# **Ghosting:** Why candidates do it and why you shouldn't!

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## **Ghosting:**

No-showing or standing up a previously agreed upon engagement or ending communication with no notice, never to be heard from again

## **Over the next 30 minutes:**

- Post Covid and Digital Cultural Changes
- What happens and what to do
- Employer perspective
- Candidate perspective
- Tactics and Strategies
- Solutions
- Takeaways

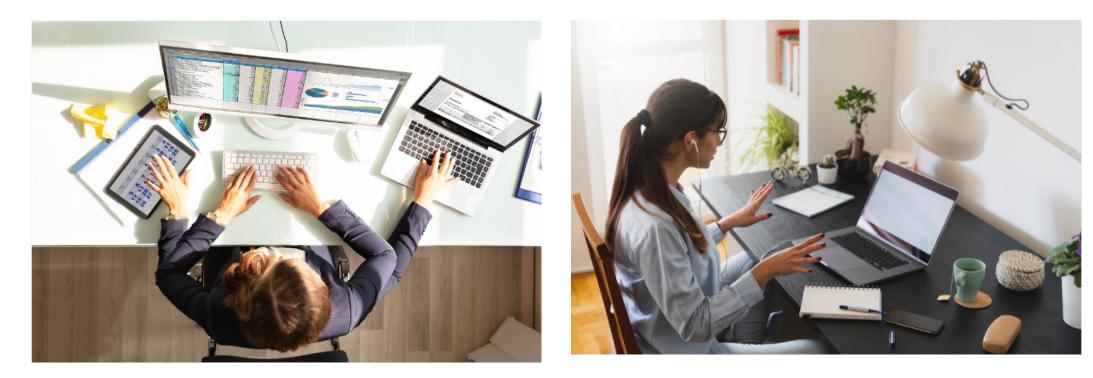


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## Digital and Cultural Changes & Post Covid Market Realities





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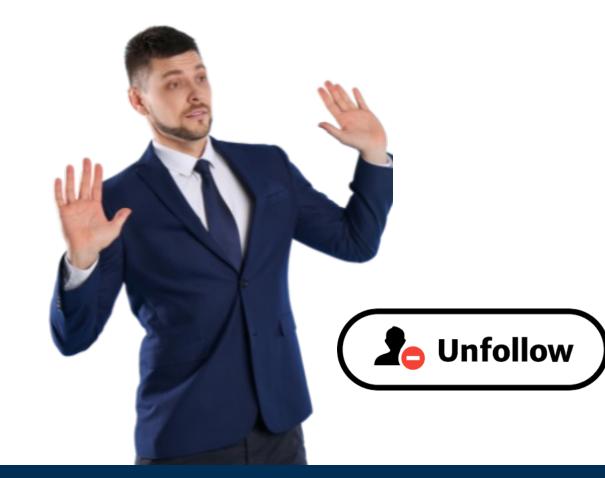
## Digital and Cultural Changes

- Low tolerance for displeasure but high sense of acquisitiveness
- "Easy come, easy go" problem
- The HR tech and staffing services market made it easier than ever to explore and apply for jobs (easy apply, reducing friction etc.)





## Digital and Cultural Changes



# People just DON'T LIKE awkward moments

• 53 billion fewer caller minutes recorded in the last 3 years

 There is a relationship between the candidate and the company and how you are treated in that relationship does matter IF you want to maintain the relationship



## What Happens and What can we do



• Both sides Ghost and both sides blame each other



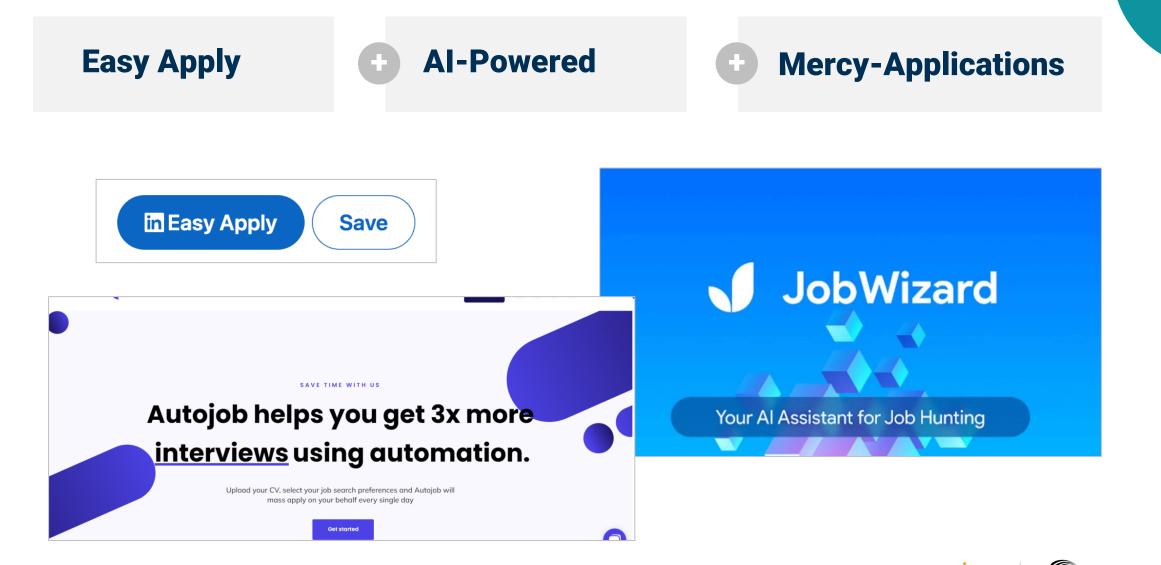
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# **8.7 MILION applications** every day through digital platforms.



# Candidate Perspective



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## **Tactics and Strategy**

#### Tactics: the HOW/WHAT

#### Strategy: the WHY





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## **Solutions** Employer Controlled



- ✓ Honest self reflection
- ✓ Be deliberate
- ✓ Think about the introduction of friction in the process
- ✓ Build habits with your team
- ✓ Consider an audit

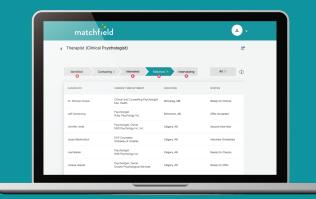


### Solutions Candidates



- ✓ Start with authenticity
- ✓ Set expectations early
- ✓ Create backstops for your candidates
- ✓ Look at GPTs and experiment





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## **Takeaways**

It's never too late to head off the underlying causes of ghosting, nor to introduce solutions that can help

**Training** - connect your team to your brand, and connect their conduct to your brand's reputation.

#### **Process Evaluation** -

there are often accessible procedural solutions that can ease some of the constraints that are some of the root causes of ghosting

#### **Technical Solutions -**

there are growing opportunities to leverage emerging technology to handle tasks that are either too uncomfortable, or too resource-intensive to invest human time and energy into.

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# **Best of luck in 2024!**



