## LinkedIn Seen as Most Important Social Network

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**The highest percentage of online consumers think having a LinkedIn account is important**, according to an April 2011 study from <u>ROI Research and Performics</u>. Data from "S-Net: A Study in Social Media Usage and Behavior" indicates 59% of online consumers rate having a LinkedIn account 4 or 5 on a five-point importance scale, compared to 53% giving this level of importance to having a Facebook account.

## Twitter and YouTube also beat Facebook.

Twitter (58%) and YouTube (55%) also had a higher percentage of online consumers ranking them as important.

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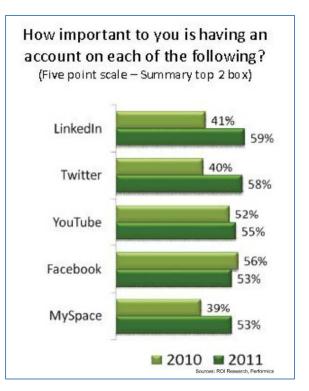
In 2010, only 41% of online consumers gave LinkedIn a four- or five-point importance rating, meaning. Twitter has grown from 40% to 58%.

## Meanwhile, the percentage of consumers rating Facebook as important dropped from 56% to 53%.

When it comes to engagement, Facebook is the unquestioned leader. 97% of online consumers visit Facebook at least weekly and 70% visit at least daily. These figures are close to double those of LinkedIn in terms of weekly visitation (50%) 3.5 times higher in terms of daily visitation (20%).

In 2010, 67% of online consumers visited LinkedIn at least weekly, a figure that dropped 25%. Daily visits dropped 10%, from 22% to 20%.

Facebook continued its momentum as it amassed millions of new users and people spent more time on the site during 2010, according to a February 2011 white paper from <u>comScore</u>. "The 2010 US Digital Year in Review" indicates that Facebook accounted for 10% of US page views in 2010, while three out of every 10 US Internet sessions



included a visit to the site.

## Law Firm Marketing Takeaways

- If you are a lawyer, you need to create a LinkedIn profile immediately. Stop reading this and do it now. 1,475,000 lawyers have a Linkedin Profile.
- Twitter is becoming surprisingly important. I recommend that lawyers hire somebody to manage their Tweets and use it to monitor what's being said about your law firm and its clients.
- It can't hurt to have a Facebook business page (note: people have *profiles*, businesses have *pages*.) People love to visit Facebook and if you offer useful information, you can make that visit important to them.

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