

3.6 Music and price quality/cost price positioning

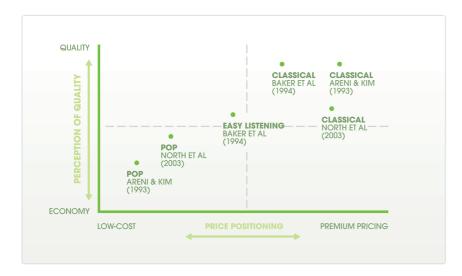


Fig. 4 – Visualisation of musics music's previous findings concerning music's influence on price quality/quality price positioning based on extant existing studies.

Customers' monetary valuation of a service may subsequently be influenced by the types of music played (e.g., light popular or classical music) (Oakes, 2000).

Oakes (2000) argued that music picks choices can could be utilised used to position a service in the mind of consumers as being of a best having the highest possible quality in the minds of consumers. According to Oakes (2000; pp. 545)); "Customers' monetary valuation of a service may subsequently be influenced by the style of music played (e.g., light popular or classical music); (p. 545)." This thought notion is strongly supported in the writings literature. For example, Areni and Kim (1993) measured the affect effect of playing pop music versus classical music in wine and alcoholic beverages stores selling alcoholic beverages. They see noted that moneys income increased and customers buy bought more higher_cost expensive wines when classical music was played, in comparison compared to when pop music was played.

These thoughts findings are in keeping consistent with the arguments of Yalch and Spangenberg (1993), which who noted that classical music can could be made used to position

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a service or product as being very having the best quality and priced. Furthermore, Baker et al. (1994) found that the combination of ambient lighting and classical music give makes consumers the thoughts believe that the improves consumers' perceptions of service quality quality of service would be better in comparison to compared to establishments with bright lighting and pop music. Finally, North, Shilcock and Hargreaves (2003) say stated observed that guests in a restaurant spent more money when classical rather than pop music was being played, in comparison to when pop music was selected rather than pop music.

However, we may scrutinize these truthness truthfulness of some of the certain conclusions of the from results existing before studies on the music's influence of music on on positioning for quality perception may be scrutinised (Areni and Kim, 1993; Yalch and Spangenberg, 1993; Baker et al., 1994) are complicated by if we apply the association of by the evidence of from studies that have showing thatwn musical preferences are a reflection of reflect with demographic groups (Mehrabian and Russel, 1974; Wright, 1975; Cutler, 1989; Smith, 2004) and personality traits (Rawlings and Ciancerlli, 1997; Schwartz and Fouts, 2003; Zweigenhaft, 2008). Since

There is a high degree of sameness between these studies were conducted in similar services environments in which these studies were conducted are quite similar, which that makes me wonder as to whether or not the conclusions drawn can be used to the for wider thoughts on the may not be generalisable to the services marketing of services marketing in other contexts thoughts. As Since the services environments between these studies lacked real diversityIn particular, it is possiblye to question whether the demographics type of those surveyed may not showed provided an sufficientlyn accurately enough reflection of the wider broader US and UK customer populations (Tashakkori and Charles, 2003).

For example,

To say for sureConfidently stating confidently concluding that classical music gives encourages conveys the perception of quality to among to consumers perhaps could may fails to consider demographic variables the most. Indeed, Yalch and Spangenberg (1993) themselves say in their study highlighted the varying effects of different styles of music on varying different various demographics. And Additionally, in an experiment in a popular restaurant, playing classical music reduced the number of beverages purchased by guests compared to when jazz and pop music were played (Wilson, 2003). Ass Wilson (2003) found in an experiment involving a popular restaurant, when playing classical music was played it had the

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financially negative effect of significantly lowering reducing the amount number of guests who buy three or more beverages in comparison with to when jazz and pop music were played.

These considerations reinforce what a notion that is much said often stated in the literature: ; the importance of a "fit" between music selection, the and context of the service environment and the demographics types of the target markets for an effective positioning strategy (Areni and Kim, 1993; Oakes, 2000).

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Chapter 4

4.1 The Influence of music on consumer behaviour in the context of services marketing

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4.-2 Music and consumer approach avoidance behaviours

Base upBased on the Mehrabian_/Russell model, all responsesplies to an environment can be classified as either an approach or avoidance behaviours (Mehrabian and Russell, 1974). The Mehrabian_/RussellThis model can be appliedy to the service environment context to eleverly explain the aeffects of atmospherics on consumer behaviour (Mehrabian and Russell, 1974).

Approach behaviour includes: 'physically moving toward something—affiliating with others in the environment through verbal communication and eye contact, and performing a large number of tasks within the environment' (Booms and Bitner, 1980, as cited in Milliman, 1986, pp. 286). Avoidance behaviour includes: 'trying to get out of the environment, at tendency to remain inanimate in the environment, and a tendency to ignore communication attempts from others' (Donovan and Rossiter 1982, p. 37).

It has been well written i<u>In</u> the academic books, i<u>It</u> has is been well documented in the <u>literature that how mMusical</u> preferences are <u>reported to be linked</u> to demographics and personality types (Mehrabian and Russell, 1974). Further-more, there is a lot of <u>large body of extensive</u> research which showinghas showhas shown that how the selection of selecting the <u>specific</u> music styles that are deemed most that are most popular amongst the target consumer demographics can help in stimulateing approach behaviours and attracting persons consumers into the a services environment (Milliman and Bitner).

If I apply the lessons of these studiesys to In the services marketing context, we can see these findings suggest that how different genres of music can be applied in the service environment to help-promote approach or avoidance behaviours in consumers. Strong Rigorous studies conducted involving the It is in the Bbars and Rrestaurants serviceshospitality sector that I have seen good studies which have most explicitly shown the influence of music style selection in

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on buyers' approach and /avoidance behaviours (Milliman, 1986; Grayson and McNeill, 2009; Jones et al., 2009; Milliman, 1986).

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