

# Optimizing Member Call Center Experience in the Wake of COVID-19

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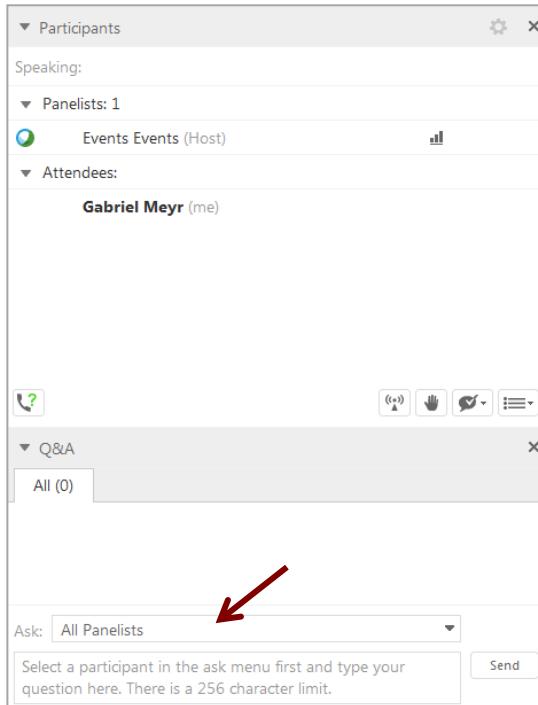
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# Call Center Trends



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# KEY TRENDS FROM NEUSTAR

## CONTACT CENTER TRENDS FROM THIS YEAR

- All industries have shifted 50-100% of staff to Work From Home models
  - Transition was difficult – lack of tools, initial absenteeism
  - Call duration has increased – customer isolation, extraneous dialogue
  - Productivity has since increased (shifted metric to first call resolution)
  - Tracking software being explored
  - Beginning to return some % to offices – inconsistent, rotational
  - Up to 50% WFH may be the long-term solution
- Call Volume Spikes are compounding Staffing challenges and increasing Call Wait Times
- In response Clients are accelerating investment and focus to expand self service options

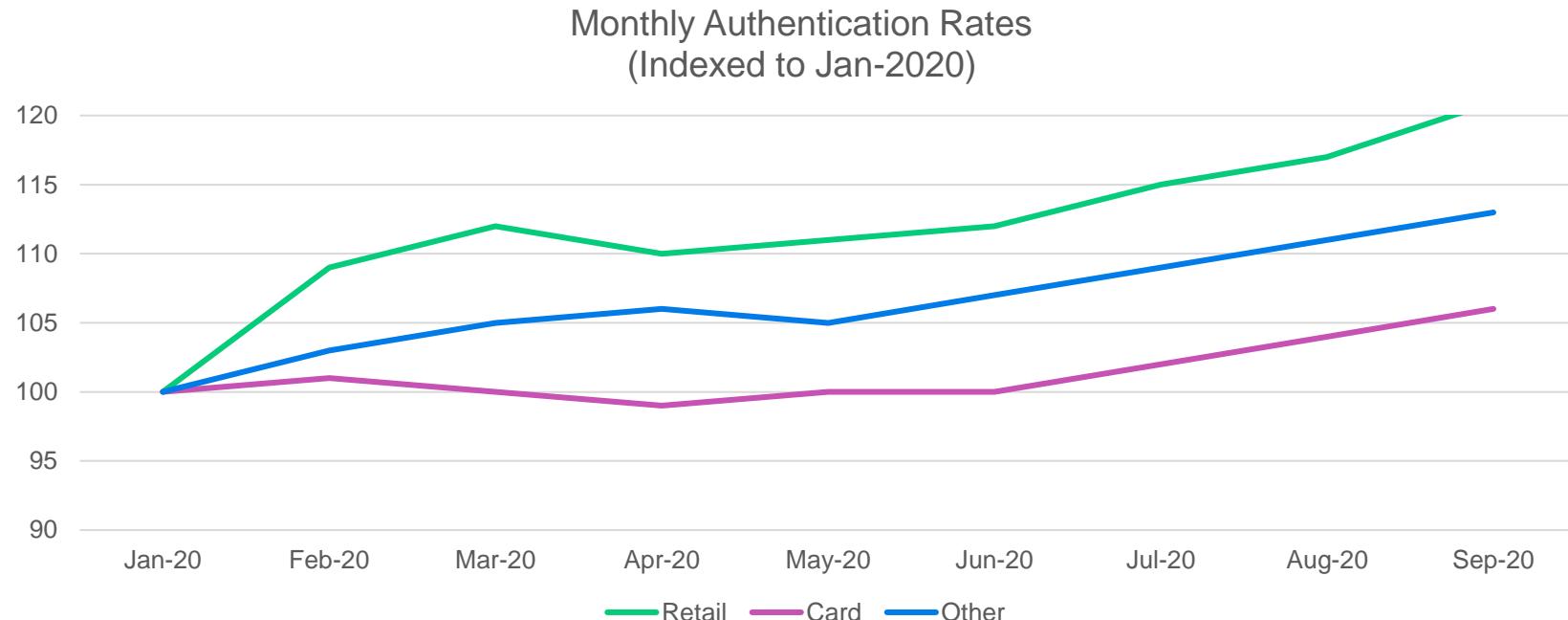
# KEY TRENDS FROM NEUSTAR

## HIGH CALL CENTER HOLD TIMES + AHT ARE GENERALLY UP



# KEY TRENDS FROM NEUSTAR

## PRE-ANSWER AUTHENTICATION RATES



# OPTIMIZING FOR THE “NEW NORMAL”



What percentage of callers can we identify in our CRM?

How accurately can we validate the caller to maximize the reduction in friction?

Realized cost reduction, improved CX, increased containment and better security

# BEST PRACTICES

## Pre-answer Authentication

- Implement a pre-answer authentication process to help agents know they've got a trustworthy caller on the line so they can get right to help and are less vulnerable to social engineering.

## Route Calls Effectively

- Ensure that less-experienced agents only speak with high-trust callers and route the riskier callers to the more experienced agent.

## Better Agent and Customer Experience

- Rely on technology to keep handle times down, to keep average call times down and to keep agents focused on, leveraging agent's helping gene instead of interrogating callers' identities.



# Fraud Trends



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# FRAUD TRENDS – FRAUD REPORTEDLY DOWN FOR BANKS



**BUT, FRAUD IS SURGING IN APPLICATION FRAUD ATTEMPTS**

- Up over 100% - in an attempt to pull stimulus funds out
- Aite stated that approximately \$1.9B of stimulus funds are going to dead people
- One lender reported that its identity verification and device identity tools usually stop between 1.5% and 1.8% of its applications; over the past 60 days, it has seen 5% of applications failing those checks



**THIS HAPPY STATE WON'T CONTINUE**

- Expect for account takeovers to rebound (and quickly)
- One large FI executive stated that his FI had previously forecast an 8% decrease in fraud in 2020 and has revised that projection to a 10% to 15% increase in fraud for the year, and he says most peer banks have done the same
- Bankers have recently seen a significant rise in COVID-19-related phishing attacks

# FRAUD TRENDS



## SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ONLINE AND MOBILE CHANNEL USAGE

- One FI stated that its digital channel usage increased by 250% in one week in March
- Perfect storm of “digital newbies” that are very susceptible to phishing attempts



## DISPUTES AT HIGH LEVELS, INCLUDING FIRST PARTY FRAUD

- Insisting they didn’t make a payment that they actually did
- First party fraud has been on the rise for years, but nothing like an economic hardship to make it raise quicker



## FRAUDSTERS DOUBLING DOWN

- Fraudsters were taking advantage of the influx of calls in a “smoke & mirrors” attempt
- Estimates that well over \$1B has ended up in fraudsters hands since COVID lockdowns began

## PRE-ANSWER AUTHENTICATION IS KEY



**COMPLIANCE**  
Harder to ensure compliance with fraud prevention steps



**CALL RISK**  
It's critical to assess caller risk before the call is answered



**AGENTS**  
Send less trusted calls to more trained/skilled agents

# Deliver Exceptional Customer Experience in Challenging Times



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# MOST AGE GROUPS PREFER PHONE COMMUNICATION

## Popularity of Business Contact Channels, by Age

Which channels are most popular with your age-profiled customers? (% of contact centers)

% of Centers Reporting Most Popular Contact Channels by Generation					
	Internet/ Web Chat	Social Media	Electronic Messaging (e.g. email, SMS)	Smartphone Application	Telephone
<b>Generation Y</b> (born 1981-1999)	<b>24%</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)	<b>24%</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)	<b>21%</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)	<b>19%</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>12%</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> choice)
<b>Generation X</b> (born 1961-1980)	<b>21%</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)	<b>12%</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>28%</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)	<b>11%</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>29%</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)
<b>Baby Boomers</b> (born 1945-1960)	<b>7%</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)	<b>2%</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>24%</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)	<b>3%</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>64%</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)
<b>Silent Generation</b> (born before 1944)	<b>2%</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> choice)	<b>1%</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>6%</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)	<b>1%</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> choice)	<b>90%</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice)

%  
Household  
Wealth

4%

14%

50%

33%

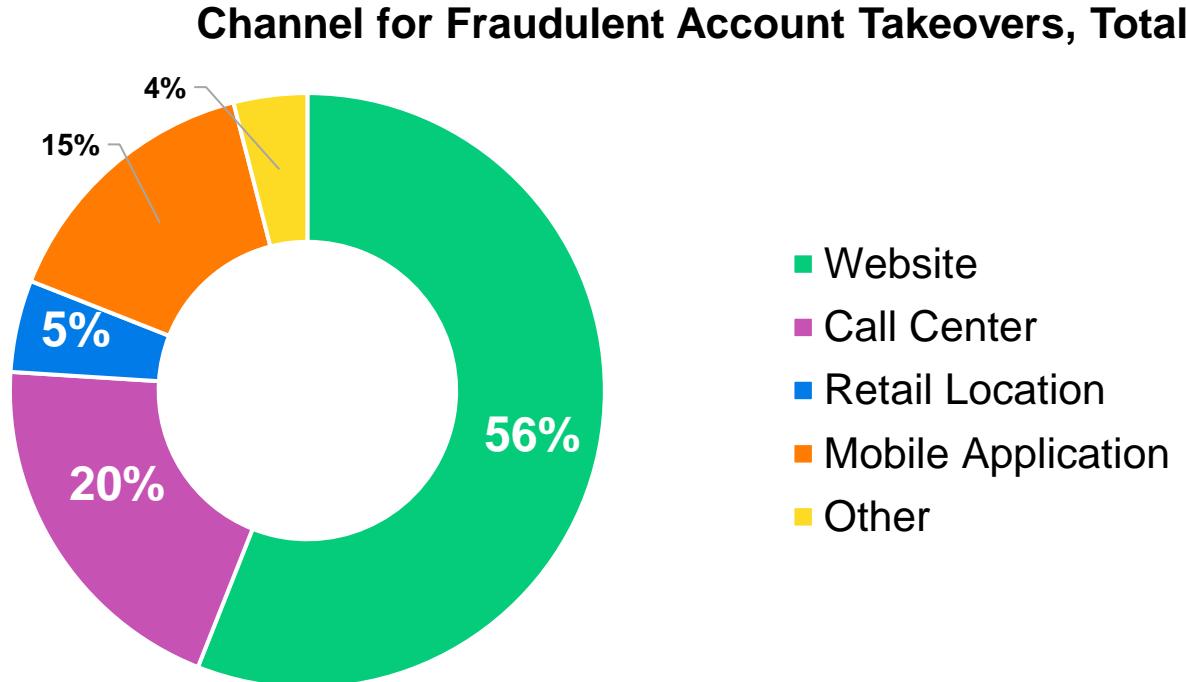
Sources: KPCB Internet Trends 2016, Deloitte 2015



**“ It can take a few minutes to identity-interrogate our best customers. That’s the longest few minutes in the world for us ... ”**

— Senior Vice President, Top 10 Bank

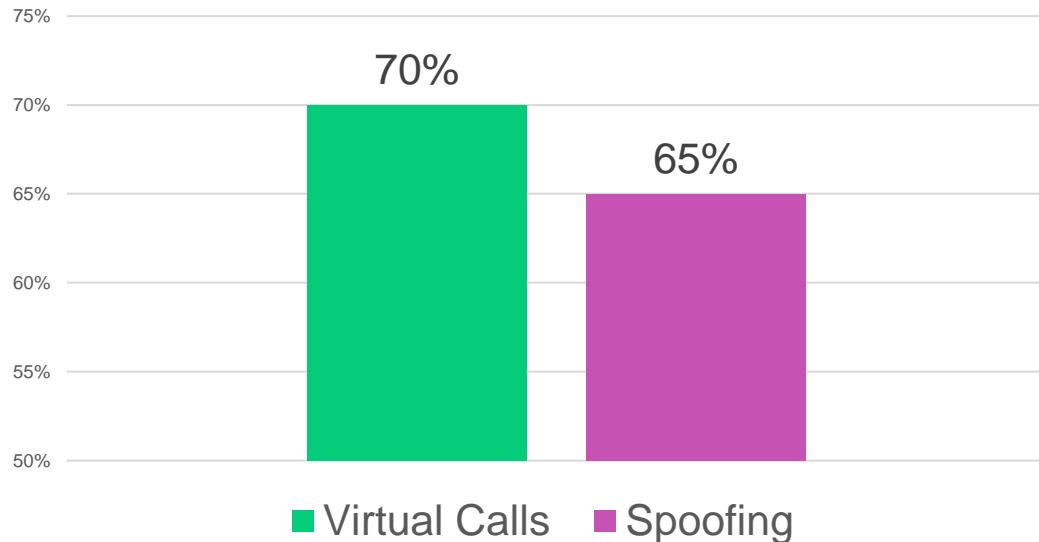
# CALL CENTERS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT ACCOUNT TAKEOVER ATTACKS



Source: Neustar, "State of Call Center Authentication," 2020

# ACCOUNT TAKEOVER (ATO) THREAT PATHWAYS

## Increase in Threat Activity ("Somewhat" or "Much" More)



**70% of respondents saw  
“somewhat” or “much more”  
threat activity toward the call  
center as coming from  
virtualized call services**

Source: Neustar, "State of Call Center Authentication," 2020

## COVID IMPACT ON ACCOUNT TAKEOVER (ATO) ATTEMPTS

A wealth management company reported an **+8X** in weekly ATO attempts as COVID spread in March

Attacks targeted individuals in the healthcare and meat industries

At the end of July, ATO attack rates had dropped to **+4X** of normal rates

# POOR AUTHENTICATION CAUSES MAJOR PROBLEMS



## Degraded Customer Experience

- Time spent being interrogated frustrates customers, reduces retention and increases hold time
- Fear of failed authentication limits self-service functions



## Excessive Call Centers Costs

- 20% of agent time is spent asking questions
- Difficulty authenticating in the IVR causes unneeded transfers to agents



## Inefficient Fraud Fighting

- Almost all fraud starts in the call center
- Waste time and generate false-positives by looking for criminals across entire call flows



## Weak Compliance Posture

- Poor foundation for moving to multi-factor authentication
- Unprepared for internal compliance directives

# ONLY THREE WAYS TO AUTHENTICATE A PERSON



## Knowledge

(something the **user knows**)

- SSN, PIN, Date of Birth, Account #

## Inherence

(something the **user is**)

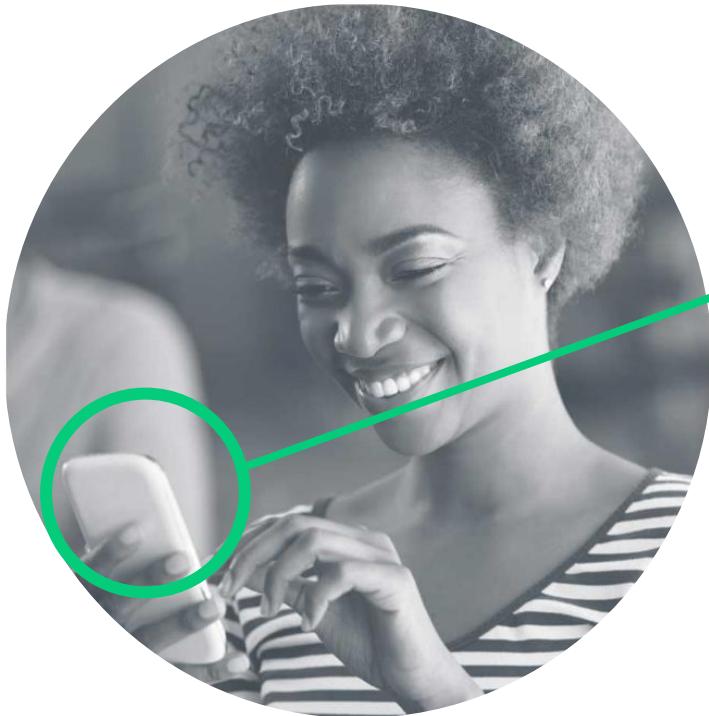
- Voice-Bio, Fingerprint, DNA, Retina

## Ownership

(something the **user has**)

- Key, Phone, Debit Card, Security Token

# OWNERSHIP: BEST WAY TO AUTHENTICATE A CALLER



**OWNERSHIP**  
(something the user has)  
**Key, Phone, Debit & Credit Card,  
Security Token**

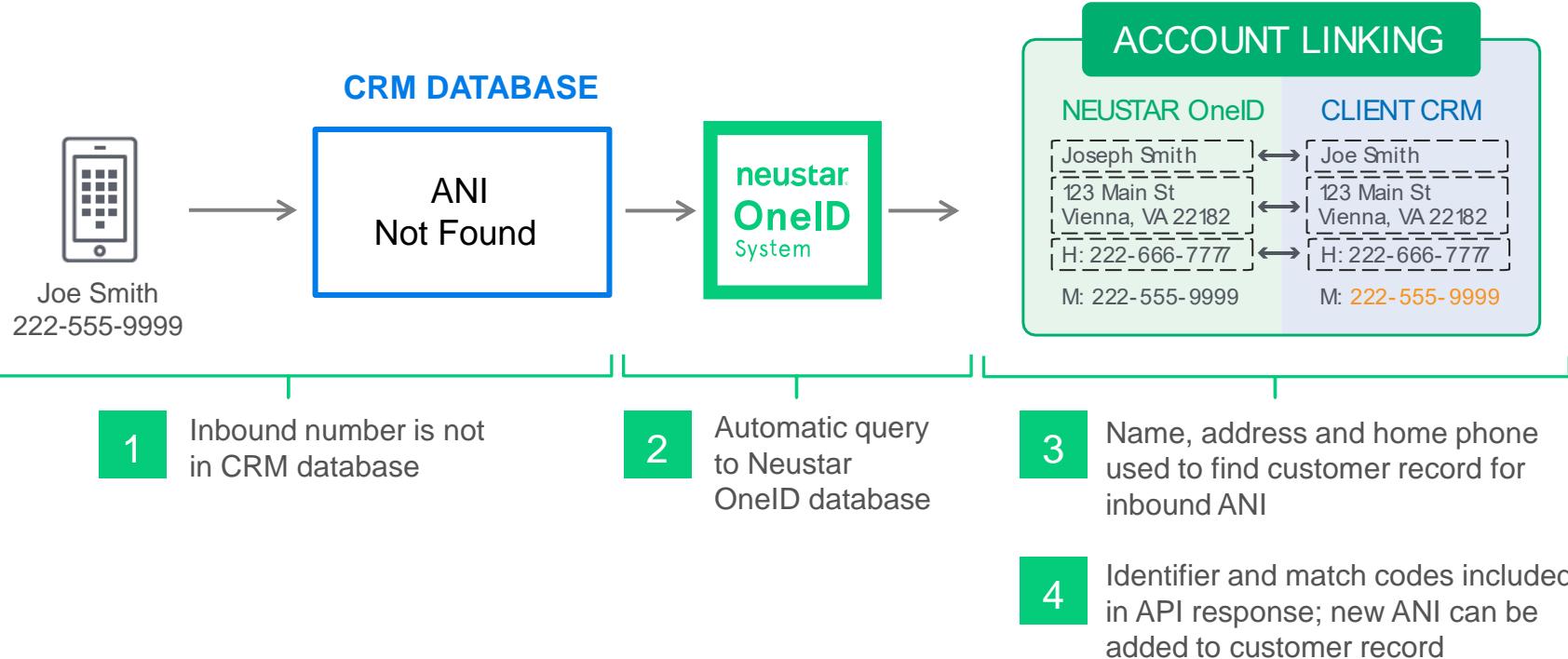


**Knowledge**  
FFIEC: END OF LIFE



**Inherence**

# CALLER IDENTIFICATION



# BASE AUTHENTICATION APPROACH ON THE TYPE OF CALLING DEVICE

## DETERMINISTIC INSPECTION

**Calling device is unique and physical**



Mobile Phone



Residential Landline



Cable VoIP



Inspect the calling device to determine if it should receive an ownership-factor authentication token



**Highest Level of Caller Trust**

## PROBABILISTIC ESTIMATION

**Calling device is not unique and physical**



Business PBX



Virtual Call Service



Payphone

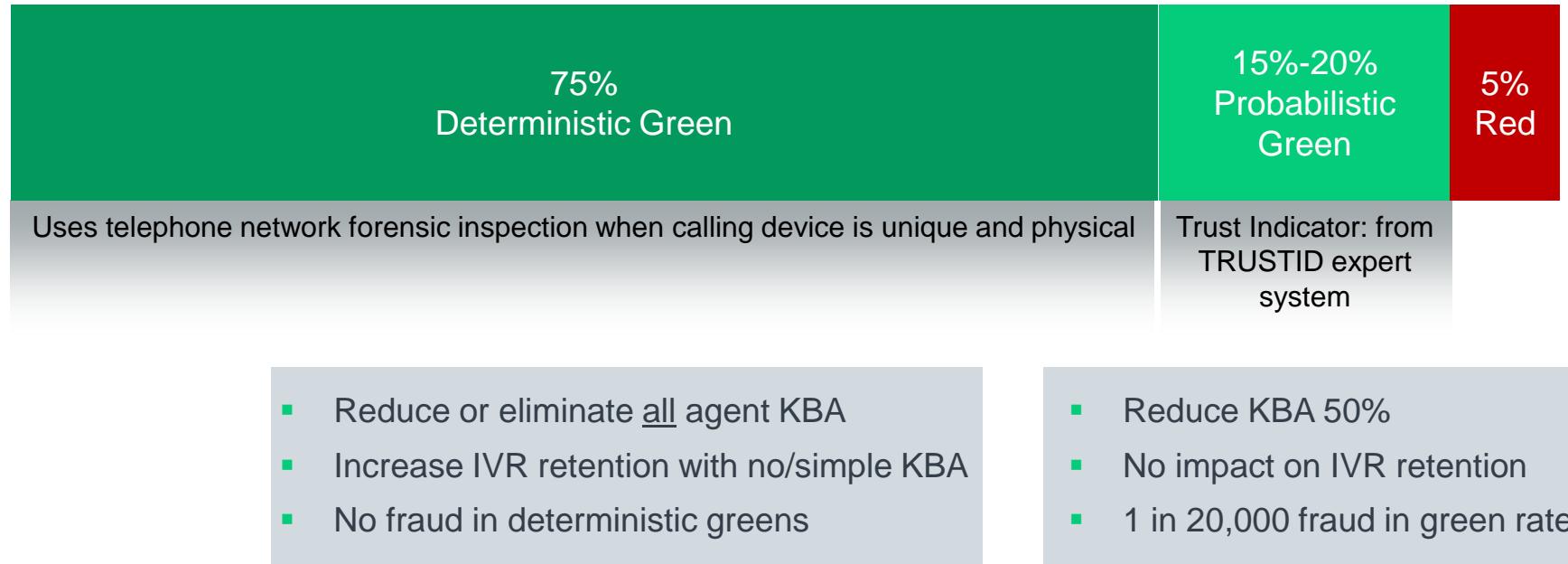


Analyze information about the call and calling number to estimate trustworthiness



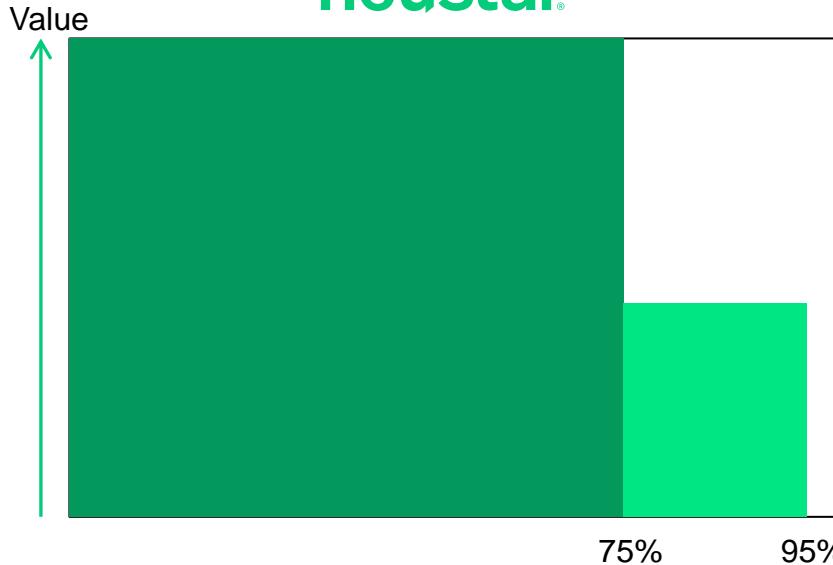
**Next Best Level of Caller Trust**

# NEUSTAR INBOUND AUTHENTICATION: UNIQUE HYBRID APPROACH



# NOT ALL GREENS ARE THE SAME...

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Other Probabilistic Solutions



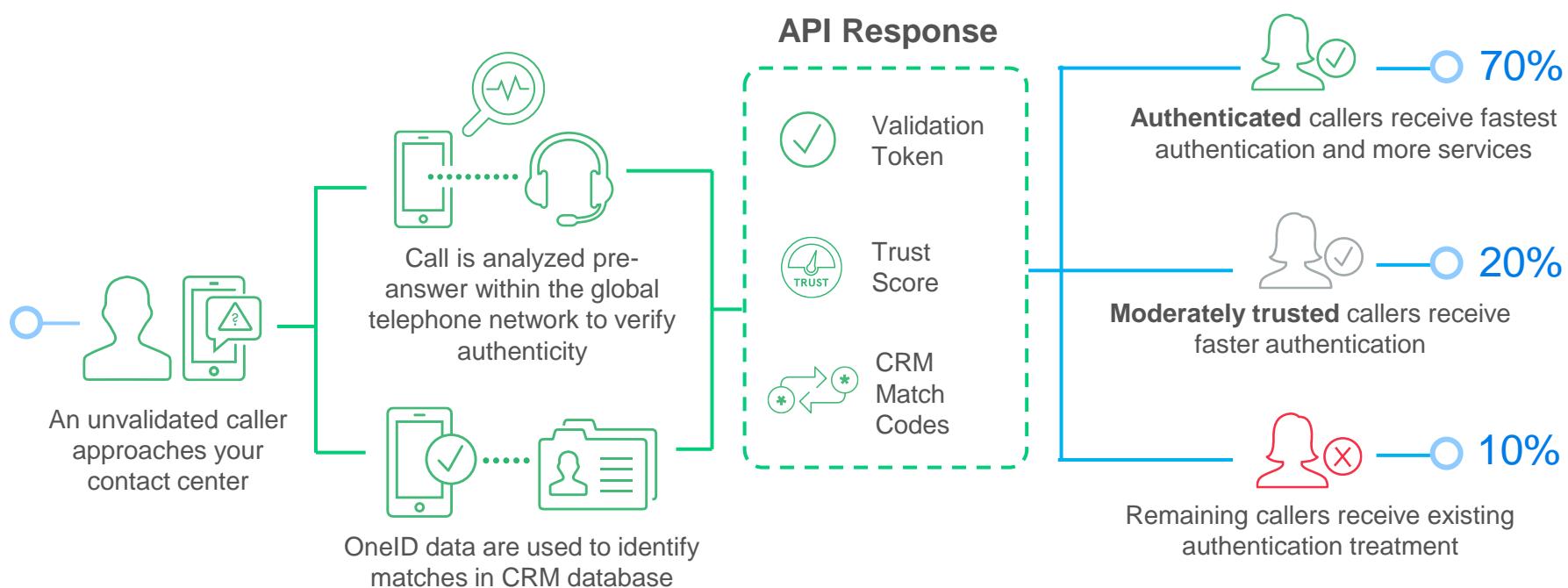
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Probabilistic

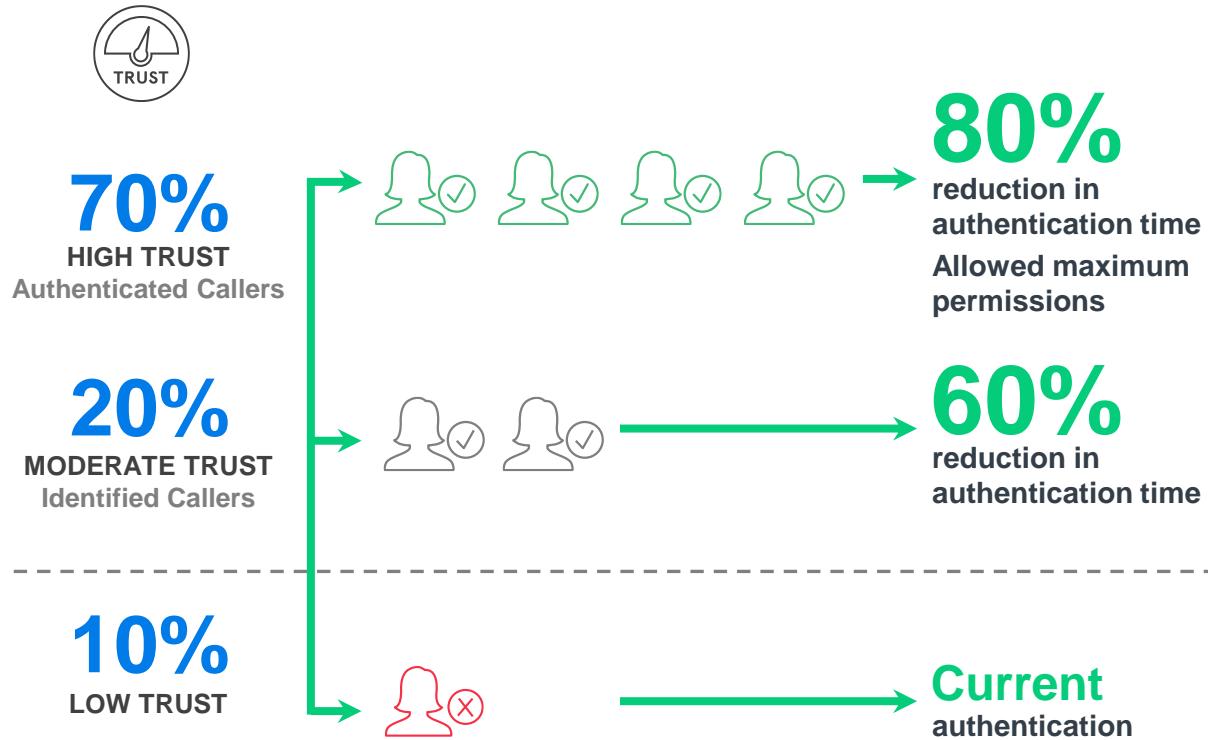
Most Neustar greens are deterministic, yielding greater CX and operational value than competitors

# PRE-ANSWER AUTHENTICATION

## Identify and Verify Callers Before You Say “Hello”



# QUICK AND STRONG AUTHENTICATION



## RESULTS

- 20% reduction in call center operating cost
- 10% improvement in customer satisfaction
- 10% improvement in IVR containment rate
- 70% reduction in KBA
- 25X better authentication security

- Higher ROI on fraud fighting efforts
- Better agent compliance for fraud detection

# Optimize Outbound Member Communications



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# Reach More Customers By Knowing

Which number  
or email to use

When to  
contact them

Avoiding Call  
Blocking

Branding Your  
Call

# NEUSTAR DATA IS BUILT ON DIRECT PARTNERSHIPS WITH TELECOM, UTILITIES, & FINANCIAL COMPANIES, OVERLAID WITH UNIQUE PROPRIETARY DATA ASSETS

## DNS Traffic

Managing 7 billion physical and virtual IP addresses

## Transactional Data

Providing industry-leading marketing measurement, analytics, and attribution

## Marketing Footprint

Connecting over 8B cookies and 650M device IDs

## neustar OneID Platform

## MNO Carrier Device Data

Powering over 90% of caller ID in the US

## Customer CRM Data

Hosting and proactively pushing changes in consumer data directly to client CRMs

# Q&A

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