



#SoloPR Transcript –4/30/2014

Q1: (1/2) We all know about the Clippers. @prtini makes a great pt about using visuals in crisis response: <http://t.co/UwNVltcDi9>

Q1: (2/2) What are some other examples of good use of visuals in a crisis? Do you have them as part of your crisis plans?

Q2: For visuals, should I outsource design or enhance my own skills?

Q3: The world of PR and mktg keeps changing. Are there areas you struggle with, and how do you address?

Q4: As a co, @buffer has transparency as one of its core values:<http://t.co/BbCQH1FaGm> What are the PR implications of this?



[SoloPR1:58pm via tchat.io](#)

Remember, we share on the [#solopr](#) hashtag all week. Transcript will be on [soloprpro dot com](#) tomorrow - have a great week!



[SusynEliseDuris1:58pm via tchat.io](#)

Thanks @SoloPR and @KellyeCrane for a great chat. Nice chatting with y'all. [#solopr](#)



[KeevanaHall1:58pm via HootSuite](#)

A4: I also think this speaks to a culture shift taking place in entrepreneurial endeavors. Being more open w/out the "scandal." [#solopr](#)

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[SoloPR1:57pm via tchat.io](#)

Looks like we're out of time- thanks everyone for joining in another lively chat today! [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:57pm via tchat.io](#)

MT @[SusynEliseDuris](#): A4 ...If an org is transparent, they need a crisis comms plan and way to handle neg comments well. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:57pm via tchat.io](#)

Great pt!! RT @[avik_munshi](#): [#soloPR](#) A4 it's good as long as the figures are good! Its Value Addition [#marketing](#) "company's doing well!"



[KellyeCrane1:56pm via TweetDeck](#)

A4: @[buffer](#) isn't a [#solopr](#) sponsor, but they should be don't you think?! Ha. :-D



[LoisMarketing1:56pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[KellyeCrane](#) Yes *handshake* :) x [#soloPR](#)



[avik_munshi1:55pm via Twitter for BlackBerry](#)

[#soloPR](#) A4 it's good as long as the figures are good! Its Value Addition [#marketing](#) "company's doing well!" Gains Customer/Viewer trust



[KellyeCrane1:55pm via TweetDeck](#)

A4: I think moves like this only work if done in tandem with other stuff. @[buffer](#) founders are quite accessible. [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:55pm via Nurph](#)

MT @[SusynEliseDuris](#) If an org is transparent, they need a crisis comms plan and way to handle neg comments well. [#SoloPR](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:55pm via [tchat.io](#)

Would love to hear what you like about it, Kellye! RT @[KellyeCrane](#): Full disclosure: I love their product. :-) [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:54pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[KellyeCrane](#) Doesn't make it right -- and doesn't protect them. :) [#soloPR](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#)1:54pm via [tchat.io](#)

A4 PR implications of transparency? If an org is transparent, they need a crisis comms plan and way to handle neg comments well. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:53pm via [tchat.io](#)

RT @[FreeLancePush](#): Internal transparency can foster a positive culture and increase motivation. Maybe a public one can do this too [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:53pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[LoisMarketing](#) Just FYI- the blog post says all the employees agreed to making it public. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:53pm via [TweetDeck](#)

They may be going great-guns now .. but all it would take is ONE lawsuit ... [#soloPR](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:53pm via [Nurph](#)

Bye @[dariasteigman](#) be safe! [#SoloPR](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:53pm via [tchat.io](#)

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MT @[fransteps](#): A4: ...daily feed means pesky little questions in bet reporting periods. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:52pm via [TweetDeck](#)

Buffer is not a PUBLIC company and therefore has no business sharing confidential revenue and salary information. [#soloPR](#) A4



[FreeLancePush](#)1:52pm via [Twitter for Android](#)

Internal transparency can foster a positive culture and increase motivation. Maybe a public one can do this too [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:52pm via [TweetDeck](#)

Bye, [#solopr](#) peeps. Have to jump off early to wrap myself in plastic & head out into the deluge. :)



[SoloPR1](#)1:52pm via [tchat.io](#)

RT @[KarenSwim](#): A4: Unfortunately the kumbaya model does not always work as an external PR strategy [#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:52pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[LoisMarketing](#) I'm picturing us shaking hands on this implied bet. :-) As w/everything in this space, it all remains to be seen! [#solopr](#)



[fransteps](#)1:51pm via [tchat.io](#)

A4: I find their new pricing structure a little steep. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:51pm via [TweetDeck](#)

RT @[dariasteigman](#): Me too. RT @[KellyeCrane](#): @[LoisMarketing](#) Full disclosure: I love their product. :-)
) [#solopr](#) << I like their product too!



[KeeyanaHall](#)1:51pm via HootSuite

A4: On the flip side, I think they're blazing trails in the transparency arena & I can see others following. [#solopr](#)



[vvdofficial](#)1:51pm via Twitter for iPhone

RT @[LoisMarketing](#): Transparency comes in clear and open communication, not in sharing of confidential employee, vendor and client informati[#soloPR](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:51pm via tchat.io

RT @[KeeyanaHall](#): A4: There are ways to be transparent without divulging that much info. Too much info could be a bad thing. [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:51pm via TweetDeck

Me too. RT @[KellyeCrane](#): @[LoisMarketing](#) Full disclosure: I love their product. :-) [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:51pm via TweetDeck

@[KellyeCrane](#) Let's wait and see :) [#soloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:50pm via TweetDeck

@[LoisMarketing](#) Full disclosure: I love their product. :-) [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:50pm via TweetDeck

@[LoisMarketing](#) I disagree w/the "Buffer who" comment. They seem to be getting stronger.[#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:50pm via tchat.io

Good point. Agree. @[KellyeCrane](#) A4: Perhaps there are benefits for the internal culture?[#solopr](#)



[ferrarif1boy1:50pm via Twitter for iPad](#)

RT @[LoisMarketing](#): Transparency comes in clear and open communication, not in sharing of confidential employee, vendor and client information [#soloPR](#)



[LoisMarketing1:50pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[dariasteigman](#) Yes Daria - for PUBLIC entities :) [#soloPR](#)



[KarenSwim1:50pm via Nurph](#)

This! RT @[KeeyanaHall](#) A4: There are ways to be transparent without divulging that much info. Too much info could be a bad thing. [#SoloPR](#)



[LoisMarketing1:50pm via TweetDeck](#)

Transparency comes in clear and open communication, not in sharing of confidential employee, vendor and client information [#soloPR](#) A4



[fransteps1:50pm via tchat.io](#)

A4: A lot of those stats are reported quarterly by public co, but daily feed means pesky little questions in bet reporting periods. [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:50pm via Nurph](#)

@[KellyeCrane](#) I absolutely think it benefits the internal culture [#SoloPR](#)



[dariasteigman1:50pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[LoisMarketing](#) They're not the only co. that does this. For 501(c)(3)s, for ex., it's already public. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:49pm via TweetDeck](#)

A4: Perhaps there are benefits for the internal culture? If everyone agrees, then you attract a certain type of employee [#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns](#) 1:49pm via [tchat.io](#)

So true, I find it annoying. MT [@LoisMarketing](#) "Transparency" is overused, misunderstood - perhaps more than any corporate jargon. [#soloPR](#)



[KeeyanaHall](#) 1:49pm via [HootSuite](#)

A4: There are ways to be transparent without divulging that much info. Too much info could be a bad thing. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#) 1:49pm via [TweetDeck](#)

[@dariasteigman](#) Does divulging employee salaries help with that though? [#soloPR](#) [@buffer](#)



[KarenSwim](#) 1:48pm via [Nurph](#)

A4: Unfortunately the kumbaya model does not always work as an external PR strategy [#SoloPR](#)



[dariasteigman](#) 1:48pm via [TweetDeck](#)

A4 I applaud [@buffer](#). Everything has risks. This type of transparency arguably can help a company ID /resolve issues quickly. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#) 1:48pm via [TweetDeck](#)

The term "transparency" is overused and misunderstood, perhaps more than any other corporate jargon. [#soloPR](#) A4



[PaulaJohns](#) 1:48pm via [tchat.io](#)

Ha ha, ya I know. RT [@KellyeCrane](#): A4: If I was their PR person, it would make me nervous. [J#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:47pm via TweetDeck

A4: I think moves toward transparency by startups puts pressure on others, but it's harder for a larger co. [#solopr](#)



[FreeLancePush](#)1:47pm via Twitter for Android

Interesting strategy. More of a show than any applicable benefits [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:47pm via Nurph

Me too! RT @[KellyeCrane](#) A4: If I was their PR person, it would make me nervous. J [#SoloPR](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:47pm via Nurph

Hi @[jillvan](#) :-) [#SoloPR](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:47pm via TweetDeck

They are setting themselves up for this to backfire in a big way. A year from now we'll ask "Buffer who?" [#soloPR](#) A4



[dariasteigman](#)1:47pm via TweetDeck

@[jillvan](#) Hi Jill [~~waving hello~~]. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:47pm via TweetDeck

A4: If I was their PR person, it would make me nervous. J [#solopr](#)



[KeeyanaHall](#)1:47pm via HootSuite

RT @[KarenSwim](#): A4: It seems good but total transparency has its risks in business [#SoloPR](#)



[jillvan1:46pm via web](#)

Oh hey! I'm participating in the chat without participating. Wish I could. Hi [#solopr](#) peeps!



[LoisMarketing1:46pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[KellyeCrane](#) Exactly -- there are MANY risks. Breach of privacy contracts/arrangements with employees among them. [#soloPR](#)



[KarenSwim1:46pm via Nurph](#)

A4: It seems good but total transparency has its risks in business [#SoloPR](#)



[PaulaJohns1:46pm via tchat.io](#)

A4 That seems a little bit overkill but it certainly makes them stand out. Will be interesting to see how things play out. [#soloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane1:45pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[LoisMarketing](#) They're "transparent" in many ways. Perhaps PR show, but there are also risks with that. [#solopr](#)



[KristK1:45pm via Twubs](#)

A3: I need to stay a few steps ahead of clients and students. Can't stop learning, adjusting. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing1:45pm via TweetDeck](#)

Revenues, salaries, etc should be divulged only by public entities as FTC regulates. [#soloPR](#) A4



[KellyeCrane1:45pm via TweetDeck](#)

A4: I find the guys at Buffer fascinating. They get a lot of goodwill as a result of these moves. [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#)1:44pm via Tweet Button

RT @[LoisMarketing](#): A bit ridiculous if you ask me. That's not the proper idea of 'transparency'. A bit of a PR show and not true engagement#[soloPR](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:44pm via tchat.io

Hat tip to @[jillvan](#) for sharing the link that led to Q4! #[solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:44pm via TweetDeck

A bit ridiculous if you ask me. That's not the proper idea of 'transparency'. A bit of a PR show and not true engagement. #[soloPR](#) A4



[PaulaJohns](#)1:43pm via tchat.io

Same here, so important. RT @[fransteps](#) A3: I take the stance that I NEVER stop learning/growing/evolving in my biz. #[SoloPR](#)



[fransteps](#)1:43pm via tchat.io

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q4: As a co, @[buffer](#) has transparency as one of its core values:open.bufferapp.com/buffer-public-... What are PR implications? #[solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:43pm via TweetDeck

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q4: As a co, @[buffer](#) has transparency as a core value:open.bufferapp.com/buffer-public-... What are the PR implications of this? #[solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:43pm via TweetDeck

@[LeavUrImge2FDP](#) You're right- we have to be strategic about embracing new things. A3#[solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:42pm via tchat.io

Q4: As a co, @buffer has transparency as one of its core values: open.bufferapp.com/buffer-public-... What are the PR implications of this?#solopr



[SoloPR1:41pm via tchat.io](#)

Great stuff on Q3 everyone! Q4 is coming up...#solopr



[KellyeCrane1:41pm via TweetDeck](#)

@kevinanselmo Great point- trying out things with my own blog and social networks helps me understand more for my clients. #solopr



[KeeyanaHall1:41pm via HootSuite](#)

Getting in on the last 20 mins of #solopr. *does happy dance*



[dariasteigman1:40pm via TweetDeck](#)

RT @KarenSwim: True of life in general too! RT @fransteps A3: I take the stance that I NEVER stop learning/growing/evolving in my biz.#SoloPR



[KarenSwim1:40pm via Nurph](#)

True of life in general too! RT @fransteps A3: I take the stance that I NEVER stop learning/growing/evolving in my biz. #SoloPR



[SoloPR1:40pm via tchat.io](#)

MT @SusynEliseDuris: A3 - reading, reaching out to ppl online thru vehicles such as #solopr, getting out of office to meet w ppl... #solopr



[jendonovansf1:40pm via TweetDeck](#)

Amen Fran!! RT @fransteps: A3: I take the stance that I NEVER stop learning/growing/evolving in my biz. #solopr



[kevinanselmo1:39pm via web](#)

A3: Blogging and doing my podcast forces me to explore these changes and in the process learn (and hopefully my audiences do too!) [#solopr](#)



[fransteps1:39pm via tchat.io](#)

A3: I take the stance that I NEVER stop learning/growing/evolving in my biz. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:39pm via TweetDeck](#)

A3: Learning is my favorite job requirement. :-)[#solopr](#)



[jendonovans1:39pm via TweetDeck](#)

Important MT @[KarenSwim](#): A3: The changes force you to look at your practice & ensure you are leveraging strengths & staying focused[#SoloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:39pm via tchat.io](#)

Ah, that's a good one! RT @[DeQuendre](#): @[SoloPR](#) A3 Measurement and the validity of advertising-based metrics. [#solopr](#)



[fransteps1:38pm via tchat.io](#)

So true-RT @[KellyeCrane](#): A3: I think most here adjusted well to "loss of control" that happened yrs ago. We continue 2 evolve! [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:38pm via tchat.io](#)

MT @[dariasteigman](#): A3 I think it's about triage /balancing act in keeping up w/out being overloaded with information /resources. [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:38pm via Nurph](#)

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[KellyeCrane](#)1:38pm via [TweetDeck](#)

A3: I think most folks here adjusted well to the "loss of control" that happened yrs ago. We continue to evolve! [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:37pm via [tchat.io](#)

Clients adjusting too RT @[ehr_comms](#) A3: And being able to speak about social media with clients, even though they WANT print pieces.[#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:36pm via [Nurph](#)

A3: The changes also force you to look at your practice and ensure you are leveraging your strengths and staying focused [#SoloPR](#)



[LeavUrImge2FDP](#)1:36pm via [web](#)

@[SoloPR](#) A#: Important 4 PR experts 2 learn shifting SM channels bt b careful 2 only use those tht r advantageous 2 brands u rep.[#solopr](#)



[DeQuendre](#)1:36pm via [web](#)

@[SoloPR](#) A3 Measurement and the validity of advertising-based metrics. [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#)1:36pm via [Tweet Button](#)

RT @[jendonovansf](#): A3: Educating about new channels of [#communication](#) can be a challenge. [#pressreleases](#) & [#print](#) are not gold standard in a[#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:36pm via [tchat.io](#)

MT @[FreeLancePush](#): Constantly changing world = need to learn new skills. Choosing which ones to invest time in can be challenging[#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#) 1:36pm via TweetDeck

A3: Educating about new channels of [#communication](#) can be a challenge. [#pressreleases](#) & [#print](#) are not gold standard in all cases. [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#) 1:35pm via Nurph

A3: So many, video, visual storytelling, read, attend webinars, learn so that you know what to look for and where/how to get help [#SoloPR](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#) 1:35pm via tchat.io

A3 - reading, reaching out to ppl online thru vehicles such as [#solopr](#), getting out of office to meet w ppl, keep bldg relationships [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#) 1:35pm via TweetDeck

A3 For me, I think it's more about triage and balancing act in keeping up w/out being overloaded with information /resources. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#) 1:35pm via tchat.io

RT @[jendonovansf](#): A3: Keeping up with [#socialmedia](#) changes & improving digital/design skills are two that come to mind. [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#) 1:35pm via tchat.io

A3: And being able to speak about social media with clients, even though they WANT print pieces. [#solopr](#)



[fransteps](#) 1:35pm via tchat.io

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q3: The world of PR and mktg keeps changing. Are there areas you struggle with, and how do you address? [#solopr](#)



[KristK1:35pm via Twubs](#)

RT @SoloPR Q3: The world of PR and mktg keeps changing. Are there areas you struggle with, and how do you address? [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:34pm via tchat.io](#)

MT @LoisMarketing: I realize I need more expertise/training and also good resources for video work [#soloPR](#) A3



[FreeLancePush1:34pm via Twitter for Android](#)

Constantly changing world = need to learn new skills. Choosing which ones are necessary to invest time in can be challenging [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:34pm via TweetDeck](#)

A3: For the areas that are new to old dogs like me, I think reviewing case studies and viewing examples helps. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf1:34pm via TweetDeck](#)

A3: Keeping up with [#socialmedia](#) changes & improving digital/design skills are two that come to mind. [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman1:34pm via TweetDeck](#)

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[LoisMarketing1:33pm via TweetDeck](#)

This 'kinda' goes back to Q2 :) I realize I need more expertise/training and also good resources for video work [#soloPR](#) A3



[KellyeCrane1:33pm via TweetDeck](#)

A3: Now that images are becoming more prominent even on Twitter, I am trying to train my brain that direction. [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms1:33pm via tchat.io](#)

A3: I think it's always remembering the power of social media over print sometimes [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:32pm via TweetDeck](#)

Yes, Q3 was inspired by me, and the fact that I have a problem remembering to think of visuals!! [#solopr](#)



[KristK1:32pm via web](#)

RT @SoloPR: MT @fransteps A1 Also, "Google" yourself to find out which images come up first-that's what media will pull during crisis-be re[#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:32pm via tchat.io](#)

Q3: The world of PR and mktg keeps changing. Are there areas you struggle with, and how do you address? [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing1:31pm via TweetDeck](#)

Late 'hi' [#soloPR](#) friends -- sorry for joining late today.



[SoloPR1:31pm via tchat.io](#)

Thanks for the insights, everyone! Q3 is coming up... [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:31pm via HootSuite](#)

@SusynEliseDuris Lol, sadly I learned this by experience, wish I knew because I'd read about it in a book. [#solopr](#)

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[KellyeCrane](#)1:31pm via TweetDeck

A2: Agree w/ @[dariasteigman](#) that we need to be able to speak intelligently w/clients. Even in areas we don't do the work ourselves. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:31pm via TweetDeck

@[kevinanselmo](#) You raised a terrific question! :)[#soloPR](#) A2



[ehr_comms](#)1:30pm via Tweet Button

RT @[LoisMarketing](#): I have won a number of wonderful freelance writing opps through referrals from the graphic designers on my 'team' [#soloPR](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:29pm via tchat.io

RT @[LoisMarketing](#) I've won a number of wonderful freelance writing opps through referrals from the graphic designers on my 'team' [#soloPR](#) A2



[LoisMarketing](#)1:29pm via TweetDeck

You will become even more valued to your client by being able to readily recommend true experts to assist in process [#soloPR](#) A2



[KarenSwim](#)1:29pm via Nurph

@[dariasteigman](#) Great example! I used to build sites but when you do people want more and more, I now stay in my lane! [#SoloPR](#)



[FreeLancePush](#)1:29pm via Twitter for Android

"Helping out" beyond your capabilities can also help you learn new skills. Can go both ways![#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:29pm via TweetDeck

Exactly. MT @[LoisMarketing](#): Gain general knowledge to have a meaningful conversation with resource but don't get bogged-down [#soloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:29pm via tchat.io](#)

MT @[fransteps](#) A1 Also, "Google" yourself to find out which images come up first-that's what media will pull during crisis-be ready! [#solopr](#)



[kevinanselmo1:29pm via web](#)

@[LoisMarketing](#) I'm jealous :) It is rare to find people who are good at communicating w/ written word & images. Big challenge for us [#solopr](#)



[SusynEliseDuris1:29pm via tchat.io](#)

Ha. True that. MT @[KarenSwim](#): So easy to get sucked in beyond your capabilities when you try to "help out" in area not core skill [#SoloPR](#)



[dariasteigman1:28pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[KarenSwim](#) For ex, I know a little HTML. Don't code, but helps to know what I'm looking at (and not to be scared of it). [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing1:28pm via TweetDeck](#)

Gain general knowledge so that you can have a meaningful conversation with resource but don't get bogged-down [#soloPR](#) A2



[ehr_comms1:28pm via tchat.io](#)

@[KarenSwim](#) Absolutely! So easy to get sucked in way beyond your capabilities when you try to "help out" [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:27pm via TweetDeck](#)

A2: When working w/designers, keep in mind time will be spent on back-and-forth, so plan accordingly. [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:27pm via Nurph

So easy to get sucked in way beyond your capabilities when you try to "help out" in an area that is not your core skill [#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:27pm via TweetDeck

A2: I've never been artistic, so I don't even try to learn InDesign or Photoshop. Good to know limits. J [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:27pm via TweetDeck

I have won a number of wonderful freelance writing opps through referrals from the graphic designers on my 'team' [#soloPR](#) A2



[jendonovansf](#)1:26pm via TweetDeck

@[mdbarber](#) Better to show style in other ways ;) [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:26pm via tchat.io

Yes! MT @[KarenSwim](#): Fine to enhance skills if but be careful not to get too deep in an area of non-expertise [#SoloPR](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:26pm via tchat.io

Gotta run folks. Billable work calling. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:26pm via TweetDeck

RT @[KellyeCrane](#): A2: You can do some amazing things with some of the tools out there. Picmonkey and Canva are two of my faves. [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#)1:26pm via tchat.io

@[kevinanselmo](#) do you mean more of an infographic for a blog? [#solopr](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#)1:25pm via tchat.io

@[LoisMarketing](#) Yes, I us. outsource what are not my core competencies - but I do keep some tasks to enhance my skills/value! [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:25pm via TweetDeck

@[kevinanselmo](#) @[KarenSwim](#) There's lots of great stock images that lend well to blog posts. [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:25pm via Tweet Button

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[KarenSwim](#)1:25pm via Nurph

Fine to enhance skills if but be careful not to go down the rabbit hole of getting in too deep in an area of non-expertise [#SoloPR](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:25pm via tchat.io

Both...RT @SoloPR Q2: For visuals, should I outsource design or enhance my own skills?[#solopr](#)



[kevinanselmo](#)1:25pm via web

@[jendonovansf](#) @[KarenSwim](#) Point taken. It would be much faster though if I could whip a quick visual for a blog post [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:25pm via tchat.io

@[jendonovansf](#) exactly! And I don't think my clients what that "style." [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:24pm via TweetDeck

This is what I do. RT @[SusynEliseDuris](#): @SoloPR A2 - I would suggest hybrid - a bit of both. [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing](#)1:24pm via TweetDeck

I have a design background so I provide services in both arenas. I quickly realize when something is better outsourced too. [#soloPR](#) A2



[SoloDovePR](#)1:24pm via Echofon

RT @SoloPR: MT @[KarenSwim](#): The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions so it was organic not forced, which is important [#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:24pm via TweetDeck

@[ehr_comms](#) Picmonkey even allows one to apply bronzer, which I may or may not have done. :-)
[#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:24pm via TweetDeck

@[mdbarber](#) Me either, Mary! It's comical what I can do "design-wise" [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#)1:24pm via tchat.io

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A2: Important for basic, so you can amend easily and without paying, but for big concept projects outsource. [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber1:23pm via tchat.io](#)

A2 -- seems as though that answer depends on your own skills. For me, I don't even pretend to be a designer so I hire out. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:23pm via tchat.io](#)

RT @[ehr_comms](#): A1: designers can save your life! I know my life has been saved several times! [#solopr](#)



[LoisMarketing1:23pm via TweetDeck](#)

Focus on what you do best -- and what is most profitable. Remember that a 'team' around you means great talent and referrals! [#soloPR](#) A2



[SusynEliseDuris1:23pm via tchat.io](#)

@[SoloPR](#) A2 - I would suggest hybrid - a bit of both. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:23pm via tchat.io](#)

RT @[marikalynch](#): [#solopr](#) A1: Awesome visuals- a case study of @[givemn](#) Giving Day, handling of a tech failure w/humor bit.ly/1hWMF11



[fransteps1:23pm via tchat.io](#)

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q2: For visuals, should I outsource design or enhance my own skills? [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:23pm via Nurph](#)

Great point @[dariasteigman](#) and agree useful to have knowledge, pertains to more than design cc @[LoisMarketing](#) @[kevinanselmo](#) [#SoloPR](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:23pm via Tweet Button

RT @SoloPR: Q2: For visuals, should I outsource design or enhance my own skills?#solopr



[LoisMarketing](#)1:22pm via TweetDeck

@[dariasteigman](#) Oh yes -- but don't get too caught up in that either
:) #solopr @[KarenSwim](#)@[kevinanselmo](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:22pm via tchat.io

Q2: For visuals, should I outsource design or enhance my own skills? #solopr



[dariasteigman](#)1:22pm via TweetDeck

@[KarenSwim](#) @[LoisMarketing](#) @[kevinanselmo](#)Also agree re outsourcing. But --very useful to know enough to understand what is possible.#solopr



[ehr_comms](#)1:22pm via tchat.io

A1: designers can save your life! I know my life has been saved several times! #solopr



[SoloPR](#)1:22pm via tchat.io

Great conversation! Let's make @[kevinanselmo](#)'s follow-up question Q2...#solopr



[LoisMarketing](#)1:21pm via TweetDeck

@[kevinanselmo](#) Also partnering with a strong designers can open up many more opportunities for ALL of you. I love having a 'team' #solopr



[SusynEliseDuris](#)1:21pm via web

@[PaulaJohns](#) @[jendonovansf](#) Reach out to @[DAbrenica](#) - he is amaze-balls. Not sure whether he is taking on clients. #solopr

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[KarenSwim](#)1:21pm via Nurph

I agree with @[LoisMarketing](#) cc @[kevinanselmo#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:21pm via TweetDeck

@[LeavUrImge2FDP](#) Well said! [#solopr](#)



[marikalynch](#)1:21pm via TweetDeck

[#solopr](#) A1: Awesome visuals in a crisis - a case study of @[givemn](#) Giving Day, handling of a tech failure, w/ humor [bit.ly/1hWMF11](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:20pm via TweetDeck

@[KarenSwim](#) @[kevinanselmo](#) I've been trying to find a workshop/class to help me improve my skills. In the meantime, outsource [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms](#)1:20pm via tchat.io

(although I'm very good at touching up wrinkles on photos!) :) [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:20pm via Tweet Button

RT @[fransteps](#): A1: Also, if you "Google" yourself, find out which images come up first...that's what media will pull during crisis, so be [r#solopr](#)



[LeavUrImge2FDP](#)1:20pm via web

@[KellyeCrane](#) Often times we confuse elaborate with powerful. Symbolism, impact, timeliness will always get the job done [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#)1:20pm via Nurph

@[KristK](#) Great example and speaks to need to have library of visual content that is accessible. [#SoloPR](#)

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[LoisMarketing1:20pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[kevinanselmo](#) I would outsource. Visual is more than just gaining 'skills'. Channel your efforts where most valuable [#soloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane1:20pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[KristK](#) An oldie but a goodie! Nice reminder that the power of visuals is nothing new. [#soloPR](#)



[ehr_comms1:20pm via tchat.io](#)

A1: I have int. photoshop and indesign skill, but if I need something fancy (and quick) prefer to use a designer [#soloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:19pm via tchat.io](#)

RT @[KristK](#): A1: Pepsi used footage of fast-moving production line to combat claims of product tampering. Video spoke volumes. [#soloPR](#)



[SusynEliseDuris1:19pm via tchat.io](#)

@[PaulaJohns](#) @[jendonovansf](#) - I'd suggest a site like elance but often times it's much more miss than hit. [#soloPR](#)



[KarenSwim1:19pm via Nurph](#)

@[kevinanselmo](#) Outsource! [#SoloPR](#)



[dariasteigman1:19pm via TweetDeck](#)

RT @[fransteps](#): A1: Also, if you "Google" yourself, find out which images come up first...that's what media will pull during crisis, so be [#soloPR](#)



[fransteps1:19pm via tchat.io](#)

A1: Also, if you "Google" yourself, find out which images come up first...that's what media will pull during crisis, so be ready! [#solopr](#)



[KevinAnselmo1:19pm via web](#)

Related to visual comms, I'm trying to balance whether to outsource design or enhance my own skills. Curious what others think. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:19pm via TweetDeck](#)

Love @[Ekaterina](#)! MT @[kevinanselmo](#): Been thinking about this. Currently reading Power of Visual Storytelling by Ekaterina Walter. [#soloPR](#)



[AaronGast1:19pm via Twitter for Android](#)

RT @[KellyeCrane](#): A1: Increasingly, it seems [#PR](#) pros should train our brains to think "what's the visual for this?" [#solopr](#)



[KristK1:19pm via Twubs](#)

A1: Pepsi used footage of fast-moving production line to combat claims of product tampering. Video spoke volumes. [#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns1:18pm via tchat.io](#)

Much more meaning this way...MT @[KarenSwim](#): The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions. [#SoloPR](#)



[KarenSwim1:18pm via Nurph](#)

Yes! RT @[fransteps](#) A1: Logos, aerial of the "plant", head shots of leaders, product shots, should all be standard and avail online. [#SoloPR](#)



[PaulaJohns1:18pm via TweetDeck](#)

That's the tough part, [@jendonovansf](#), finding one that works quickly and at a good price.
[@ehhr_comms](#) [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim](#) 1:18pm via Nurph

[@kevinanselmo](#) [@KellyeCrane](#) Glad you mentioned, just looked at it this morning on Amazon [#SoloPR](#)



[KristK](#) 1:18pm via Twubs

RT [@fransteps](#) A1: Logos, aerial of the "plant", head shots of leaders, product shots, should all be standard and avail online. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#) 1:18pm via TweetDeck

A1: As [@LeavUrImge2FDP](#) notes, interesting to think that no special design skills were really needed for what Clippers did. [#solopr](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#) 1:17pm via tchat.io

I miss not being in LA rt now with all [#LAClippers](#) mess. I hope team is not too affected. They are having great year. [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber](#) 1:17pm via Tweet Button

RT [@SoloPR](#): MT [@KarenSwim](#): The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions so it was organic not forced, which is important [#SoloPR](#)



[kevinanselmo](#) 1:17pm via web

Been thinking a lot about this, [@KellyeCrane](#). Currently reading Power of Visual Storytelling by Ekaterina Walter. Highly recommend [#soloPR](#)



[fransteps](#) 1:16pm via tchat.io

A1: Logos, aerial of the "plant", head shots of leaders, product shots, should all be standard and avail online. [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#) 1:16pm via TweetDeck

@[fransteps](#) It's good to know I'm putting at least a few muscles to work. :) [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1](#):16pm via tchat.io

MT @[KarenSwim](#): The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions so it was organic not forced, which is important [#SoloPR](#)



[fransteps](#) 1:16pm via tchat.io

New muscles! RT @[dariasteigman](#): A1 Even my "word" brain is retraining to think visually. [#solopr](#)



[KristK](#) 1:16pm via web

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q1: (2/2) What are some other examples of good use of visuals in a crisis? Do you have them as part of your crisis plans? [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1](#):16pm via tchat.io

Tech update: This week is the opposite of last week - tchat.io is moving faster than Tweetdeck, FYI. [#solopr](#)



[KristK](#) 1:15pm via web

RT @[SoloPR](#): Q1: (1/2) We all know about the Clippers. @[prtini](#) makes a great pt about using visuals in crisis response: <http://t.co/UwNVltdD#solopra> href='http://t.co/UwNVltdDi9' target='_blank' rel='nofollow'>prtini.com/clippers-crisi...



[jendonovansf](#) 1:15pm via TweetDeck

@[ehr_comms](#) Thanks Elizabeth, worth a try! [#solopr](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#) 1:15pm via web

@[jendonovansf](#) Absolutely! But number was also troubling that plan was not in place. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#) 1:15pm via TweetDeck

Good distinction MT @[KarenSwim](#): The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions so it was organic not forced [#SoloPR](#)



[ehr_comms1](#) 1:14pm via tchat.io

@[jendonovansf](#) I'm not sure how good the exchange rate is, I'm happy to send you a couple of names. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1](#) 1:14pm via tchat.io

Great pt! RT @[LeavUrImge2FDP](#): And kudos to their team (esp my fav Ta'Nisha Cooper) 4 recognizing power of "less is more." [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1](#) 1:14pm via Nurph

The Clippers visuals arose as a result of the players' reactions so it was organic not forced, which I also think is important [#SoloPR](#)



[jendonovansf](#) 1:14pm via TweetDeck

Opportunity! MT @[SusynEliseDuris](#): I read a very telling stat: something like > 70% of brands don't have social crisis comms plan [#solopr](#)



[fransteps1](#) 1:14pm via tchat.io

@[jendonovansf](#) Thanks. Going to look now. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1](#) 1:14pm via tchat.io

Smart! RT @[ehr_comms](#): Agree with anticipate visuals. I have several designers on speed dial if I need them... [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:14pm via TweetDeck

A1 Even my "word" brain is retraining to think visually. [#solopr](#)



[LeavUrImge2FDP](#)1:14pm via Twitter for iPhone

@[SoloPR](#) @[dariasteigman](#) @[LAClippers](#) And kudos to their team (esp my fav Ta'Nisha Cooper) 4 recognizing power of "less is more." [#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:13pm via tchat.io

I agree w/ @[dariasteigman](#)...they should be focused on addressing the issue (proactive) & not preparing visuals for reactive... [#solopr](#)



[SusynEliseDuris](#)1:13pm via tchat.io

I read a very telling stat recently - not sure of exact %, but something like > 70% of brands don't have social crisis comms plan. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:13pm via TweetDeck

@[PaulaJohns](#) @ehhr_comms Trying to find myself a designer right now for a good price! [#solopr](#)



[KristK](#)1:13pm via Twubs

Late to today's chat but couldn't miss another one. Kristie here from Mississippi, where we're masters of recovery and rebuilding [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:13pm via TweetDeck

@[dariasteigman](#) I'm thinking of an airline as an example. Are there visuals they can plan for in case there's an incident? [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:12pm via TweetDeck

Agreed RT @[KellyeCrane](#): A1: Increasingly, it seems [#PR](#) pros should train our brains to think "what's the visual for this?" [#solopr](#)



[mdbarber](#)1:12pm via [tchat.io](#)

Sorry to be late folks. Mary from Anchorage here. 35+ years as PR pro; nearly 14 as indy consultant. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovansf](#)1:12pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[fransteps](#) Link below Fran. It was a black background with white letters saying "We Are One". [#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:12pm via [tchat.io](#)

Good plan! MT @[ehhr_comms](#) I have several designers on speed dial if I need them (and know they work very quickly)! [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:12pm via [TweetDeck](#)

RT @[KellyeCrane](#): A1: Increasingly, it seems [#PR](#) pros should train our brains to think "what's the visual for this?" [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:12pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[KellyeCrane](#) Arguably, though, they should be focused on addressing the issue (proactive) & not preparing visuals for reactive? [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR](#)1:12pm via [tchat.io](#)

RT @[KarenSwim](#): A1: Honeymaid' Love visuals are another example [encrypted-tbn2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:A...](#) [#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:11pm via [TweetDeck](#)

A1: Increasingly, it seems [#PR](#) pros should train our brains to think "what's the visual for this?" [#solopr](#)



[fransteps1:11pm via tchat.io](#)

A1: I did not see Clippers visuals, except for shot of owner over and over. Did I miss something? [#solopr](#)



[ehr_comms1:11pm via tchat.io](#)

Agree with anticipate visuals. I have several designers on speed dial if I need them (and know they work very quickly)! [#solopr](#)



[KarenSwim1:11pm via Nurph](#)

True RT [@dariasteigman](#) [@KellyeCrane](#) Well, to be fair, it's usually hard to "anticipate" needed crisis visuals. :) [#SoloPR](#)



[SusynEliseDuris1:11pm via tchat.io](#)

Good morning all. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:11pm via TweetDeck](#)

[@dariasteigman](#) In most cases, though some orgs know what their weak spots are (as you know). [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman1:10pm via TweetDeck](#)

Good example. RT [@KarenSwim](#): A1: Honeymaid' Love visuals are another example bit.ly/1ftrrNH [#SoloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:10pm via tchat.io](#)

Yes! RT [@dariasteigman](#): A1 The [@LAClippers](#) visuals were terrific. Also good reminder that shared "social" is increasingly visual. [#solopr](#)



[fransteps1:10pm via tchat.io](#)

Hi all! Joining a bit late but happy to be here - Fran in San Antonio. Catching up. [#solopr](#)

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[KarenSwim](#)1:10pm via Nurph

A1: Honeymaid' Love visuals are another example [encrypted-tbn2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:A...](#) [#SoloPR](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:10pm via TweetDeck

@[KellyeCrane](#) Well, to be fair, it's usually hard to "anticipate" needed crisis visuals. :) [#solopr](#)



[PaulaJohns](#)1:09pm via tchat.io

Hi [#soloPR](#) friends. Long-time solo pro joining from very sunny San Diego. Temps reaching into the 90's here today.



[ehr_comms](#)1:09pm via tchat.io

A1: I read the NYTimes every morning, so did know about it, but just quickly looked at the Guardian and it's not up. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:09pm via TweetDeck

A1: I think there are quite a few examples of real-time visuals from brands (e.g., Oreo), but still new for crisis. [#solopr](#)



[dariasteigman](#)1:08pm via TweetDeck

A1 The @[LAClippers](#) visuals were terrific. Also good reminder that shared "social" is increasingly visual. [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane](#)1:08pm via TweetDeck

@[ehr_comms](#) Curious: did you hear much about the racist remarks of the Clippers owner across the pond? [#solopr](#)



[natashajoleen](#) 1:08pm via Twitter for iPhone

@SoloPR missing the #solopr chat due to a current @buffer + @TwitterSmallBiz webinar (#tweetscience). Looking fwd to the chat recap! :)



[dariasteigman](#) 1:07pm via TweetDeck

@KarenSwim Thanks. I have all my stuff wrapped in plastic, just in case. :) #solopr



[KellyeCrane](#) 1:07pm via TweetDeck

A1: I recall the visual from Apple when Steve Jobs died. Well done. #solopr



[KarenSwim](#) 1:06pm via Nurph

@dariasteigman Hi Daria! Be safe out there today! #SoloPR



[dariasteigman](#) 1:06pm via TweetDeck

Hello #solopr peeps. Going to be popping in/out today as I try to get organized to get out the door (& into the deluge).



[ehr_comms](#) 1:06pm via tchat.io

A1: Haven't seen this, very good visuals! #solopr



[KellyeCrane](#) 1:05pm via TweetDeck

RT @SoloPR: Q1 (2/2) What are some other examples of good use of visuals in a crisis? Do you have them as part of your crisis plans? #solopr



[SoloPR](#) 1:05pm via tchat.io

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[KarenSwim1:05pm via Nurph](#)

Yes, hope everyone and families are ok following storms [#SoloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:04pm via tchat.io](#)

Q1: (1/2) We all know about the Clippers. @prtini makes a great pt about using visuals in crisis response: prtini.com/clippers-crisi...

[#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:04pm via tchat.io](#)

Great group gathering! Q1 is a two-parter, coming up... [#solopr](#)



[jendonovans1:04pm via TweetDeck](#)

Good morning everyone. [#SanFrancisco](#) based [#socialmedia](#) & [#communications](#) consultant. [#SoloPR](#)



[KellyeCrane1:03pm via TweetDeck](#)

Hope all our friends in the southeast are doing OK following this week's storms! ATL was spared, fortunately. [#solopr](#)



[jendonovans1:03pm via TweetDeck](#)

RT @SoloPR: It's time for this week's [#solopr](#) chat, for [#freelance](#) consultants in [#PR](#), [#socialmedia](#) and related fields.



[KarenSwim1:03pm via Nurph](#)

Hi all, Michigan based PR and Marketing Communications pro, Karen Swim. [#SoloPR](#)



[SoloPR1:03pm via tchat.io](#)

We have room for more Qs this week, so send them to @[KellyeCrane](#) without the hashtag (or by DM)! [#solopr](#)



[SComm1:02pm via TweetDeck](#)

RT @[KellyeCrane](#): RT @[SoloPR](#): It's time for this week's [#solopr](#) chat, for [#freelance](#) consultants in [#PR](#), [#socialmedia](#) and related fields.



[KellyeCrane1:02pm via TweetDeck](#)

@[marikalynch](#) Thanks, Marika! [#solopr](#)



[KellyeCrane1:02pm via TweetDeck](#)

RT @[SoloPR](#): It's time for this week's [#solopr](#) chat, for [#freelance](#) consultants in [#PR](#), [#socialmedia](#) and related fields.



[ehr_comms1:02pm via tchat.io](#)

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[marikalynch1:01pm via TweetDeck](#)

Always a good one RT @[SoloPR](#): It's time for this week's [#solopr](#) chat, for [#freelance](#) consultants in [#PR](#), [#socialmedia](#) and related fields.



[KarenSwim1:01pm via Nurph](#)

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[SoloPR1:01pm via tchat.io](#)

If you're joining, please introduce yourself. This is @[KellyeCrane](#), Atlanta-based founder of [soloprpro](#) [dot] com. [#solopr](#)



[SoloPR1:01pm via tchat.io](#)

It's time for this week's [#solopr](#) chat, for [#freelance](#) consultants in [#PR](#), [#socialmedia](#) and related fields.