# Market Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning for Competitive Advantage

## Steps in Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning

6. Develop Marketing Mix for Each Target Segment

Market Positioning

5. Develop Positioning for Each Target Segment

4. Select Target Segment(s)

Market Targeting

- 3. Develop Measures of Segment Attractiveness
- 2. Develop Profiles of Resulting Segments

1. Identify Bases for Segmenting the Market

**Market Segmentation** 

## Step 1. Market Segmentation Levels of Market Segmentation

Same product to all consumers (no segmentation)

Segment Marketing
Different products to one or more segments
(some segmentation)

Miche Marketing

Different products to subgroups within segments

(more segmentation)

Micromarketing
Products to suit the tastes of individuals and locations
(complete segmentation)

**Local Marketing** 

Tailoring brands/ promotions to local customer groups

**Individual Marketing** 

Tailoring products/ programs to individual customers

## Step 1. Market Segmentation Bases for Segmenting Consumer Markets

### Geographic

Nations, states, regions or cities

### **Demographic**

Age, gender, family size and life cycle,

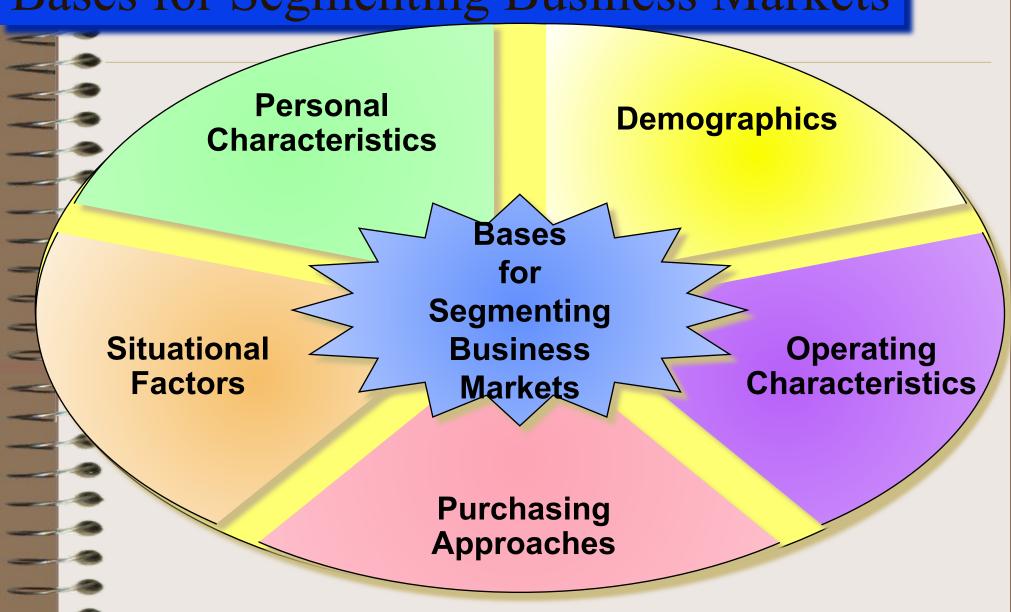
### **Psychographic**

Social class, lifestyle, or personality

### **Behavioral**

Occasions, benefits sought, user status, usage rate, loyalty

## Step 1. Market Segmentation Bases for Segmenting Business Markets



### Step 1. Market Segmentation Bases for Segmenting International Markets **Industrial Markets** Political/ **Geographic Economic** Legal **Cultural Intermarket**

## Step 1. Market Segmentation Requirements for Effective Segmentation

Measurable

**Accessible** 

Substantial

Differential

Actionable

- Size, purchasing power, profiles of segments can be measured.
- Segments can be effectively reached and served.
- Segments are large or profitable enough to serve.
- Segments must respond differently to different marketing mix elements & programs.
- Effective programs can be designed to attract and serve the segments.

## Step 2. Market Targeting Evaluating Market Segments

### Segment Size and Growth

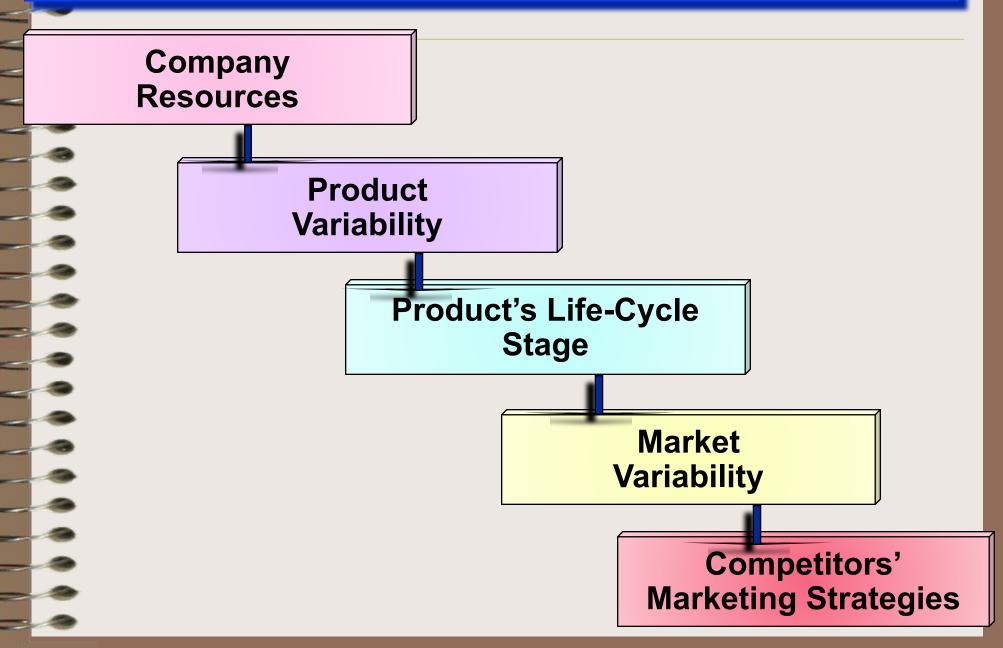
Analyze sales, growth rates and expected profitability for various segments.

### Segment Structural Attractiveness

- Consider effects of: Competitors, Availability of Substitute Products and, the Power of Buyers & Suppliers.
- Company Objectives and Resources
  - Company skills & resources relative to the segment(s).
  - Look for Competitive Advantages.



## Step 2. Market Targeting Choosing a Market-Coverage Strategy

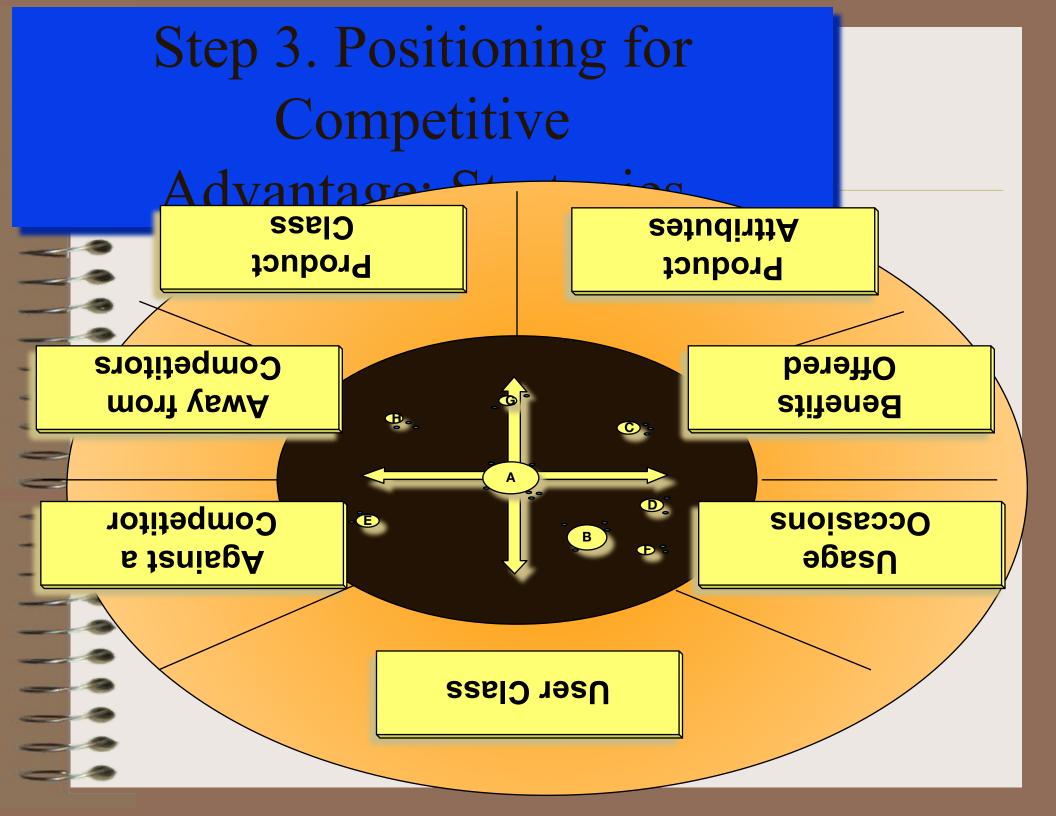


## Step 3. Positioning for Competitive Advantage

Product's Position - the way the product is *defined by consumers* on important attributes - the place the product occupies in consumers' minds relative to competing products.

### Marketers must:

 Plan positions to give their products the greatest advantage in selected target markets,

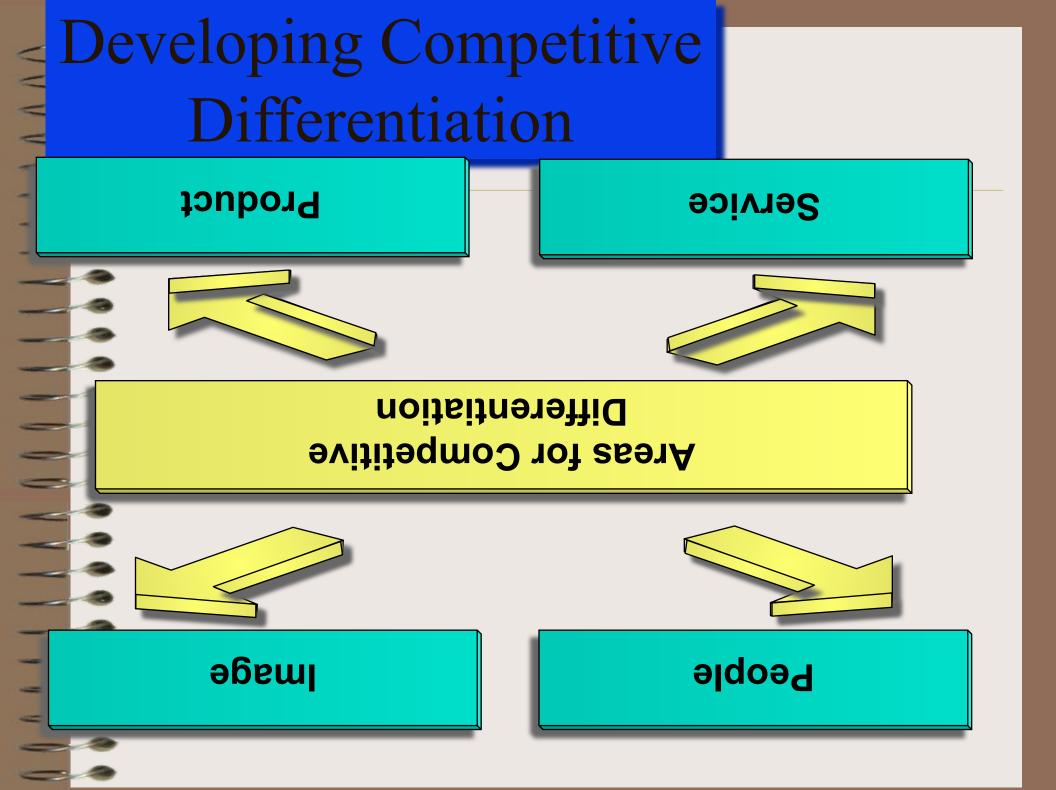


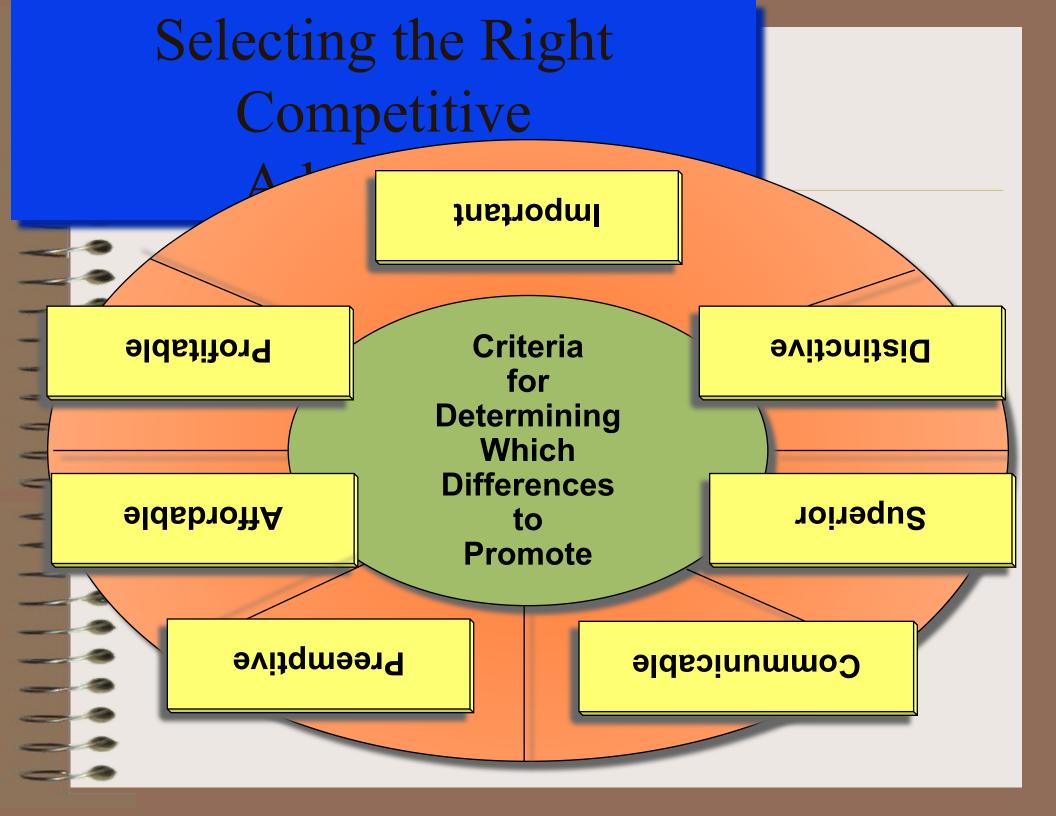
## Steps to Choosing and Implementing a Positioning Strategy

• <u>Step 1.</u> <u>Identifying Possible Competitive</u> <u>Advantages: Competitive Differentiation.</u>

• <u>Step 2.</u> <u>Selecting the Right Competitive</u> Advantage: Unique Selling Proposition (USP).

• Step 3. Communicating and Delivering the Chosen Position.







- Define the three steps of target marketing: market segmentation, market targeting, and market positioning.
- List and discuss the major levels of market segmentation and bases for segmenting consumer and business markets.
- Explain how companies identify attractive market segments and choose a market coverage strategy.
  - Discuss how companies position their products for maximum competitive advantage in the marketplace.