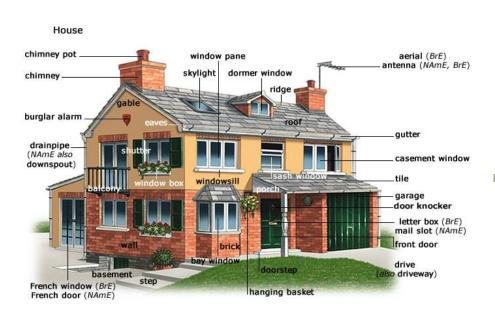


#### WHY CAN'T WE CRACK THE NUT?

RESNET February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### Session Goals:



 People are making the largest purchase of their lives with the least amount of information and knowledge about the product they are buying

How can we crack this nut?



## **Basic Problem**

People don't buy houses often enough





#### Location

Still a driver when it comes to selling a house

"Every Home begins with a great Colorado location. <u>Parks</u>, <u>trails</u> and beautiful <u>recreational facilities</u> surround the Front Range and mountain communities in which we build"





#### Aesthetics

- Still a driver when it comes to selling a house
  - House style
    - Countertops
    - Hardwood









## Life Style

Still a driver when it comes to selling a house



## Educating sales people

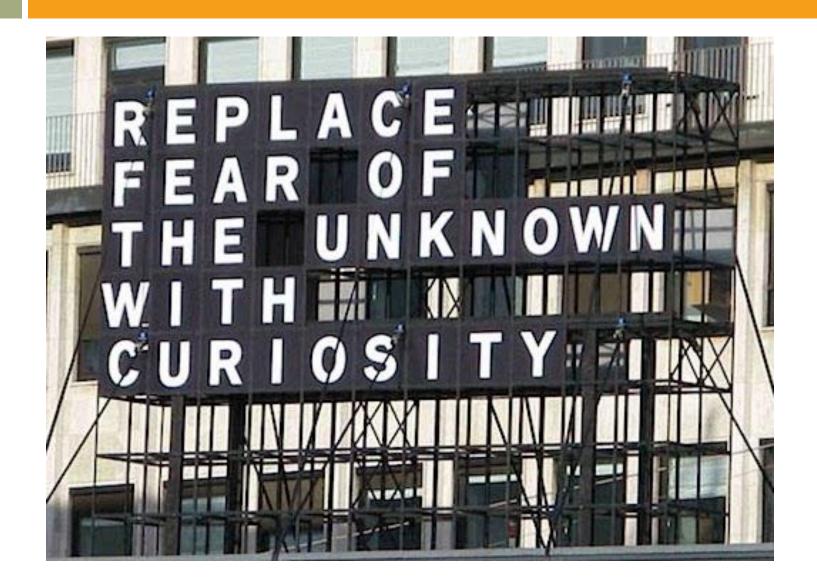
- Marketing and Selling the Better Built Home
- Green MLS
- National Association of Realtors Green Designation





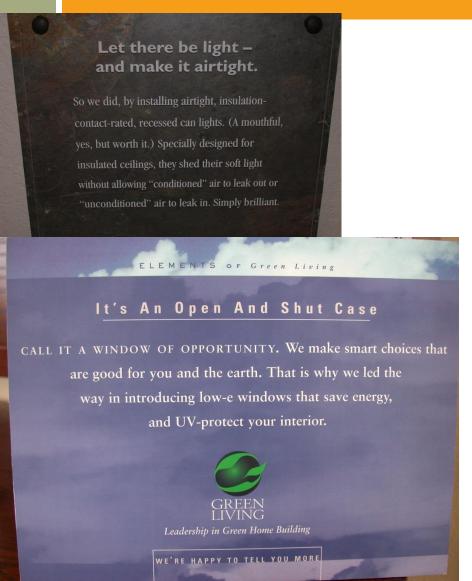
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# Sales Agents





#### Silent sales tools and the deconstructed homes







## Largest Purchase / Least knowledge

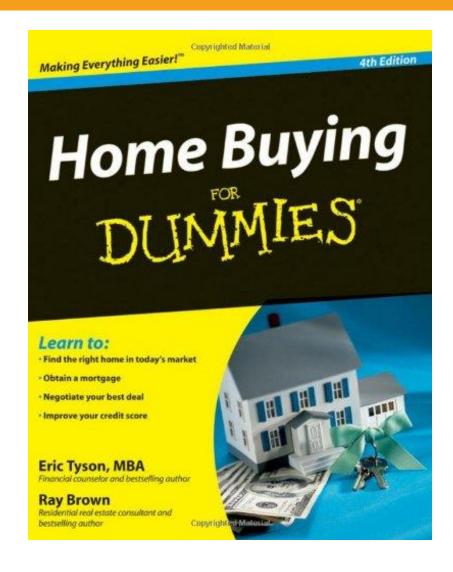
 The fact is that People buying houses don't know that they want to talk about

performance



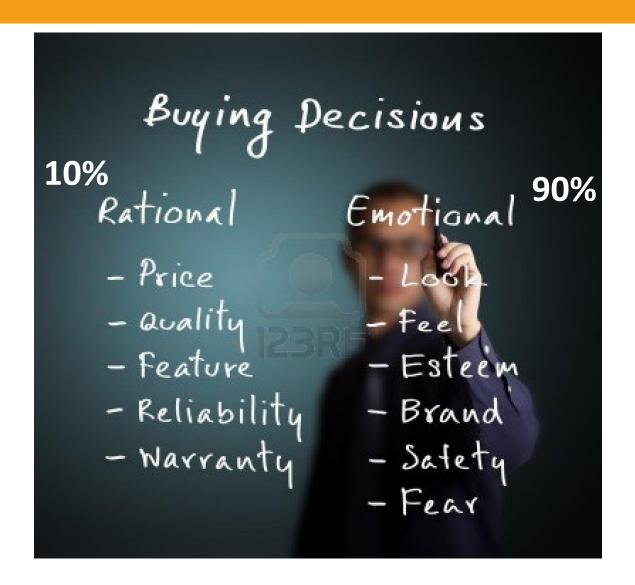


## How do we make buying decisions?





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#### Car Performance – A Complete system









#### Phone Performance – A complete system







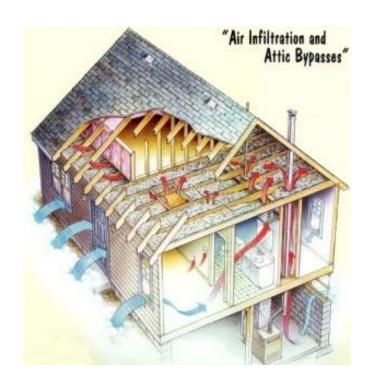




# HOME PERFORMANCE

House Performance – A complete system



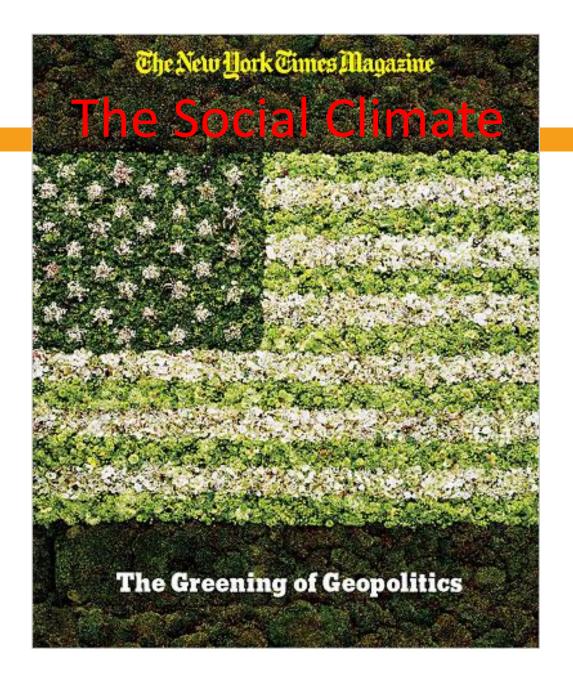




# Look how houses have changed



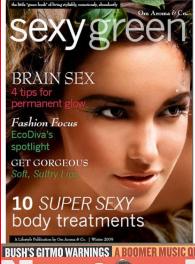










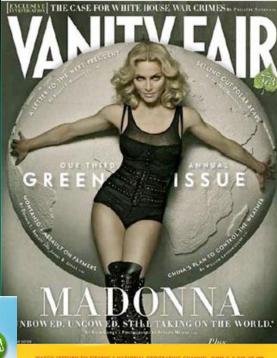














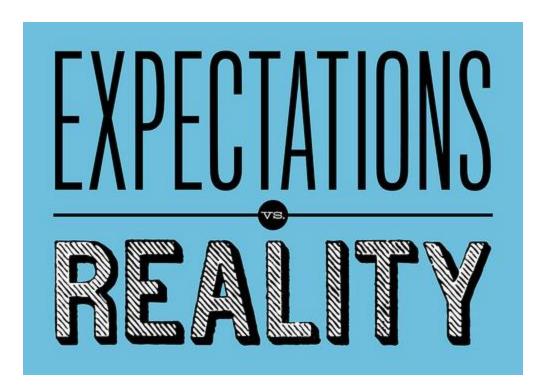
## Focus starting to be put on housing





## What expectations do people have?

- Cost of ownership
  - Efficiency
- Comfort
  - Floor to floor / Room to room
- Safety
  - Carbon monoxide
- Building durability
  - Moisture issues
- Environmentally sound
  - 100 Year House





### Part of the conversation!

- Not a replacement for other conversations.....
  - Location
  - Aesthetics
  - Floor plans
  - Life style



How to include performance in the conversation?



## 2007 NAHB-RC Study

Energy Improvements toped the list of how buyers would spend an extra \$5,000 on their home

26% would pay for energy improvements

22% for new countertop

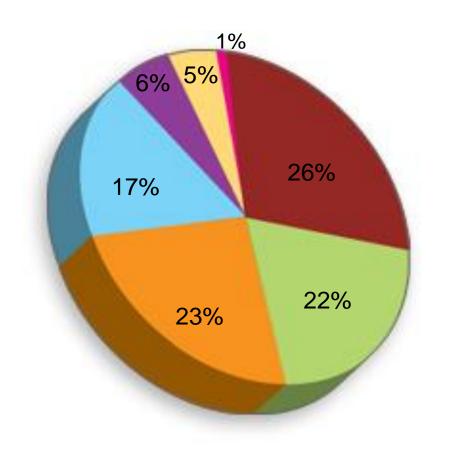
23% for other

17% for upgraded flooring

6% for upgraded appliances

5% for upgraded bathroom features

1% for new siding



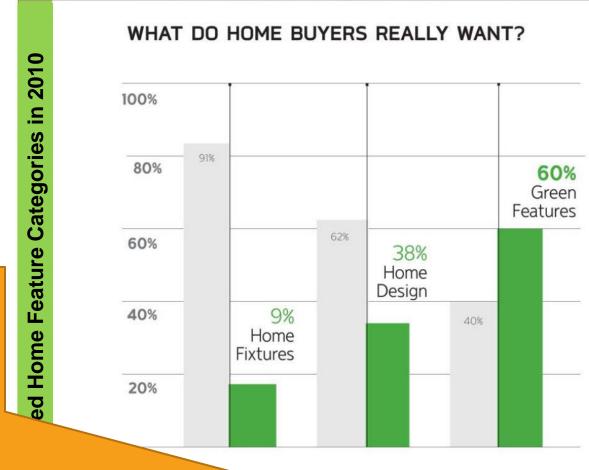


# Avid Home Design Research Survey 2010 www.avidbuilder.com

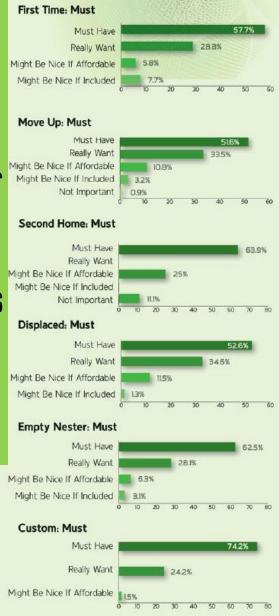
Most

Gray bar represents less desirable rating by survey respondents

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cross the board, all respondent groups called this a "must." Not a huge surprise that buyers understand the value proposition of saving energy, and the features that help them achieve that are winners in this chart as in the charts that detail individual categories that can be energy efficiency.

#### Overall Energy Efficiency – "Must have"

- First time Home Buyer 57.7%
- Move Up Market 51.6%
- Second Home Buyer 63.9%
- Displaced (relocated or seeking smaller home) – 52.6%
- Empty Nester 62.5%
- Custom Buyer 74.2%

"Across the board all respondent groups call this a "must". Not a huge surprise that buyers understand the value proposition of saving energy"

# Thank you!

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