



# TRA RAGIONE E SENTIMENTO:

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I LINGUAGGI DELLA COSMETICA

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## BEAUTY EVOLUTION: dall'apparire all'essere

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## THEMES IN COSMETICS AND GROOMING

MURRAY WAX

### ABSTRACT

Cosmetic and grooming practices are universal among human societies. These practices may be analyzed according to casualness and control, exposure and concealment, and plasticity and fixity. The modern brassière illustrates the dialectic of exposure and concealment as well as the plastic manipulation of the body. Permanent waving illustrates the dialectic of casualness and control (manageability): the young girl exemplifies casualness in grooming; the older woman, control. Grooming is employed not merely in the service of sexuality but primarily to denote the status and role of the person in relationship to some audience.

This paper deals with some practices concerning highly conscious, social aspects of physical appearance, in particular the appearance of women.<sup>1</sup> These go under the names of "grooming" and "cosmetics," and they involve the manipulation of one's superficial physical structure so as to make a desired impression upon others.<sup>2</sup> The manipulations include bathing, anointing, and coloring the skin; cutting, shaving, plucking, braiding, waving, and setting the hair; deodorizing and scenting the body; coloring or marking the lips, hands, nails, eyes, face, or other exposed regions; cleansing, coloring, and filing the teeth; molding, restraining, and concealing various parts of the body; and so on.

As a class, these activities are universal among human beings. Some of the oldest artifacts discovered indicate the usage of cosmetics, for example, the presence of red ocher in Cro-Magnon graves and the elaborate toilette sets of the Egyptians. The Bible

relates varied instances of the use of cosmetics: Esther and the other maids being prepared for King Ahasuerus and the anointing of Jesus in Bethany.

The cosmetic and grooming practices of other peoples sometimes appear to us as peculiar or outrageous (e.g., lip-stretching, foot-binding, tattooing, head-shaping, scarification), but in every case the custom can be understood as an attempt to modify or mold the superficial physical structure of the body into patterns considered attractive and appropriate to the status of the individual.

Apparently, there has been little analysis of the meaning of cosmetics by those in the sociological-anthropological profession.<sup>3</sup> Ethnographers have reported the tremendous variety of forms that personal ornamentation and grooming may take. More important, they have observed—and characterized as such—the association of patterns of dress and grooming with social status, noting how changes in dress and grooming are universally employed to denote the movement from one social status to

# i cardini dello sviluppo del settore beauty



BEAUTY

# Evoluzione diacronica



1936



dall'estetica



1957

# e dal desiderio di accettazione sociale

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**Solo il nuovo DENTIFRICIO COLGATE con GARDOL®**

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e vi assicura  
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**Come agisce GARDOL**

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rimuovere gli acidi che assa-  
nano la carie. Ma dopo  
alcuni minuti questi acidi  
riprendono la loro azione.  
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tutto il giorno.

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fra i denti e si pulisce a fondo. Colgate elimi-  
na le impurità dell'aria e lascia la bocca  
meravigliosamente fresca. Prove scientifiche  
dimostrano che il nuovo Dentifricio Colgate  
Gardol rimane attivo per 12 ore e più — quindi  
difende i denti dalla carie per tutto il giorno.

*\* A. Laurioli, ricercatore medico.*



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tubo regolare L. 190

**Provatelo e scoprirete perché**  
**Colgate con Gardol è il dentifricio più venduto nel mondo**

79

1952

**E' triste fare da tappezzeria!**

LILY, VIA QUEL MUISO  
LUNDO! PERCHÉ TI NE  
STAI LÍ MASCOSTA E  
LONTANA DA TUTTI?  
SEI VENUTA A QUESTA  
FESTA PER BALLARE!

BELLA FESTA!  
TUTTI GLI UOMINI  
SI DANZANO PER  
GRAN DATTARE  
PER EVITARMI...

ANCHÉ PERO SE L'È  
SVEGNATA DOPO IL  
PRIMO BALLO.  
IO NON CAPISCO MA  
C'È QUALCOSA CHE  
NON VA. MA CARA  
LILY...

SENTI, NON SARÒ  
UN GENIO, MA  
SCAMMETTICO CHE IL  
TUO DENTISTA POTRÀ  
AVERMI IL CATTIVO  
CHE LA CAUSA DEI  
TUOI GRAN TAP... IL  
TUO ALITO CATTIVO!

LILY VA DAL SUO DENTISTA

È DIMOSTRATO CHE IN 7 CASI  
SU 10 IL COLGATE ELIMINA  
IMMEDIATAMENTE L'ALITO CATTIVO  
CHE HA ORIGINE NELLA BOCCA.  
INOLTRE È PROVATO CHE  
L'USO DEL DENTIFRICIO  
COLGATE

SUBITO DOPO I PASTI  
MIGLIORE CONTRIBUISCE  
AD ARRESTARE  
LA CARIE.

2 anni di continue ricerche effettuate in 5 fra le più  
importanti università americane hanno dimostrato che  
spazzolarsi i denti, subito dopo aver mangiato, con  
**IL DENTIFRICIO COLGATE**  
È IL MODO MIGLIORE PER CONTRIBUIRE  
A PREVENIRE LA CARIE.

Il metodo Colgate arresta molto carie e molte perso-  
ne di quanto mai riportato nella storia dei dentifrici!  
Nessun altro dentifricio ha le prove di simili risultati,  
i migliori risultati finora riportati per un dentifricio  
di qualsiasi tipo.

\* COLGATE: LA PASTA DENTIFRICIA PIÙ VENDUTA NEL MONDO \*

PIÙ TARDI GRAZIE AL DENTIFRICIO COLGATE

BUONA IDEA C'È STATA LA MIA.  
ORA LILY NON FA PIÙ TAPPEZZERIA!

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DENTIFRICIO COLGATE  
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L'ALITO  
✓ MENTRE PULISCE A FONDO  
I DENTI  
✓ E CONTRIBUISCE AD  
ARRESTARE LA CARIE!

Tubo grande L. 190  
Tubo medio L. 100

# alla reason why, alla specificità



ca 1970



ca 1990



ca 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUlk-yGU0IY>

# alla funzionalità e alla salute



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qbV100Mx3o>

# la creazione di un problema, la nascita di un prodotto

**...AND MEN CAN BE SUCH AWFUL GOSSIPS TOO!**



**Let's face the truth about UNDERARM PERSPIRATION ODOR**

**M**en no mean about girls behind their backs — although they won't admit it. Is a girl pretty, a good sport, a smooth dancer? They know a minute quickly goes the rounds! They talk about other things, too. About the girls they hate to dance with — the girls they simply can't take out. For a girl must be more than pretty and smart, she'll never make a hit with men unless she is truly smart — she'll be true.

Unpopularity often begins with the first hint of underarm odor. This is one fault that men can't stand — one fault they can't forgive. Yet one girl may offend this way.

**MUM LASTS ALL DAY!** Scent the day or evening with Mum and you'll come home with underarms as fresh as when you started.

**MUM IS GENTLE!** Mum is safe and soothing as a healing hand cream.

**MUM IS SWEET!** There's no problem about using Mum. It takes no time, no fuss and bother of waiting for it to dry. Smooth it on and you're through! To be a girl men like to have around, use Mum every day and after every bath.

**MUM IS TIGHT!** Mum doesn't stop natural perspiration. It does just what you want it to do — take the odor out of perspiration.

**MUM IS SURE!** There's no problem about using Mum. It takes no time, no fuss and bother of waiting for it to dry. Smooth it on and you're through! To be a girl men like to have around, use Mum every day and after every bath.

**FOR THIS IMPORTANT USE, TOO**  
Tensions of worry or Mums for last — your underarms may have been so soiled, in fact, that you cannot remove them at all.

**USE MUM ON SANITARY HAPPIES**  
and know which complete freedom from doubt and fear of this cause of unpleasantness can truly be found!

**MUM**  
Takes the odor out of perspiration

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**WAKE UP, Mary!**

**It's a grand old world, and you're missing it**

**YOU'RE** a pretty girl, Mary, and you're smart about most things. But you're just a bit stupid about yourself.

You love a good time—but you seldom have one. Evening after evening you sit at home alone.

You've met several grand men who seemed interested at first. They took you out once—until that was that.

**WAKE UP, MARY!**

There are so many pretty Marys in the world who never seem to meet the real reason for their absence.

In this smart modern age, it's against the code for a girl (or a man, either) to carry the slightest odor of underarm perspiration on clothing and person.

It's a fault which never fails to carry its own punishment—unpopularity. And mostly, for it is a fault which can be corrected in just half a minute—each Mary!

**No bother to use Mum.** Just smooth a bit of Mum under each arm—that's all there is to it! Slip into your dress without a minute's halt. No waiting for it to dry, no rinsing out.

**Use it every time; harmless to clothing.** If you forget to use Mum before your dress, don't use it afterwards. Mum is the only deodorant which kills bacteria. The only official Seal of the American Institute of Lingerie as being harmless to fabric.

**Use it every time; harmless to skin.** You'll love this about Mum—you can shave your underarms and use it at once. Even a sensitive skin won't mind it.

**Effective all day long.** Mum never lets you down, no matter how strenuous the day. Start with Mum—and you'll come home as fresh as when you started.

**Does not prevent natural perspiration.** Mum does prevent the objectionable odor of perspiration, but it does not prevent and stop the natural perspiration itself.

That's the neglect of this part of personal grooming about you of good times which you were meant to have. The daily Mum habit will keep you safe! Bristol-Myers Co., 620 Fifth Ave., New York.

**MUM TAKES THE ODOR OUT OF PERSPIRATION**

EVERY product guaranteed as advertised—see page 8

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# la soluzione

1979



# il benessere personale e la prestazione

"Dove gives me the confidence to wear sleeveless tops."  
Liz, after using Dove deodorant for 7 days.



Dove, with our unique 1/4 moisturizing cream with Vitamin E and F, actively helps skin to recover itself in just 7 days.\*  
Dove Deodorant.  
Effective Protection. Beautiful Result.

\*After 7 days of use on underarms.

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Il nuovo Lycia Total Fresh è l'antiodorante con estratti di agrumi e fresia a massima efficacia e freschezza energizzante, grazie alle microcapsule a lunga durata.

**NUOVO**

Con polvere di Caolino, per una pelle subito asciutta, mai così morbida, tutta da accarezzare!



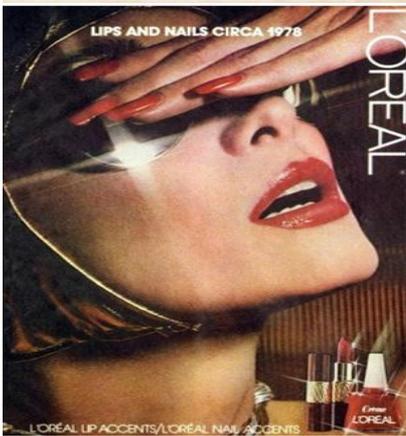
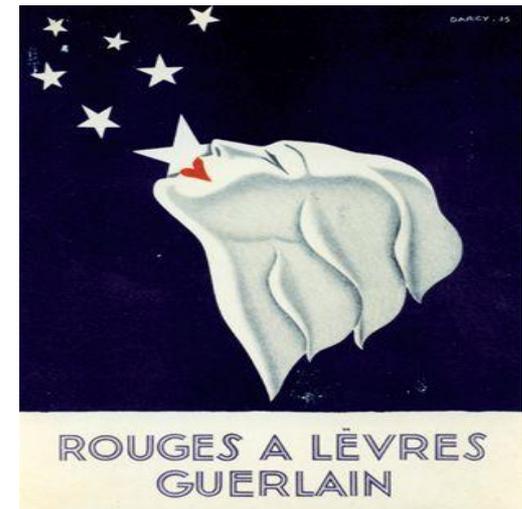
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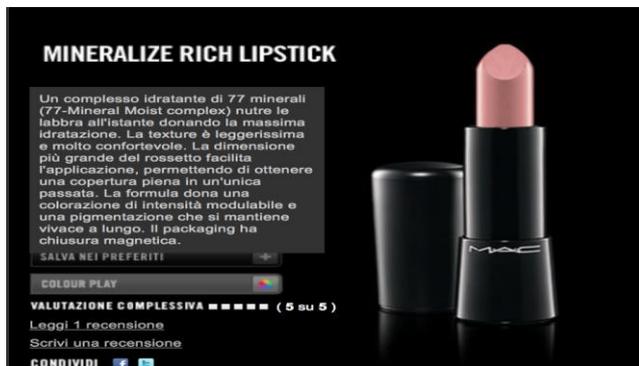
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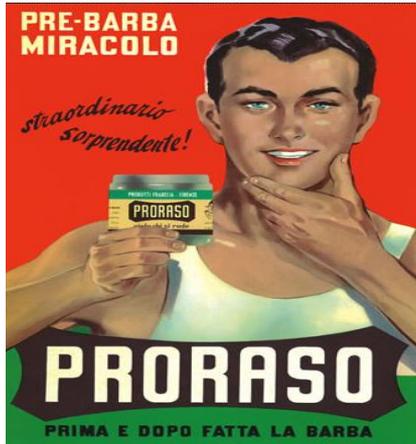
dalla dimensione  
estetica



# alla prestazione del prodotto



# La scoperta di un nuovo target



# La svolta

## *Dove* Real Beauty Campaign



2004

# La ri-scoperta della bellezza



- grey?
- gorgeous?

Why can't more women feel glad to be grey? Join the beauty debate.

[campaignforrealbeauty.co.uk](http://campaignforrealbeauty.co.uk)  | Dove



- withered?
- wonderful?

[campaignforrealbeauty.ca](http://campaignforrealbeauty.ca)  | Dove



- fat?
- fit?

Does true beauty only squeeze into size 8? Join the beauty debate.

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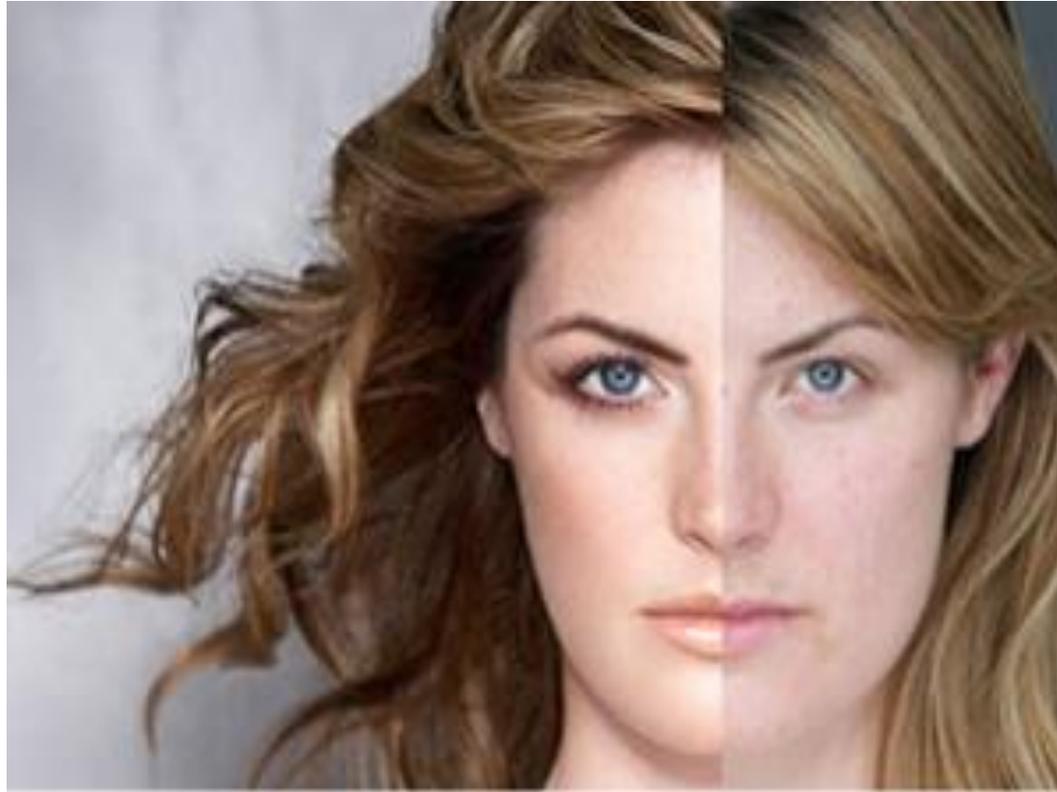
- flawed?
- flawless?

Is beautiful skin only ever spotless? Join the beauty debate.

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# autentico vs. contraffatto

2006



# L'evoluzione di un concetto

- Because I'm worth it (1973)
- Perché voi valete
- Perché noi valiamo
- Perché tu vali
- Brand manifesto Beauty for all (2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McCUVz-5Ygc>



L'Oréal #BeautyForAll

# Credere in qualcosa fa sentire belle

2010



P&G

“ Who says pretty can't be funny? ”

**STAND UP  
FOR BEAUTY**  
— VIDEO CONTEST —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfbmSfwACXM>

# La bellezza non si indossa

2011



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge2kbNN4Q40>

# Essere carine non basta

**PRETTY IS NOT ENOUGH.**  
PRETTY IS NICE. IT'S FINE. PRETTY CAN TURN HEADS.  
BUT BEAUTY? BEAUTY CAN CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD.  
PRETTY IS WHAT YOU ARE, BUT BEAUTY IS WHAT YOU  
DO WITH IT. PRETTY CAN LIFT SPIRITS. BEAUTY MAKES  
THEM SOAR. SO SMILE. BE BOLD. SHOW YOUR BEAUTY.  
BECAUSE WHEN YOU PUT PRETTY INTO ACTION, THERE'S  
**NO LIMIT TO WHAT YOU CAN DO.**



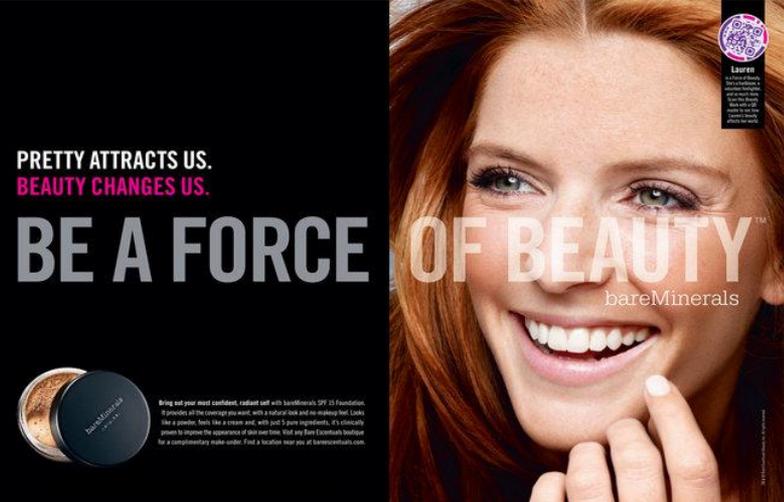
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Bring out your force of beauty at [www.bareminerals.com](http://www.bareminerals.com)

2012

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# La bellezza senza trucco

Lancome Goes Bare:  
📷 Project #bareselfie



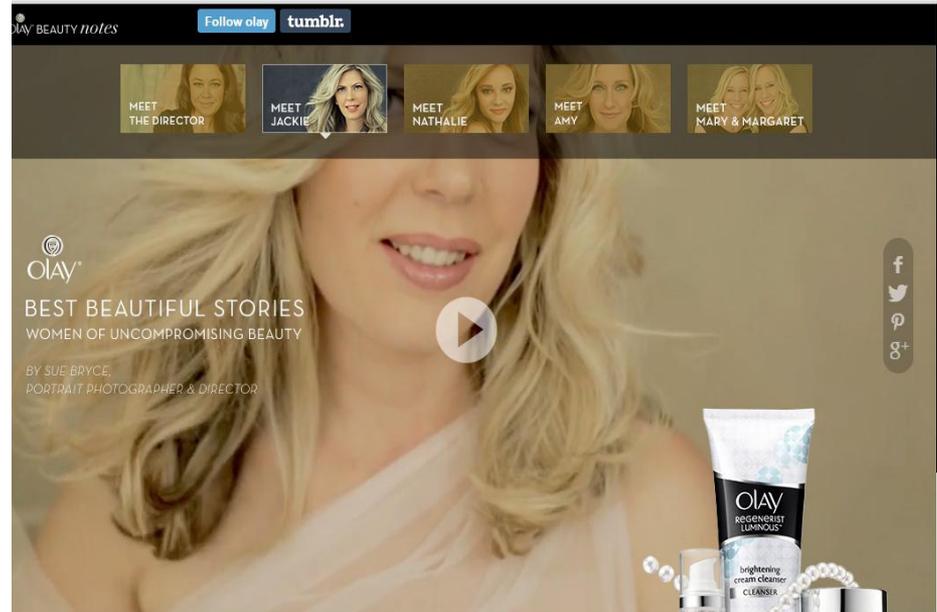
LANCÔME  
PARIS

2013

# Si è belle se si dà il meglio di sé



P&G



JACKIE THOMSON  
Entrepreneur and mother who finds beauty in balance

2014

# Cosa fa sentire belle?



**benefit**  
SAN FRANCISCO

**LOVE IS  
LOUDER**  
A PROJECT OF THE JED FOUNDATION

2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9ECkmAxv10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNvpjwzugFY>





# Perché curare il proprio aspetto?

- 69% sentirsi bene con se stessi
- 39% avere il controllo della situazione
- 30% dare il buon esempio ai figli
- 28% compiacere il partner
- 26% esprimere la propria individualità

Perché è importante per la mia carriera

Perché la gente se lo aspetta

Per essere ammirato e rispettato dagli altri

Per fare una buona impressione sulle persone che incontro per la prima volta

Per fare una buona impressione sulle persone del sesso opposto da cui sono attratto

(GfK survey among 27,000+ Internet users (ages 15+) in 22 countries – multiple answers possible – rounded)

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