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yossarian

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Quote:

SoapBoxMom, leave it to you to twist the truth and make something that is **unique in the industry** to prevent all the abuses out there, and make it bad. I guess I should expect that. I know OpenQuestion thinks this is a tactic, but even he will admit this is a pretty straightforward interview if my instincts are correct. Candidates can make up their own minds. Yes SoapBoxMom, you would not be approved unless you lied--which you are stellar at.

Quote:

To everyone else, I challenge you to find another home-based business that requires an interview and approval. Folks there is a lot of garbage out there, spend your time more wisely. I appreciate the opportunity to share this.

AC's interview is by no means even remotely "unique to the industry." You have made this claim in many of your posts, and it is time to refute it.

This is standard operating procedure for this type of company. Out of the several I can point to, one that I have extensive personal experience with is Robert Alan's "No Money Down" mentoring program (at least, that's what it was called back when I went through their 'stringent' interview process; now, I believe it's called "The One Minute Millionaire.") Theirs was almost identical to the interview posted above, both in content and underlying motive. There was a written questionnaire/interview followed by two phone interviews.

Here's how it works: by the time the prospect is filling out the initial qualifying interview, he is already partly sold on the concept.

The company has planned this out very carefully and deliberately. They know that everyone filling out the form has already whetted their appetites on the company's website, which lists testimonial after testimonial of affiliates who say they became wealthy using the program. *These people look pretty normal*, he thinks to himself. *I don't see why that couldn't be me*. The prospect has begun to salivate: Mission One accomplished.

The problem the company now faces? – the prospect does not yet know about outrageous price tag, which they realize no rational human being in their right mind would ever pay. *'Right mind'* are the important words to focus on here.

To solve this dilemma, Mission Two's purpose becomes to gradually move the prospect away from rational, objective thought and toward a mental state that facilitates a situation where the prospect is *practically begging* you to let him pay the \$10,000 fee, and when you eventually oblige him, he feels as though he just got the deal of a lifetime. This may sound like an impossible task, but it's Salesmanship101 and fairly simple to achieve, and it is where the 'interview process' comes into play.

The Interview Process Accomplishes Two Important Things:

1.) It provides the company with the appearance of legitimacy. If this was a scam,

they wouldn't be so careful about who they let in, would they? It is used to build up that all-too-important credibility factor, which, due to the program's exorbitant cost, will be vital in closing the prospect.

2.) It utilizes reverse-psychology (and to great effect) to manipulate the situation to the point where the prospect begins selling himself to the company – as if it is an actual interview, and he is speaking to the manager of a Fortune 500 company! You would be amazed at how quickly they can move a seemingly intelligent person into this frame of mind. In fact, it has very little to do with intelligence and everything to do with the prevailing thoughts running through the prospect's subconscious at this time.

Their questions are geared toward making the prospect want to convince the company how hard-working and dedicated he is:

Quote:

Are you a positive, enthusiastic person and are you able to maintain "Positive Expectancy" for the long run and amidst all circumstances?

"Winners never quit" - can you be consistent and persistent for an extended period of time – however long it takes to accomplish what it is you want to accomplish (question #5)?

"Quitters never win" - do you understand that should you quit you will lose your money, time, and any contacts you may have introduced to your business?.

Once he has completed the written portion, he is invited to speak with a representative. *Whew!* he thinks to himself. *That was pretty thorough, but I made it to the next step.*

The phone interviewer asks questions similar in nature to those found on the questionnaire. They are targeted at the prospect's sense of self-worth, and ever-hinting at the company's "strict selectiveness" in choosing those it will accept.

In addition, the rep makes intermittent comments that seem to suggest he is constantly on the verge of turning the prospect down. "I don't know, John -- we only want the most serious and motivated people to join us, and it sounds like you might not be right for this..." which elicits from the prospect a gut response: *Wait! No, I've got what it takes. I'm dead serious about this and am willing to go the distance!*

He does this without thinking; he almost can't help it. Human beings possess a strong emotional desire to appear valuable and capable in the eyes of others. Our gut reaction is to defend ourselves and our abilities, which is precisely the purpose behind the company's 'cautious' approach. Consequently, the interviewee does his best to prove himself, touting his work ethic, dedication, etc... shifting even deeper into a defensive state of mind, and unconsciously elevating the company's prestige (as he perceives it) in the process.

The company rep has now effectively done his job; he no longer has to try to sell the prospect on the program; the prospect is now trying to sell *him* on his own worthiness to become a member. The interviewer will push the prospect as far on the defensive as he possibly can, and, once he has reached the ideal point – once the tables have turned a complete 180-degrees – he closes the deal.

The prospect hangs up the phone, both exhilarated and relieved that he made it through the phone interview, and that the company has agreed to take his \$10,000 payment and given him the chance to reap the vast riches that surely await him.

These are nothing more than slight-of-hand parlor tricks. Salesmen and con artists alike have used reverse psychology for hundreds of years and will continue to use it as long as the human psyche possesses the capacity to be taken.

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 05:33 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Soapboxdad,-

The Attorney General office knows who I am as well as Soapboxmom and support our efforts. They have told me and Soapboxmom that they view this website. So I am not too worried about it.

When I filed my complaint with the AG, I had a lady investigator call me to question me over the phone. She thanked me for my information and said to keep up the good work.. She also said that if any more reps were willing to come forward that it would help speed things along in their office.

And other reps have in fact done so..

Another funny thing. She talked as if she already knew all about Advantage Conferences.

Tim, sent out a e-mail 6 or 7 months ago about his law suit with the BBB and how he is well represented. I hope your lawyers have a good track record going against the Attorney General...

Maybe you should try to obtain the same lawyers as the guys from Bioperformance.

Even the Bioperformances lawyers could not stop the owners from digging their own grave and taking the stand this week. Against the Attorney General.

What complete retards they were..

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The fact that you stayed up until 3:am posting all that crap actually makes my day. Are you not sleeping well at night? Does posting this stuff make you feel better about what you are doing?

It's just me.. But, I don't really feel like you are changing anyones minds regarding this. Do you feel like you are winning? I think its only making you and AC look worse.

Howcome Poweroldglory has not signed back on to accept my challenge. He has left you all alone to fight the battle alone. So sad. Wheres the brotherhood at?

It was interesting to see what you came up with in regards to the questions asked during the interview. Those questions are very carefully scripted to build false hope, and feel the prospect out.

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Wishyouknew

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Well keep laughing, Like Dirk and the Mavs.. I will have the last laugh..

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I am very proud to be an independent representative of Advantage Conferences. I am also thrilled that it is Christ-centered. I have seen first hand the charitable work the company and reps have done with the Day of Service. I will go with my experience and the experiences of hundreds of others vs. your opinion.

I have called out specific lies on several posts, but everyone keeps requesting that I detail where they are lying.

Here are some of WishYouKnew's lies--

Lies that have been posted:

"CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION IS THE HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE"

I am sorry this took me another day as there were too many to go through. This surely was not all inclusive of the lies. These will not go challenged on this thread.

WishYouKnew posted on 1-17-06:

Most of the payout goes to the upline, rather than to the person selling products, creating excessive incentive to recruit and inadequate incentive to sell products (except to new recruits) – and an extreme concentration of income at the top of a hierarchy (pyramid) of participants. Yes

This is simply not true and in fact, a conference sales produces one commission and it is not fragmented to dozens of reps upline as is the case in most MLM.

And this is from a person who states they were involved with Advantage Conferences. I guess he missed the calls that discussed the comp. plan that is actually one of the fairest in the industry. One sale, one commission so a person who joins next year can make more money than a person who was involved last year. It is based on their personal performance, first and foremost and there is a smaller team bonus. Extreme concentration? A boldface lie #1 The person posting this had his site removed for making such statements.

This is only based on your downline. Not SELLING A PRODUCT..
The \$7,000 call is very high pressure..

This lie is laughable and has been addressed on several posts including the value of the MMC, ongoing mentoring, as well as the fac that there is no pressure at all.

Posted on 5-30 2.) How come Tim has told many to do "what ever it takes to come up with the \$10,000, barrow the money, refinance your home, etc....,"?

That in fact is not what Tim shares or would share. If people are led to Advantage Conferences, they can be resourceful as I was, BUT a representative can get started for \$59.95. You stated lies regarding a rep that I know in CA stating that

she was told to mortgage her home. That adds to the lack of credibility here. There is no product purchase required to become involved with Advantage Conferences. Not only that, the candidate has to answer all kinds of direct questions stating that there is no guarantee of income and that this is not a get rich quick scheme. You know better as, if you were truly a rep (which I believe you were) you had to go through your President's Interview as well. I have NEVER seen on online company go to these links to ensure that there is a good fit. Is the system perfect? No, as was the case with you and I am sure others. The fact is out of several hundred reps now, there will always be people who had unrealistic expectations or did not understand the product or the business before getting involved. We recommend that everyone take the time to understand and even pray over their business decisions. Once again, I know by sharing that, all the folks that believe their business and their faith should be separate will chime in. I respect your rights there, but that is not how I and others believe we are to operate.

Tim, you better practice not dropping the soap!

Another damaging remark and lie that is noted that implies prison.

This is in response to WishYouKnew's lie that he was pressured to join AC posted on 6-1-06

That fact that you state that you were pressured really makes me question if you were ever a representative. There is no pressure whatsoever and ultimately it is your business.

How come Tim Darnell--aka Poweroldglory has not posted in a while..? I wonder how much he paid to have the old thread removed.

I know who Poweroldglory is and it is surely not Tim Darnell although you keep lying that it is.

I know the Truth and the there is NO truth in Advantage Conferences!!!

Another whopper.

I do however take personal responsibility for my own stupid actions of ever getting involved with something that is ILLIGAL!

It is not illegal and it is great that you take responsibility for your own actions. That is progress.

The funny thing is .. Tim, I go to the sister church that you go to and only live 20 mins away from you..

There is no sister church for Cottonwood--is this another lie?

I have also seen how it has damaged lives for the worst. What about the lady who's home got foreclosed because Tim talked her into refinancing her home and doing whatever possible to come up with the money because he would promised she would make her money back and of course she did not make anything and Tim just called her a mental patient and

banned her from participating with out refunding her a dime!

I would watch your back Timmyboy!

Another lie that was already addressed and this person did not refinance her home, nor did she ever attend the conference.

I know the type of vocabulary Tim uses and the style in which he speaks in. I know Tim Darnell is PoweroldGlory.

I have no doubt that you are screwing others to the tune of that much money. I choose to make mine the honest way.

Two more lies.

ADVANTAGE CONFERENCES IS BEING TARGETED BEAUSE THEY ARE OPERATING A ILLIGAL PYRIMID SCAM AND DOING SO VERY UNETHICALLY!

Another lie.

Wishyouknew

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Thats not fair that Tim, has given refunds to some, but, not others. Not a very Christian thing to do.

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I would love it if some of the former reps traveled to Allen,Tx and confronted Tim in person in front of his Christian Peers in his Sunday school class.

It's too bad that these people are too scared to speak out because of Tim's threats to sue them..

SoapBoxDad

06-03-2006 08:42 AM

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WishYouKnew, I appreciate you adding one more lie to your list so to the readers out there, please amend the list. There were a total of two refund requests from the conference and both individuals went with the full intention of getting their money back. They also received refunds and the policy was changed to prevent this abuse. I already answered in one of your earlier posts as well. Have a great weekend.

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The fact that several of your candidates have been turned down does not automatically legitimize the interview. I wrote the above post after noticing numerous striking similarities in the interview used by AC, (coupled with the structure and marketing presentation of their site), to the interviews of other companies I have come across over the years selling

criminally-overpriced mentoring programs. Many questions are repeated almost verbatim. Except, of course, for the ones involving Christianity -- but you already know my feelings on that subject...

The similarities are much too obvious for me to ignore.

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 08:46 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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I hope so, That would be the christian thing to do!

But, whatever, you are pointless.. You just accuse everyone of lieing..

I can sleep fine at night.. But, it does not seem like you can..
Goodnight!

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

WishYouKnew, I appreciate you adding one more lie to your list so to the readers out there, please amend the list. There were a total of two refund requests from the conference and both individuals went with the full intention of getting their money back. They also received refunds and the policy was changed to prevent this abuse. I already answered in one of your earlier posts as well. Have a great weekend.

SoapBoxDad

06-03-2006 08:56 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

WishYouKnew, actually that is not the case as I know these two individuals and there were no other requests.

I am asked to share where you lied, I do so with a very long list, and you state that is pointless. Is standing for truth pointless? Nice try.

So, have you determined if you will be lying when they ask you if you post to scam.com and what your user name is?

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Soapboxmom

06-03-2006 08:59 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

Here are some of WishYouKnew's lies--

Lies that have been posted:

WishYouKnew posted on 1-17-06:

Most of the payout goes to the upline, rather than to the person selling products, creating excessive incentive to recruit and inadequate incentive to sell products (except to new recruits) – and an extreme concentration of income at the top of a hierarchy (pyramid) of participants. Yes

This is simply not true and in fact, a conference sales produces one commission and it is not fragmented to dozens of reps upline as is the case in most MLM.

And this is from a person who states they were involved with Advantage Conferences. I guess he missed the calls that discussed the comp. plan that is actually one of the fairest in the industry. One sale, one commission so a person who joins next year can make more money than a person who was involved last year. It is based on their personal performance, first and foremost and there is a smaller team bonus. Extreme concentration? A boldface lie #1 The person posting this had his site removed for making such statements.

Gee, Big Daddy, One's first 2 sales of 10 grand go to your upline. The next 2 cover the conference one has paid for and maybe one's advertising and other expenses related to business and conference attendance. So, the poor rep isn't in profit until the 4th of 5th sale. Is this grade school math too challenging for you?

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

This is only based on your downline. Not SELLING A PRODUCT..

The \$7,000 call is very high pressure..

This lie is laughable and has been addressed on several posts including the value of the MMC, ongoing mentoring, as well as the fac that there is no pressure at all.

If you are not pressuring your downline to buy the 10 grand conference then you are in a small minority, Pops. All of Jack's press releases over the past year kept bragging about the tens or hundreds of thousands he has made and we hear a constant refrain of "Make \$7000 over and over" That can only happen if all the recruits sign-up at the 10 grand level as logic dictates.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

Posted on 5-30 2.) How come Tim has told many to do "what ever it takes to come up with the \$10,000, borrow the money, refinance your home, etc....,"?

That in fact is not what Tim shares or would share. If people are led to Advantage Conferences, they can be resourceful as I was, BUT a representative can get started for \$59.95. You stated lies regarding a rep that I know in CA stating that she was told to mortgage her home. That adds to the lack of credibility here. There is no product purchase required to become involved with Advantage Conferences. Not only that, the candidate has to answer all kinds of direct questions stating that there is no guarantee of income and that this is not a get rich quick scheme. You know better as, if you were truly a rep (which I believe you were) you had to go through your President's Interview as well. I have NEVER seen an online company go to these links to ensure that there is a good fit. Is the system perfect? No, as was the case with you and I am sure others. The fact is out of several hundred reps now, there will always be people who had unrealistic expectations or did not understand the product or the business before getting involved. We recommend that everyone take the time to understand and even pray over their business decisions. Once again, I know by sharing that, all the folks that believe their business and their faith should be separate will chime in. I respect your rights there, but that is not how I and others believe we are to operate.]

Bunk! There are reps in financial peril and all the websites and press releases brag endlessly about the tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands in earnings. Most of your reps signed-up when the sheet asked one to check whether they wanted to make 100 grand, 250 grand, 500 grand, or a cool million. It has always been about twisting religion to make it look like these riches were attainable and that God willed you to prosper. You scammers just never mentioned that only Timmy boy and Jack would be filthy rich. No one is looking out for the reps out 10 grand+.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

This is in response to WishYouKnew's lie that he was pressured to join AC posted on 6-1-06

That fact that you state that you were pressured really makes me question if you were ever a representative. There is no pressure whatsoever and ultimately it is your business.]

10 grand is plenty of incentive to pressure and manipulate folks into signing up.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

How come Tim Darnell--aka Poweroldglory has not posted in a while..? I wonder how much he paid to have the old thread removed.

I know who Poweroldglory is and it is surely not Tim Darnell although you keep lying that it is.]

We have been doing this long enough to sniff out a big goon when they jump in a thread.

This Poweroldglory has a vested interest in this deal and reeks of desperation.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

ADVANTAGE CONFERENCES IS BEING TARGETED BEAUSE THEY ARE OPERATING A ILLIGAL PYRIMID SCAM AND DOING SO VERY UNETHICALLY!

Another lie.

Time will tell on that one as far as the legality goes. It is one of the most egregiously unethical scams I have ever run across!

Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad

06-03-2006 03:31 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

SoapBoxMom, nice try. What did WishYouKnew private message you? Ah, SoapBoxMom, I really need some help here. There is a long list of lies that I have posted and I really don't know what to do, please help me divert attention using some of your tired arguments that have little basis in truth--if two of us are lying, it will give the appearance of truth, ah won't it?

SoapBoxMom, the sad part is, you are encouraging someone like Wish to continue this and they are the ones that become accountable and then you are off to another thread.

renloyx

06-03-2006 03:53 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

Ah, SoapBoxMom, I really need some help here. There is a long list of lies that I have posted

That long list is complete bullcrap. The only liar here is you.

SoapBoxDad

06-03-2006 04:40 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Renloyx, success leave clues and.....

Anyone can click on Renloyx's name to see his added value here and you can make up your own mind on his integrity. The great thing about this board is the fact that you leave your past posting history for all to see.

Now, is the time that Renloyx will tell me to "die in lava" (his words) which is a very nice sentiment.

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 05:06 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Does Tim plan to give the others refunds who attend the next conferences?

I am sure Tim will, he is a man of God.

It makes sense why Tim would only have one conference in this next year.. If you can't attend then, no refund.
Less money for him to spend.

I personally don't see how posting on scam.com would be relevant in court in regards to the legality of Advantage Conferences.. Scam.com will not be the issue as why Tim will be in court.

I think Tim's lawyers will be busy with other issues important in the case.

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-03-2006 05:15 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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He has more credibility than you. And the fact that a slime like you is slandering him has just increased his credibility in my book.

Renloyx

"die in lava" I LOVE that one by the way too funny!

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 05:16 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

This is from the Federal Trade Commissions site-

Multilevel Marketing Plans

Produced in cooperation with the North American Securities Administrators Association

Multilevel marketing plans, also known as "network" or "matrix" marketing, are a way of selling goods or services through distributors. These plans typically promise that if you sign up as a distributor, you will receive commissions -- for both your sales of the plan's goods or services and those of other people you recruit to join the distributors. Multilevel marketing plans usually promise to pay commissions through two or more levels of recruits, known as the distributor's "downline."

If a plan offers to pay commissions for recruiting new distributors, watch out! Most states outlaw this practice, which is known as "pyramiding." State laws against pyramiding say that a multilevel marketing plan should only pay commissions for retail sales of goods or services, not for recruiting new distributors. Why is pyramiding prohibited? Because plans that pay commissions for recruiting new distributors inevitably collapse when no new distributors can be recruited. And when a plan collapses, most people -- except perhaps those at the very top of the pyramid -- lose their money.

The Federal Trade Commission cannot tell you whether a particular multilevel marketing plan is legal. Nor can it give you advice about whether to join such a plan. You must make that decision yourself. However, the FTC suggests that you use common sense, and consider these seven tips when you make your decision:

Avoid any plan that includes commissions for recruiting additional distributors. It may be an illegal pyramid.

Beware of plans that ask new distributors to purchase **expensive** inventory. These plans can collapse quickly -- and also may be thinly-disguised pyramids.

Be cautious of plans that claim you will make money through continued growth of your "downline" -- the commissions on sales made by new distributors you recruit -- rather than through sales of products you make yourself.

Beware of plans that claim to sell **miracle products** or promise enormous earnings. Just because a promoter of a plan makes a claim doesn't mean it's true! Ask the promoter of the plan to substantiate claims with hard evidence.

Beware of shills -- "decoy" references paid by a plan's promoter to describe their fictional success in earning money through the plan.

Don't pay or sign any contracts in an "opportunity meeting" or any other high-pressure situation. Insist on taking your time to think over a decision to join. Talk it over with your spouse, a knowledgeable friend, an accountant or lawyer.

Do your homework! Check with your local **Better Business Bureau** and state Attorney General about any plan you're considering -- especially when the claims about the product or your potential earnings seem too good to be true.

For More Information

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them. To file a complaint or to get free information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

spanky

06-03-2006 07:33 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **yossarian**
SoapBoxDad:

AC's interview is by no means even remotely "unique to the industry." You have made this claim in many of your posts, and it is time to refute it.

This is standard operating procedure for this type of company. Out of the several I can point to, one that I have extensive personal experience with is Robert Alan's "No Money Down" mentoring program (at least, that's what it was called back when I went through their 'stringent' interview process; now, I believe it's called "The One Minute Millionaire.") Theirs was almost identical to the interview posted above, both in content and underlying motive. There was a written questionnaire/interview followed by two phone interviews.

Here's how it works: by the time the prospect is filling out the initial qualifying interview, he is already partly sold on the concept.

The company has planned this out very carefully and deliberately. They know that everyone filling out the form has already whetted their appetites on the company's website, which lists testimonial after testimonial of affiliates who say they became wealthy using the program. These people look pretty normal, he thinks to himself. I don't see why that couldn't be me. The prospect has begun to salivate: Mission One accomplished.

The problem the company now faces? – the prospect does not yet know about outrageous price tag, which they realize no rational human being in their right mind would ever pay. 'Right mind' are the important words to focus on here.

To solve this dilemma, Mission Two's purpose becomes to gradually move the prospect away from rational, objective thought and toward a mental state that facilitates a situation where the prospect is practically begging you to let him pay the \$10,000 fee, and when you eventually oblige him, he feels as though he just got the deal of a lifetime. This may sound like an impossible task, but it's Salesmanship101 and fairly simple to achieve, and it is where the 'interview process' comes into play.

The Interview Process Accomplishes Two Important Things:

1.) It provides the company with the appearance of legitimacy. If this was a scam, they wouldn't be so careful about who they let in, would they? It is used to build up that all-too-important credibility factor, which, due to the program's exorbitant cost, will be vital in closing the prospect.

2.) It utilizes reverse-psychology (and to great effect) to manipulate the situation to the point where the prospect begins selling himself to the company – as if it is an actual interview, and he is speaking to the manager of a Fortune 500 company! You would be amazed at how quickly they can move a seemingly intelligent person into this frame of mind. In fact, it has very little to do with intelligence and everything to do with the prevailing thoughts running through the prospect's subconscious at this time.

Their questions are geared toward making the prospect want to convince the company how hard-working and dedicated he is:

Once he has completed the written portion, he is invited to speak with a representative. Whew! he thinks to himself. That was pretty thorough, but I made it to the next step.

The phone interviewer asks questions similar in nature to those found on the questionnaire. They are targeted at the prospect's sense of self-worth, and ever-hinting at the company's "strict selectiveness" in choosing those it will accept.

In addition, the rep makes intermittent comments that seem to suggest he is constantly on the verge of turning the prospect down. "I don't know, John -- we only want the most serious and motivated people to join us, and it sounds like you might not be right for this..." which elicits from the prospect a gut response: Wait! No, I've got what it takes. I'm dead serious about this and am willing to go the distance!

He does this without thinking; he almost can't help it. Human beings possess a strong emotional desire to appear valuable and capable in the eyes of others. Our gut reaction is to defend ourselves and our abilities, which is precisely the purpose behind the company's 'cautious' approach. Consequently, the interviewee does his best to prove himself, touting his work ethic, dedication, etc... shifting even deeper into a defensive state of mind, and unconsciously elevating the company's prestige (as he perceives it) in the process.

The company rep has now effectively done his job; he no longer has to try to sell the prospect on the program; the prospect is now trying to sell him on his own worthiness to become a member. The interviewer will push the prospect as far on the defensive as he possibly can, and, once he has reached the ideal point – once the tables have turned a complete 180-degrees – he closes the deal.

The prospect hangs up the phone, both exhilarated and relieved that he made it through the phone interview, and that the company has agreed to take his \$10,000 payment and given him the chance to reap the vast riches that surely await him.

These are nothing more than slight-of-hand parlor tricks. Salesmen and con artists alike have used reverse psychology for hundreds of years and will continue to use it as long as the human psyche possesses the capacity to be taken.

Yoss thank you sooo much!!!. i completely agree theres no question that Advantage Conference uses these tactics on there prospects in the interview. Soapboxdad says its not... Hes using reverse psychology right there!!...lol...it is my hope that an innocent person reads your post before making an informed decision about joining.... thank you again!!! :-)

openQuestion

06-03-2006 07:47 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

SoapBoxMom, leave it to you to twist the truth and make something that is unique in the industry to prevent all the abuses out there, and make it bad. I guess I should expect that. I know OpenQuestion thinks this is a tactic, but even he will admit this is a pretty straightforward interview if my instincts are correct. Candidates can make up their own minds. Yes SoapBoxMom, you would not be approved unless you lied--which you are stellar at.

Once correction: I QUESTION whether or not this is a tactic, as it has the potential to be used as such. I cannot KNOW one way or the other. Anyone could make someone take such an interview, completely ignore their responses, and just grab their money. So I guess what I'm saying is that the interview itself is neither good nor bad. It's the interviewee who will make the difference. However, as I've said before and several folks have said above, this is a classic tactic of reverse psychology that has been used many times to move people.

openQuestion

06-03-2006 07:50 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **SoapBoxDad**

BigFranky, integrity coming from you? I encourage everyone to click on your name to decide for themselves on your integrity, or lack thereof.

What the heck does it say in franky's profile that would make you call out his integrity, I wonder? That's one heck of a supposition. He has been as fair as anyone I've read around here.

Soapboxmom

06-03-2006 08:10 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

What is the Quickest Way to Make \$7,000?

The amazing Reverse Margin™ Business Model and compensation plan is second to none when it comes to creating large and relatively prompt profits! Instead of trying to establish an organization of hundreds and thousands of people necessary for profits in a "multi-level marketing" pay plan, Reverse Margin™ enables you to deal with a handful of clients to **realize a healthy six and even seven digit return within one or two years!**

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Quote:

After the Candidate has listened to the informational \$7,000.00 Call and the two of you have conversed, and IF YOU ARE CONVINCED THAT YOUR CANDIDATE IS QUALIFIED, you will e-mail your candidate the President's Interview document, which they will answer and, upon completion, fax back to the Advantage Conferences Home Office for approval by AC President, Tim Darnell.

If you will follow these steps exactly, **AND PERSISTENTLY** implement the simple methods that we teach (we have left out the description of a few key components in this E-Package so as to not give away proprietary Company information to non-Reps), you will find that you **WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR ENTERPRISE!**

The marketing methods we teach work amazingly well, but consistency and full trust in the System is the key. You don't "try" a few things and **sit back and rake in money**. No, you must implement what we teach you on an ongoing basis, have patience, and **not quit** until you've realized the goals you've envisioned. This Simple 3 Step System has been proven to work.

Although it is inappropriate to expose specific "how to's" at this point, you should now begin to have a sense of how **you will create \$7,000.00 Over & Over & Over Again!**

MMC-IV Pro Rep, Jack Weinzierl receives the Service Award

Jack's month of July 2005 earnings - \$94,500.00+

What to Expect

Keep saying we are not money grubbing slime.....we are not money grubbing slime.....we are not money grubbing slime.....we are not money grubbing slime.....Come on Big Daddy we can't hear you!

Soapboxmom

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06-03-2006 08:47 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Our primary mission is two-fold:

A. Deliver substantive, highly valuable, effective product TO THE WORLD!

B. **Provide significant, life-changing incomes for our elite Pro Reps**

"If you want to be a Millionaire, you must first learn to think like a Millionaire!"

- Your income is a direct result of the way you think. Millionaires understand the importance of changing their thinking to the level of income they desire in terms of monthly profits. If you have been thinking in terms of thousands of dollars in monthly income, then **your next step is to begin thinking, and seeing your life in terms of Tens of Thousands of Dollars in monthly income.**

- If you are already creating tens of thousands a month in income, **then you should begin thinking in terms of and creating Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars in monthly income.**
- Successful entrepreneurs understand the validity and reward of placing a capital commitment into a business that is realistically **LIKELY** to return a multiple of that amount in a reasonable period of time. Start-up capital is the initial breath of life necessary for any business that exists. Putting money into your business is a true investment in **YOURSELF** and not a concept to be feared.

- Whether you've started with \$1.00, or \$100,000, your successful enterprise will eventually recoup that initial capital, paving the way for ongoing profits. **And in the case**

of Reverse Margin™, the ability to become profitable is more realistic than any other mechanism available.

The "Reverse Margin", little Timmy boy's amazing coined phrase for the payout for the Treasure's for the (Timmy's) Kingdom Conferences is the best way for you to profit. So, if you want hundreds of thousands in monthly income you need to invest in Timmy's conferences and we all know the money is supposed to roll in endlessly in \$7000 over and over and over and over.....The problem is though that Timmy, Wacko Jacko and only a small handful more are making money. We can see with some grade school math that the majority are losing 10 grand plus enormous business and conference attendance expenses.

Keep the mantra going-----we are not money grubbing slime.....we are not money grubbing slime.....we are not money grubbing slime.....

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 09:18 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Thats a great Idea.. We ought to get the Attention of the Dallas Morning News and Channel 8 to do some investigation into this. Maybe with alittle press, the AG will act..

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Soapboxmom**

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Soapboxmom

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06-03-2006 09:20 PM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Content of the MMC is specifically and unapologetically powerful information about the

process of YOUR becoming a Millionaire in your own right - creating life-changing income. The subject matter is appropriate only for someone serious about earning a SIX or SEVEN DIGIT INCOME in the next 18 months or less. The format is personalized in that interactive dialogue between our accomplished Millionaire guests and attendees is encouraged. One of the most often reported benefits is the greatly enhanced belief on the part of the Attendee that they will one day become one of our MMC speakers, as a new, real-life millionaire!

Keep brainwashing those recruits. Now, they are suggesting that you will be such a successful rep that you will easily make that million \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ and qualify yourself to speak at his bogus conference. "Reverse Margin" Tim's payout program is supposed to do it for you. Too bad it is only doing it for Timmy boy and Wacko Jacko. Do you really want to line the pockets of goons like that who are bilking thousands out of thousands desperate recruits. It is mathematically impossible to achieve the results they claim. The math leaves almost all the recruits out all their money!

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 09:25 PM

Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Religion?

Is Advantage Conferences using religion to gain the trust of people to participate in a Illegal Pyramid scheme?

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 09:32 PM

Re: Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Religion?

Lets see what the masses think..

Wishyouknew

06-03-2006 09:49 PM

Re: Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Religion?

I wish scam.com had a spell check. I get to typing to fast and thinking to fast in my head and don't pay attention to my spelling/typing..

Soapboxmom

06-03-2006 10:39 PM

Re: Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Religion?

Wishyouknew,

I will leave the legality up to the authorities, but it is clearly a recruiting scheme /scam. Using religion to sucker recruits out of 10 grand when grade school math clearly demonstrates that the vast majority of recruits will lose all their money is totally unethical. Religion and business should not be commingled. These goons have so grossly overstated the earnings and misrepresented themselves and the opportunity I should think legal action by the authorities and disgruntled reps should be happening as we type.

spanky

06-04-2006 02:56 AM

Re: Advantage Conferences, is it Legal and ethical in its use of Religion?

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Wishyouknew**
Lets see what the masses think..

Wishyouknew... i want to thank you for bringing a poll into Advantage onference so we can see what the vast majority thinks. IN my opinion and based on the facts that were given i think this is a clear pyramid scheme where more individuals will lose their money than make money. Pyramid schemes have a unstability about them where more individuals will fail than make money....As basic math shows... the use of religion is absolutely horrible as everyones religion is different and needs to be respected.....im sure there will be atleast one vote that says its legal... and that would be from soapboxdad.... and then im also sure that there will be others that will say that this is legal (All the A.C. reps) who are growing desperate for "sales"..... my goal is to warn innocent people who might get caught up in the hype that the A.C. reps are feeding them and warn them of the concerns that i/we have about this pyramid scheme.....\$10k is a lot for a person to invest... especially in an unsustainable pyramid scheme like Advantage conference.....Again Wishyouknew..... Thank you for starting a poll!!

Spanky :)

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-04-2006 03:01 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Soapboxmom**
<http://www.7khomebusiness.net/reversemargin.htm>

"Reverse Margins" OOOOOOOOOOOOOOooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!

Soapboxmom

This might be the best example of a psychotic disconnect in their promotional dog and pony show.

Let's start by presenting this simple fact.

Any job offer that claims to compensate you in '**Commissions**' is automatically a **sales job**.

Sales departments, regardless of what they sell must provide prospects with two important pieces of information.

ONE:

WHAT IS THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE?

TWO:

The employer is always expected to provide documented proof of potential earnings if any part of your compensation is based on sales. This can be done very simply by providing statistical information of real earnings in a memo, with the Company's letterhead and bonfides including a signature of a company office.

I have been in sales and "real companies" selling "real products" will routinely provide this information.

A.C can't get EVEN EXPLAIN NUMBER ONE IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE.....WHY?

BTW

This is not my idea this is a professional standard that all sales organizations are held to.
PSB

Soapboxmom

06-04-2006 04:17 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

<http://www.7khomebusiness.net/powerful.htm>

Folks,

Please get your beer, pretzels, popcorn and milkshakes prepared. We have another movie for this evening. We can listen to that Timmy boy stumble all over the place trying to explain the powerful compensation plan.

Quote:

Forced Matrix...legal....100% money back guaranteeMake \$7000 over and over....

Tim says if you attend the conference and aren't satisfied that you can demand a refund and he will write you a check on the spot. He claims no one has requested one. Reps don't be afraid to go forth and demand your refunds.

Soapboxmom

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