



Globalization of Markets

- "A powerful force drives the world toward a converging commonality, and that force is technology" (Levitt, 1983)
- "Converging commonality" may not have happened universally
- Consumer product tastes converge < industrial product specifications

Market Segmentation The process of identifying distinct groups of consumers Demography, geography, social-cultural factors, psychological factors Marketing mix variables: 4 P's

Offer the same products (standardization) - marginally adapt the balance of the marketing mix - inter-market segments -- allow companies to offer standardized products Adapt their products (adaptation) - adapt the balance of the product mix



International Marketing Mix Place

- Optimal channel a company chooses to deliver the product
- Most locally responsive element of marketing mix
 - retail system: concentrated vs, fragmented
 - channel length: long vs. short
 - Channel exclusivity: Japan

International Marketing Mix

Promotion

- How firm communicates the product attributes / benefits to customers
- Determinants of push/pull strategies
 - Product type: industrial or consumer
 - Channel length: short vs. long
 - Media availability: limited vs. sufficient

• Barriers to international communication

- Cultural barriers (cross-cultural literacy), Chev NOVA
- Source effects (country of origin effects: wine, cuisine)
- Noise levels
- Standardized promotion (e.g., Global ads):
 - Pros (economic adv, bigger impact, global brand)
 - Cons (cultural & country regulation differences)

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Pricing • Price discrimination: - demand elasticity (lower income levels & hi # of competitors) • Strategic pricing - predatory (quick share-of-market focus): • lower prices to drive competitors out, then raise prices - Multipoint pricing: • pricing in one market may have an impact in another market; subsidize low pricing in one market from profits in another - experience curve: • use aggressive pricing to build volume and move firm down experience curve (lower marginal costs) - Regulatory issues: antidumping, monopoly restriction

