.

#### First-Party Demand Profile Targeting: How It Works

Features like Like, Pass or Dislike, Share, Save, and personalized category selection in the davieDeals mobile app enable:

- Real-time preference tracking: Users curate their interests, inviting or blocking categories as their needs and tastes evolve.
- Consent-based data collection: Preferences are openly and actively shared by the user, delivering reliable, authentic insights and maintaining compliance with current privacy standards.
- **Deep behavioral signals**: Marketers gain actionable data on actual demand, not just assumed interests, allowing dynamic segmentation and personalized delivery.



#### Why Demand Profile Targeting Is Superior

Older Methods	Demand Profile Approach (davieDeals)
Cookies (anonymous, expiration issues)	Authenticated, explicit user data
Broad demographics/inference	Granular, zero-party demand and selection
Passive browsing/retargeting	Active engagement: Likes, Dislikes, Save, Share
Static categories/segments	User-invited or blocked categories, dynamic updates
Compliance challenges, privacy worries	Transparent, consent-driven data collection

#### **Performance Outcomes**

- **Personalization boosts conversion:** Personalized offers and recommendations based on real user signals convert up to 202% better than generic approaches.
- **Higher ROI and lower cost:** Using first-party preferences, marketers see up to 2.9x higher revenue lift and up to 50% reduction in acquisition costs.
- Resiliency against privacy changes: Strategies reliant on first-party, user-initiated data remain effective as cookies vanish and compliance pressures rise.
- **Dynamic and adaptive targeting:** Marketers stay relevant by following each customer's changing journey, not just static interests.

## LifeWise Digital's davieDeals: Transforming Coupon and Offer Targeting

The davieDeals application is a standout example, feeding users local and national coupons that precisely fit their lifestyle and current interests via:

- User-driven category selection (invite/block)
- Swipe-based Like/Pass/Share/Save functionality
- Real-time engagement and feedback sharing

This active curation results in higher consumer satisfaction, stronger merchant relationships, and greater campaign success compared to legacy targeting methods.



### **Summary**

Precise, demand-profile targeting—enabled by first-party data, user engagement signals, and transparent consent—is setting a new standard in digital marketing. Solutions like davieDeals offer unmatched relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness, outperforming cookie- and demographic-based methods in almost every dimension. Brands and businesses looking to future-proof their campaigns should embrace demand profiles for sustained success.