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"That consumers are showing a trend to 'switch off' does not mean that marketing on social networks is no longer important. Instead of keeping consumers online, marketing should offer people alternative ways to connect with the real world."

- Terra Xu, Senior Research Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Switching off?
- From purely social to knowledge and information sharing
- Live streaming campaigns: interaction and information are key

Compared with last year, there are fewer heavy users of leading social networks across tier one, two and three cities, and consumers are doing fewer types of activities on social networks. While consumers may be 'switching off', social networks are still becoming important information channels.

Over half of respondents claim to have watched a live streamed show in the last six months. Variety shows/live shows as well as lifestyle-related shows show growth potential. The biggest motivations for watching live streamed shows are to relax or to learn new knowledge and skills.

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