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BUYING COMMITTEE TEARDOWN

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SCOPE mid market segment · problem aware stage

· Marketing teams and legal/advisory firms that need structured AI-driven perspective-testing before launching campaigns, documents, or high-stakes communications

This teardown models one buyer segment at one awareness stage. The full matrix — additional ICPs and awareness stages (e.g. problem-aware vs. solution-aware) — is available as further runs.

MID MARKET

SALES LED

PROBLEM AWARE

Champion · Head of Marketing or Senior Legal/Advisory professional responsible for

BUYER READ no override provided

Correct assessment

40

OUT OF 100

LEAKY

LEAKY

FUNCTIONAL

STRONG

MAGNETIC

CHAMPION VERDICT

The champion would not take the next step. While they recognise their problem in the page's framing and feel addressed as a marketing professional, three critical gaps prevent forward movement. The page offers no concrete proof that the approach outperforms a generic model — the very concern the champion named as their primary blocker. There is no explanation of how someone without a data science background would actually configure and use the system. And most practically, the page provides no next action whatsoever: no call to action, no demo request, no contact prompt. The champion is left with a concept they find plausible but unproven, and no path to test that hypothesis without routing entirely around what the page offers.

WHY THIS GRADE — THE ACTION GATE

Both make-or-break levers — credibility to act and next-step clarity — are absent, so the grade is capped at 40 (Leaky). A visitor given no reason to act and no clear next move cannot convert, however strong the rest of the page is.

Raw dimension average 50 → capped to 40 (Leaky ceiling, 40)

What lifts it: Restore either lever to lift the ceiling to 65; restore both to remove the cap and let the page's other strengths count.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

COMMITTEE STANCE

- Advocate — pushes the deal forward
- Tolerate — won't block, won't champion
- Block — can veto the purchase

PAGE COVERAGE OF A GATE

- On page — the page arms it
- Partial — hinted, not enough
- Off-page — handled later in sales (neutral)
- Gap — should be on-page, isn't

PROVENANCE

- Interviews — a finding spoken in a simulated IDI
- Inference — analyst classification (e.g. coverage by motion)
- Synthesis — the recommendations the diagnosis implies
- Armed = on-page + partial · Deferred = off-page

Grade cap — two levers decide whether a page can convert at all: **credibility to act** and **next-step clarity**. A 0 on either hard-caps the grade (one missing → ceiling 65, both → 40), so a fix that restores one is marked **▲ Lifts grade ceiling**.

01 What to ship

ANALYST SYNTHESIS

Ship this week hours → days · highest leverage

01 Add a primary CTA — 'Book a 20-minute walkthrough' — in the hero and repeated after the 'Why AI psychology?' section, linking to a simple booking form.

Marketing

2 HOURS

HIGH IMPACT

▲ Lifts grade ceiling

Unblocks: Gives the visitor a clear next move the page is missing entirely — today there is no button, form, or invitation anywhere, so even a convinced champion has nowhere to go. Restoring this lever lifts the grade ceiling from 40 toward the page's raw 50.

↳ hero: 'Impersonato builds AI that can take the perspective of a customer...' — no CTA anywhere on page

02 Replace the abstract Observatory reference with a single concrete, messy example: a short transcript snippet showing a simulated customer misunderstanding real campaign copy in a way a generic model missed.

Product marketing

1 DAY

HIGH IMPACT

▲ Lifts grade ceiling

Unblocks: Closes the champion's named primary blocker — without a concrete example of the AI 'failing or hesitating like a real person' they will not champion this internally. A provable result begins restoring the visitor's reason to act and lifts the grade off its 40 cap.

↳ section: 'Example work we've done · Evidence Public · Live' — 'The Observatory tracks, turn by turn, where commercial AI systems fail...'

03 Add a one-line capability claim beside or below the academic partner that ties it to market relevance, or demote 'Politechnika Rzeszowska' so it stops reading as the page's only credibility signal.

Marketing

1 HOUR

MEDIUM IMPACT

Unblocks: Stops the lone credibility marker from reinforcing the 'glossy research-project stamp' doubt the champion flagged — frees them to take the rest of the proof seriously.

↳ section: 'Academic partners — Politechnika Rzeszowska'

That was huge, fixed immediately

Ship this month days → ~2 weeks

- 01 **Build a side-by-side comparison block: same campaign input run through a generic LLM vs. Impersonato, showing the specific nuance the persona-built approach catches that generic prompting misses.**

Product marketing 1 WEEK HIGH IMPACT ▲ Lifts grade ceiling

Unblocks: Directly answers 'is this just standard LLM prompting with a fancy name?' — the differentiation gap that, combined with the proof gap, keeps the visitor with no reason to act. Demonstrable difference helps lift the grade beyond the 40 cap.

↳ section: 'Why AI psychology? — Generic AI gives an answer / We build the perspective that matters'

- 02 **Add a 'How you set it up' explainer showing a non-technical data scientist required — with a 60-second screen recording**

Product marketing 2 WEEKS HIGH IMPACT

Unblocks: Clears the End User (Senior Campaign Manager) gate — proves becoming another platform she must maintain, and answers the champion scientist.'

↳ section: 'The technology behind every Impersonato service'

- 03 **Publish a short trust/security summary page covering EU-on sub-processor disclosure, and mandatory human handover, if**

Legal/Compliance 2 WEEKS MEDIUM IMPACT

Unblocks: Begins clearing the IT/Security and Legal gates — gives the champion the data-residency and retention answers needed before IT will even allow a demo.

↳ section: 'Boundaries: What it may access... Control: Where it runs, and who controls it'

We decided that publishing this teardown would be better, but the idea is correct. Others were added to the backlog.

Ship this quarter weeks of new work

- 01 **Produce a named case study from a comparable European financial/insurance brand with hard metrics — complaint-volume or handling-cost reduction — plus a defined 90-day pilot scope and transparent annual price.**

Product marketing 6 WEEKS HIGH IMPACT ▲ Lifts grade ceiling

Unblocks: Clears the Economic Buyer (CMO) block and arms the champion against 'looking gullible to the board' — a peer-sector ROI proof point plus price is what converts a plausible concept into a fundable decision, restoring the reason to act behind the grade cap.

↳ section: 'Example work we've done' — no case study or pricing on page

- 02 **Commission a SOC 2 Type II report and publish a data-flow diagram and DPA for the Cognitive Runtime, with a stated position on liability if the AI misses a regulatory breach.**

Legal/Compliance 8+ WEEKS MEDIUM IMPACT

Unblocks: Clears the IT/Security and Legal blocks for regulated use — without SOC 2, audit logs, and a liability stance, this cannot be a defensible compliance tool before the FCA regardless of how good the testing is.

↳ section: 'Legal and advisory — Add structured AI review... where risks must be surfaced, not hidden'

- 03 **Build a HubSpot integration (or documented API) so campaign copy can be tested in-workflow, and surface it on the page as a named integration.**

Engineering 6 WEEKS MEDIUM IMPACT

Unblocks: Removes the End User's core fear of 'another complex platform to maintain' by fitting testing into the tools she already lives in — turning day-to-day adoption from a chore into a paste-and-go step.

↳ section: 'For marketing teams — Test campaigns, concepts, landing pages...'

SUGGESTED COPY REWRITES

These are sound suggestions for the next quarter

Fixed CTA, other suggestions aren't really fixing anything so we skipped that.

HERO HEADLINE

CURRENT *Impersonato builds AI that can take the perspective of a customer, user or specialist — so you can find problems before you launch, publish or make an important decision.*

SUGGESTED **See exactly where your campaign confuses, alarms or loses a real customer — before you launch. We simulate the specific audience that matters, and show you the messy reactions a generic AI never surfaces.**

WHY Keeps the strong problem framing but answers the differentiation objection in the headline — 'the messy reactions a generic AI never surfaces' — instead of leaning on the unproven 'AI Psychology' label.

PRIMARY CTA

CURRENT *none on page*

SUGGESTED **See a real test in action — book a 20-minute walkthrough**

WHY The page has no call to action of any kind; adding a concrete, low-commitment next step restores the make-or-break next-step-clarity lever and lifts the grade off its 40 cap.

PROOF BLOCK

CURRENT *The Observatory tracks, turn by turn, where commercial AI systems fail the people least able to absorb it. The same method is used to test client-facing AI and to design safer review workflows for organisations.*

SUGGESTED **Here's a real run: we fed a live insurance renewal email to a simulated anxious policyholder. It flagged the line a generic model passed clean — see the full transcript and the catch a standard LLM missed.**

WHY Replaces an abstract reference with the concrete, messy example the champion named as their single biggest red flag and as the precondition for championing internally.

02 Conversion dimensions

FROM INTERVIEWS

Problem resonance

○ ○ 2/2

The page names the champion's core pain directly and repeatedly: launching campaigns, testing messaging, and catching misinterpretations before an audience sees them. The framing of 'find problems before you launch, publish or make an important decision' maps cleanly onto the anxiety a Head of Marketing carries about board-visible failures. The champion confirmed they saw their situation reflected, so this dimension lands strongly.

"It hits me right in the gut because that 'pensions misfire' is exactly the kind of thing I'm trying to prevent right now"

"the fear of legal flagging a campaign "after" it's live is currently my biggest stressor"

"The page talks about 'vulnerable users' and 'sensitive communications,' which is precisely where we got burned, so on paper, this matches my top priority perfectly"

↳ hero: 'find problems before you launch, publish or make an important decision'

Category clarity

○ ○ 2/2

The page makes it clear this is a pre-launch testing and review service that uses AI built to simulate specific customer or specialist perspectives — not a general-purpose AI tool. The two-scenario structure (before you launch / before you rely on it) and the

Cognitive Runtime explanation give the champion a workable mental model of what kind of solution this is.

"I see the 'vulnerable user' mention and the 'before you launch' section, and that immediately triggers the memory of that pensions campaign Marcus is still dragging me over, so I get a little hopeful"

"I need to poke at that 'Cognitive Runtime' thing and ask, 'Show me the data behind that boundary'"

↳ section: 'Two situations where ordinary AI is not enough' / 'Impersonate Cognitive Runtime'

Differentiation

○ ○ 0/2

The champion explicitly flagged the absence of meaningful differentiation as a blocking concern, describing the risk of 'standard LLM prompting with a fancy name.' The page introduces the term 'AI Psychology' and 'Cognitive Runtime' but never demonstrates — through a concrete example, a failure case, or a side-by-side comparison — how this approach produces a result a generic model would miss. The academic partnership with Politechnika Rzeszowska reads as a credential without market relevance. No evidence on the page closes the gap between the label and a provable capability difference.

"my biggest red flag is the lack of a concrete, messy example—like a transcript of a simulated customer actually misunderstanding a specific legal disclaimer—which makes me wonder if they're just repackaging standard LLM prompting with a fancy name"

"I see 'Academic partners: Politechnika Rzeszowska' and I have to pause—does that actually mean anything for my Hamburg market, or is it just a glossy stamp of approval?"

"if I can't see the evidence of the AI failing or hesitating like a real person, I'm not championing this to the board"

↳ section: 'Why AI psychology?' / 'Academic partners: Politechnika Rzeszowska'

Credibility to act

○ ○ 0/2

The next step the page asks for is not defined (see next_step_clarity), but even calibrated to a low-commitment action such as booking a call or requesting a demo, the page provides insufficient proof. The only concrete evidence offered is a reference to 'The Observatory,' described in abstract terms with no accessible output shown. There are no client names, no market-specific results, no example of the AI catching a nuance a generic model missed, and no explanation of how a non-technical user like this champion would configure personas without engineering support. The champion stated directly that without a messy, concrete example they would not champion this internally.

"I've been burned by a 'predictive audience' tool two years ago that gave us confident nonsense, so while the "problem" is a 10/10 match, my worry is that this is just another glossy demo promising 'AI psychology' without the gritty, poked-at evidence I need to trust it"

"Until I can poke that data source and see the logic behind the persona's reaction, I'm not spending a minute of my week or a euro of my budget"

"I want to know exactly "how" a user like me sets those boundaries without needing a data scientist, because if I have to wait three weeks for an engineer to configure the 'perspective' of a skeptical 60-year-old retiree, the tool is useless for my sprint cycles"

↳ section: 'Example work we've done' / 'Evidence Public · Live'

Next step clarity

○ ○ 0/2

The page presents no call to action of any kind — no button, no form, no invitation to book a conversation, request a demo, or explore further. There is no prominent or even subtle prompt directing the champion toward a next move. Any forward motion would require the champion to invent a path the page never offered, which is evidence of a missing element rather than a success.

Can't argue with that

"my next move in those 30 seconds would be to grab my mouse and demand to see a raw transcript of a simulated customer actually *arguing* with a piece of copy"

"If you showed me that and a clear breakdown of how you validate those personas against real German market data, I'd definitely pick up the phone"

Self identification

○ ○ 2/2

The page calls out marketing teams explicitly and repeatedly, and the use cases listed — campaign concepts, landing pages, sensitive communications, AI-enabled customer experiences — match the champion's day-to-day responsibilities at a B2C insurance brand. The champion confirmed they felt the page was speaking to a role like theirs, so this dimension is satisfied.

"I see the 'vulnerable user' mention and the 'b immediately triggers the memory of that pens over"

"the problem is a 10/10 match"

"it's my biggest problem, but also my biggest page claims"

↳ section: 'Marketing and communication -

7 rounds of interviews until we reached this copy paid off ;)

03 Enablement map

INTERVIEWS + MOTION INFERENCE

ECONOMIC BUYER

CMO at the same 140-person insurance brand

BLOCK

● Off-page

GATE TO CLEAR

A one-page case study from a comparable Nordic bank or insurer showing specific, quantified ROI — reduction in complaint volume, complaint-handling cost, or reputational damage avoided — plus a clear annual price and a defined 90-day pilot scope that maps to a P&L line item

OBJECTION

No proof that a peer-sized Nordic financial firm has paid for this and moved a measurable metric; without that, the tool looks too experimental and academic for an organisation under immediate performance pressure

Champion ammunition on page

The page offers nothing the champion can use: no pricing, no case studies, no named reference customers, no sector-specific metrics, and the only credibility signal (Politechnika Rzeszowska) actively reinforces the 'research project' doubt. The champion needs to source externally: a Nordic FSI case study with hard complaint-reduction or cost-avoidance numbers, a transparent annual cost, and a scoped pilot proposal before this CMO will engage

GATE TO CLEAR

A technical white paper covering data residency, encryption standards, and a sample audit log showing AI suggestions are timestamped, versioned, and clearly separated from the human final decision; explicit mandatory human-in-the-loop handover (not optional); clarity on legal liability and insurance if the AI misses a regulatory breach; and evidence the model cannot hallucinate a 'safe' outcome on regulated content.

OBJECTION

The page provides no verifiable audit trail, no data governance detail, and no answer to who is legally liable if the AI misses a regulatory breach — making it impossible to use as a defensible compliance tool before the FCA.

Champion ammunition on page

The page offers the 'Impersonato Cognitive Runtime' framing (perspective, task, boundaries, control, human handover) and the 'before you rely on it' use case covering regulated content and risk/misinterpretation checks — these directionally match her need for a pre-launch vulnerable-customer stress-test with documented oversight. Missing entirely: data residency and encryption specifics, a sample audit log, hard evidence that human handover is mandatory not advisory, methodology behind persona construction against FCA guidelines, and any statement on contractual liability or indemnity if the AI fails to surface a regulatory breach.

GATE TO CLEAR

Proof of near-zero setup friction: a sub-5-minute workflow that plugs directly into HubSpot (or equivalent) without requiring a new dashboard, manual perspective configuration, or any learning curve — ideally demonstrated via a short screen recording showing a paste-in and an actionable red flag returned in under a minute

OBJECTION

The tool looks like another complex platform she will be volunteered to maintain, requiring time and expertise she does not have, with no visible HubSpot integration and no evidence it fits a 'ship three campaigns a week' pace

Champion ammunition on page

The page confirms the exact pre-launch use case she loses sleep over: names the output she cares about (catching problems before launch), the workflow fit — no screen recording, no HubSpot mention, no 'paste-in' supply: a concrete integration or API story for HubSpot, a timed walkthrough showing minimal operator effort, and a clear statement that no new dashboard management is required. The academic-partner and Cognitive Runtime framing actively works against her and should be de-emphasised in any champion-led conversation with her.

We do offer integration via API and email, but it's not clear enough

IT / DATA OWNER

Head of IT & Information Security at the insurance brand

BLOCK

● Off-page

GATE TO CLEAR

SOC 2 Type II report, full sub-processor list, explicit data residency confirmation (EU-only, no US routing), session-level data retention policy (zero retention after session), and a detailed data-flow diagram for the Impersonato Cognitive Runtime — all provided before any demo or further engagement

OBJECTION

The page claims the Cognitive Runtime controls 'what data it may use' and 'where it runs' but never states where it physically runs, who at Impersonato can access prompt data, or whether any US sub-processors are involved — making it impossible to rule out a GDPR-reportable data breach the moment sensitive client or campaign material is fed into it

Champion ammunition on page

The page offers nothing this role needs: no data residency statement, no sub-processor disclosure, no SOC 2 reference, no DPA mention, no data retention policy, and no technical architecture detail beyond marketing language. The champion must supply externally: a one-page data residency guarantee, SOC 2 Type II report with sub-processor annex, a technical data-flow diagram showing runtime isolation, a written confirmation of zero post-session data retention, and a clear answer to whether Impersonato or its LLM provider can access prompt content and how that access is logged and restricted.

04

Key gaps

unarmed gates that can stall the deal

Armed	1
Deferred	3
Gaps	0
Total gates	4

05

The committee we interviewed

simulated in-depth interviews

Functional Owner CHAMPION Head of Marketing at a 140-person B2C insurance brand A campaign-scarred Head of Marketing at a mid-sized insurance brand whose post-compliance-incident anxiety makes her demand raw, poke-able evidence before championing any AI testing tool to a sceptical board.	Economic Buyer CMO at the same 140-person insurance brand A P&L-driven CMO who has watched too many tools go unused and will only approve new spend when a comparable reference customer and a measurable, budget-linked outcome are on the table.
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Insurance as a target industry is not a failure of the teardown tool, but our website. It triggered insurance because of excessive safety language.

Functional Owner (legal)

Head of Legal & Compliance at the insurance brand

A compliance chief whose name sits on every regulated communication and who will block any AI tool that cannot show her a clear audit trail, defined human handover points, and unambiguous data-handling boundaries.

End User

Senior Campaign Manager who would run the tests day-to-day

A velocity-obsessed campaign manager who judges every new tool by whether it removes work from his already overloaded sprint, and will quietly opt out if it adds clicks without saving him a late-night fix.

IT / Data Owner

Head of IT & Information Security at the insurance brand

A data-conscience IT security head who treats any external AI service touching campaign content as a potential breach notification waiting to happen, and gates approval entirely on documented sub-processors, DPAs, and deletion guarantees.

A Transcript excerpt

Head of Marketing at a 140-person B2C insurance brand

One moment from the champion interview

INTERVIEWER · AS YOU READ THROUGH IT, WAS THERE ANYTHING THAT MADE YOU PAUSE, DOUBT IT, OR FEEL UNSURE ABOUT WHETHER IT'S FOR AN ORGANISATION LIKE YOURS?

Yeah, absolutely—the "Academic partners: Politechnika Rzeszowska" line made me immediately pause; I know it's a real university, but I'm in Hamburg running a D2C insurance brand, and I have zero context on whether their research actually translates to German consumer behavior or if it's just a credibility stamp to make the "AI psychology" claim sound legit. That "Cognitive Runtime" section also felt a bit too abstract; when they say "set clear boundaries," I want to know exactly "how" a user like me sets those boundaries without needing a data scientist, because if I have to wait three weeks for an engineer to configure the "perspective" of a skeptical 60-year-old retiree, the tool is useless for my sprint cycles. Honestly, the biggest red flag is the lack of a concrete, messy example—like a transcript of a simulated customer actually misunderstanding a specific legal disclaimer—which makes me wonder if they're just repackaging standard LLM prompting with a fancy name, which is exactly what got me burned two years ago.

WHAT THIS SHOWS

Turn 5 is the most revealing moment: her instinct to interrogate the academic credential as a possible credibility stamp, combined with her demand to know exactly how a non-technical user configures a persona within sprint timelines, exposes that she evaluates the page not on its promise but on whether its evidence can survive direct, operational pressure from someone who has been sold confident nonsense before.

Can't argue with the conclusion either.

BOTTOM LINE

Sales motion buys time on pricing, integrations, and security docs, but the page's only partial coverage of compliance oversight leaves the Legal blocker without even a directional foothold — making her the single highest-priority gate to close before any deal can advance.