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CORD-CUTTING RETIRED BABY BOOMER

"All that's ever on TV are reruns and infomercials. My kids told me I should get Netflix."

"What's that new show called that they were talking about on the news?"

"I'm not that tech-savvy but I can follow directions."

AGE: 68
GENDER IDENTITY: FEMALE
EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
OCCUPATION: RETIRED, FORMERLY A RETAIL
SALESPERSON AND FAMILY CAREGIVER
MARITAL STATUS: WIDOWED, LIVES ALONE
CHILDREN: 2 (3 GRANDCHILDREN)
INCOME: < \$30K
LOCATION: MIDWEST

FAVORITE TV SHOWS AND MOVIES







DEVICES USED OFTEN: IPHONE, IPAD
SOCIAL MEDIA USED





- Have a reliable, cost-effective entertainment alternative to cable
- Feel "in-touch" with the world by watching popular or new TV shows and movies
- Create opportunities for family bonding through watching family-friendly content together
- Relate to kids and grandkids by watching and understanding similar shows and movies as them
- Know what's available to watch with little effort
- Find relaxing movies to watch when unable to sleep at night
- Have entertaining or interesting shows or movies to watch when stuck at home alone because of weather or illness



- Subscribes to a basic cable TV package
- Searches TV channels (cable and local) to find things to watch, often unsuccessfully at certain times of the day
- Rents movies from Redbox, but rental fees add up and become costly
- Checks out DVDs from the local library, but can only check out a limited amount and must remember to take them back
- Watches videos on YouTube to learn new things
- Kids and grandkids bring DVDs to watch when they visit



Hard to do



I talk with them about how some of them got rid of cable and are saving money with a streaming service. I feel less intimidated to make the switch when I see others my age doing it without problems.



MY CHILDREN

They use streaming services and make me interested to try it myself because I trust them and believe they would help me learn how to use it.



TRADITIONAL MEDIA

I see reports on the popularity and quality of shows and movies made by streaming services. These news sources make me feel like I might be disconnected from the ways of the world and pique my interest in the content I'm missing out on.



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On a Roku attached to my bedroom TV while battling a case of insomnia at 2 a.m.



On a smart TV in my living room when my grandkids are having a slumber party at my house.



On an iPad on my dining room table while I am doing bills for the month.

MOTIVATING FACTORS

- Don't have to watch commercials
- Save money compared to cable

 Dan't have to leave have to attend
- Don't have to leave home to attain entertainment options
- Always have something to watch at any time of the day

Ability

INHIBITING FACTORS

- Nervous about change and switching from cable, fears losing local channels and news
- Not native to streaming technology
- Internet goes out sometimes and would have nothing to watch during those times

POSSIBLE TRIGGERS

- Cable bill goes up
- Buys new TV that has streaming capabilities
- Injury or illness causes housebound status for a while
- and boredom

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Easy to do

HIGH TECHNOLOGICAL CONFIDENCE Charlie: Young Urban Tech Professional Kim: Binge-watching Young Professional Morgan: Multitasking College Student Nesi: Pre-teen Anime Fan **WATCHES WATCHES** TV/MOVIES LITTLE **OFTEN** TV/MOVIES **Tim:** Middle-Aged Jeremy: Gen X Movie Buff **Outdoorsy Luddite** Barb: Cord-cutting Retired Baby Boomer Don: The 50s Western Fan

LOW TECHNOLOGICAL CONFIDENCE