

## **INTRODUCTION**

- Of all forms of non-verbal communication, color is the most instantaneous method of convey messages and meanings
- For example: As a consumer shops their eyes rest on product packaging for approximately .03 seconds. In that time the packaging must
  - Catch the consumer's eye
  - Inform them of the package content
  - Appeal to their psyche

## SPEAKING COLOR - HUE

- Hue Color and hue are synonymous and can be used interchangeably.
  - Primary Colors: Red, Yellow, Blue
  - Secondary Colors: Green, Orange, Violet
  - Tertiary Colors: mix of secondary colors

#### SPEAKING COLOR - SATURATION

- Saturation the intensity of the color.
  - Determined by how much or how little grey a color contains.
    - Less Grey = more saturation
    - More Grey = less saturation

## SPEAKING COLOR - VALUE

- Value Lightness or darkness of a color.
  - Lightened values are called tints
  - Darkened values are called shades
  - Medium values are called mid-tones

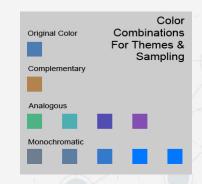
#### THE COLOR WHEEL

- Circular Arrangement of the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Colors
- Shows color temperature ("warm vs. cool")
  - Warm Colors: send more energetic, outgoing messages
    - Red, Orange, Yellow associated with the warm of the sun
  - Cool Colors: send more restrained, contemplative messages
    - Blue, Green, Violet associated with coolness of the sea and sky



## **COLOR SCHEMES**

- Monotone Use of a single neutral color
  - Ex: med grays, beiges, taupes, off whites
- Monochromatic Use of one color family in various intensities
  - Ex: Bue with different levels of saturation
- Analogous Neighboring families on the color wheel that share the same undertones
  - Ex: Blue, Blue-Green, Green
- Complimentary Opposite each other on the color wheel
  - Ex: Blue & Orange, Purple & Yellow



#### **COLOR & CULTURE**

• Green, blue, yellow, orange, purple, pink, brown, black, gray, and white are most common colors in all cultures.

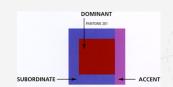
Western Culture	
Red	Anger, Danger
Black	Death, funerals

Eastern Culture	
Red	Happiness
White	Death, funerals

Eastern Weddings and restaurants most often use
RED

# **COLOR SELECTION PROCESS**

- First decide on what message you wish to convey?
  - Dominant Colors conveys message
  - Subordinate & Accent Colors reinforce message
- These conventions are not a hard and fast rule. Sometimes the juxtaposition of colors sends strong message as well.



## **DISCUSSION**

- Mets
- Yankees
- IBM
- Apple
- Netflix
- Pepsi
- ESPN
- Starbucks