**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**
**Wave 184: Role of News Consumers Survey**
**December 8-14, 2025**

**QUESTIONNARE**

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("Don't know" in phone mode) and 99 ('Refusal" in phone mode and "No answer" in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

**PN = Programming note**

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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**QUE: EMPLSIT**
**ASK ALL:**

What is your current work situation?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Do you currently work full time <u>for pay</u>, work part time <u>for pay</u>, are you not currently working for pay, are you unable to work due to a disability, or are you retired?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY ARE A STUDENT, PROBE: In addition to being a student, do you currently work FOR PAY <u>full time</u> or <u>part time</u>? IF FULL TIME, ENTER CODE 1-WORK FULL TIME FOR PAY; IF PART TIME, ENTER CODE 2-WORK PART TIME FOR PAY; IF NO, ENTER CODE 3-NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY]

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY ARE SELF-EMPLOYED, PROBE: Are you currently self-employed <u>full time</u> or <u>part time</u>? IF SELF-EMPLOYED FULL TIME, ENTER CODE 1-WORK FULL TIME FOR PAY; IF SELF-EMPLOYED PART TIME, ENTER CODE 2-WORK PART TIME FOR PAY]

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY ARE RETIRED, PROBE: In addition to being retired, do you currently work FOR PAY <u>full time</u> or <u>part time</u>? IF FULL TIME, ENTER CODE 1-WORK FULL TIME FOR PAY; IF PART TIME, ENTER CODE 2-WORK PART TIME FOR PAY; IF NO, ENTER CODE 5-RETIRED]

1       Work full time for pay
2       Work part time for pay
3       Not currently working for pay
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
4       Unable to work due to a disability
5       Retired
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused

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**BAT: NEWS_LEVEL**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ASK ITEMS IN ORDER – DO NOT RANDOMIZE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** How closely do you follow...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** How closely do you follow **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** How closely do you follow **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
a       International news
b       National news
c       Local news
d       News about your neighborhood

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1       Very closely
2       Somewhat closely
3       Not very closely
4       Not at all closely
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: NEWSAMTUS**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

In the past 10 years, do you think the amount of news Americans consume has been...

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       Rising
2       Staying about the same
3       Falling
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
4       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: SEEK**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which statement best describes how you get news?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I mostly get news because I'm looking for it
        **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You mostly get news because you're looking for it
2       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I mostly get news because I happen to come across it
        **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You mostly get news because you happen to come across it
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: SEEKTYPE**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Which statement best describes how you get each type of news?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Which statement best describes how you get each type of news? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** Which statement best describes how you get **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
NEW     The most up-to-date information about an issue or event
DEEP    In-depth information or deep dives into an issue or event
OPIN    People expressing opinions about an issue or event
FUN     Funny posts that reference an issue or event

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I mostly get this type of news because I'm looking for it
        **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You mostly get this type of news because you're looking for it
2       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I mostly get this type of news because I happen to come across it
        **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You mostly get this type of news because you happen to come across it
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I don't get this type of news
        **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You don't get this type of news
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: BREAKINGREACT**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 WITH 6, 7, 98 AND 99 ALWAYS LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

When a breaking news event happens, where do you typically go <u>first</u> to get more information?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** **(READ LIST)**

1      Your preferred news organization
2      Social media
3      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** A search engine (such as Google or Bing) **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** A search engine such as Google or Bing
4      Friends, family or acquaintances
5      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** AI chatbots (such as ChatGPT or Gemini) **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** AI chatbots such as ChatGPT or Gemini
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
6      Some other source (please specify): **[ PN: INSERT SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX ]**
7      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** You don't look for more information **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or do you not look for more information when a breaking news event happens
98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**TXT:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF NEWSNFM, NEWSTIME, NEWSUND, NEWSREL AND NEWSWORN; DISPLAY ON SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**QUE: NEWSNFM**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I can stay informed even when I don't actively follow the news
         **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You can stay informed even when you don't actively follow the news
2      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I can only stay informed if I actively follow the news
         **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You can only stay informed if you actively follow the news
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: NEWSTIME**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I have enough time to follow the news
         **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You have enough time to follow the news
2      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I don't have enough time to follow the news
         **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You don't have enough time to follow the news
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: NEWSUND**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** It's easy for me to understand the news I come across
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** It's easy for you to understand the news you come across
2    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** It's hard for me to understand the news I come across
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** It's hard for you to understand the news you come across
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99   **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: NEWSREL**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Most of the news I come across is relevant to my life
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Most of the news you come across is relevant to your life
2    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Most of the news I come across is not relevant to my life
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Most of the news you come across is not relevant to your life
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99   **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: NEWSWORN**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I am worn out by the amount of news there is these days
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You are worn out by the amount of news there is these days
2    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I am not worn out by the amount of news there is these days
     **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You are not worn out by the amount of news there is these days
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99   **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: NEWSACTIONS**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** How much does the news help you…

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** How much does the news help you… **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** How much does the news help you **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
DISCUSS       Discuss current events with others
DECIDE        Make decisions in your daily life
VOTE          Make voting decisions
INFORM        Feel more informed about what's happening
COMM          Make things better in your community
JOB           **ASK IF EMPLOYED (EMPLSIT=1,2):** Be better at your job

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1       A lot
2       A little
3       Not at all
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: WHYFOLLOW**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which best describes you?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I follow the news because I enjoy it
       **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You follow the news because you enjoy it
2     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I follow the news because I feel I should
       **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You follow the news because you feel you should
3     A mix of both
4     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** I don't follow the news **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** You don't follow the news
98    **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: INFORMRESP**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1     Americans have a responsibility to be informed about the news when they vote
2     Americans do not have a responsibility to be informed about the news when they vote
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99    **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: CIVICDUTIES**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1;
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**
**[ PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST
SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE
AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT
PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Thinking about what it means to be a good member of society, how
important is it to...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Thinking about what it means to be a good
member of society, how important is it to... **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, how important is it to **(INSERT
ITEM)**?
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** Thinking about what it means to be a good member of society, how
important is it to... **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
VOTE        Vote in elections
NEWS        Follow the news
VOL         Volunteer to help others
JURY        Serve jury duty if you are called
TAX         Pay taxes
PROT        Attend rallies or protests on issues you think are important
RESP        Respect the opinions and beliefs of those you disagree with

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1      Extremely important
2      Very important
3      Somewhat important
4      Not too important
5      Not at all important
98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: CONF_b**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How much confidence, if any, do you have in journalists to act in the best interests of the public?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (READ LIST)

1       A great deal of confidence
2       A fair amount of confidence
3       Not too much confidence
4       No confidence at all
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused

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**BAT: GOODNEWSCONS**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS CIVICDUTIES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** How important do you think it is for people to...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** How important do you think it is for people to... **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** How important do you think it is for people to... **(INSERT ITEM)**?
**(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
REG          Get news on a regular basis
MULT         Get news from multiple sources
POL          Get news from sources with a range of political views
FALSE        Avoid sharing inaccurate information

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1          Extremely important
2          Very important
3          Somewhat important
4          Not too important
5          Not at all important
98         **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99         **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: ACCCHECK**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

If you wanted to check the accuracy of a news story, how confident are you that you would know what steps to take?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       Very confident
2       Somewhat confident
3       Not too confident
4       Not at all confident
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: ACCCHECK_OTHERS**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ACCCHECK, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How confident are you that other people know what steps to take to check the accuracy of a news story?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       Very confident
2       Somewhat confident
3       Not too confident
4       Not at all confident
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: NEWSCHANGE**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Have you ever done any of the following?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Have you ever done any of the following? First, have you ever **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, have you ever **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
STOP          Stopped getting news from a specific source
REDUCE          Reduced the amount of news you get overall

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1          **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Yes, I have done this **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Yes, you have done this
2          **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** No, I have not done this **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** No, you have not done this
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3          **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99          **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: NEWSDYOR**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How often do you do your own research to check the accuracy of a news story?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1          Extremely often
2          Very often
3          Sometimes
4          Rarely
5          Never
98          **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99          **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: CHECKRESP**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS CIVICDUTIES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How important is it for people to do their own research to check the accuracy of the news they get?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1      Extremely important
2      Very important
3      Somewhat important
4      Not too important
5      Not at all important
98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: CHECKDYOR**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** People understand the phrase "doing your own research" in different ways. When you hear about someone "doing their own research," which of the following do you usually think of?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** People understand the phrase "doing your own research" in different ways. When you hear about someone "doing their own research," which of the following do you usually think of? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** When you hear about someone "doing their own research," do you usually think of **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
COMPARE      Comparing information from different sources
SEARCH       Searching on Google or another search engine
SCIENCE      Looking at scientific studies
NEWS         Questioning what major news organizations are reporting
OFFICIAL     Questioning what official or governmental sources say
EXP          Looking for firsthand experiences or personal stories
FRIENDS      Discussing it with friends or family

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Yes, I think of this as "doing your own research"
       **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Yes, you think of this as "doing your own research"
2      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** No, I do not think of this as "doing your own research"
       **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** No, you do not think of this as "doing your own research"
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: CHECKTEACH**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5, HOLDING 6, 7, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Who do you think should be <u>most</u> responsible for making sure Americans know how to check if news is accurate?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1      Parents or family members
2      Teachers or schools
3      News organizations
4      Tech or social media companies
5      The government
6      Individuals themselves
7      None of the above
98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: NEWS_DISCUSS2**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSDYOR, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How often do you discuss the news with others?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1      Extremely often
2      Very often
3      Sometimes
4      Rarely
5      Never
98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: DISCUSSLOC**
**ASK IF DISCUSSES NEWS (NEWS_DISCUSS2=1-4):**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Where do you <u>most often</u> discuss the news with others?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       Social media posts
2       Text, email or direct messaging
3       In-person conversations
4       Phone or video calls
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: DISCUSSOUTCOME**
**ASK IF DISCUSSES NEWS (NEWS_DISCUSS2=1-4):**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSDYOR, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** How often does each of the following happen when you discuss news with others?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** How often does each of the following happen when you discuss news with others? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Does this happen...**(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
**(READ IF NECESSARY:** How often does this happen when you discuss news with others? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**
LEARN          You learn something new about an issue or event
CHANGE         You change your opinion about an issue
SHARE          You share your own opinion about an issue
CORRECT        You correct information you believe is inaccurate
COMMUN         You feel connected with others
DISAG          You argue with others

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
1       All of the time
2       Most of the time
3       Sometimes
4       Rarely
5       Never
98      **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**BAT: DISCUSSBARRIERS**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

> **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Has any of the following kept you from discussing the news with others?
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> **[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Has any of the following kept you from discussing the news with others? First, what about **(INSERT ITEM)**? Has this kept you from discussing the news with others? **(READ LIST)**
>
> **[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, what about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ IF NECESSARY:** Has this kept you from discussing the news with others? **(READ LIST))**
>
> **BATTERY ITEMS:**
> COMF         Concern about making things uncomfortable
> KNOW        Lack of knowledge about the news
> INT            Lack of interest in talking about the news
>
> **RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
> 1       Yes
> 2       No
> **[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
> 3       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
> 99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: STOPTALK**
**ASK ALL:**

> Have you ever stopped talking to someone about political and election news, whether in person or online, because of something they said?
>
> **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**
>
> 1       Yes
> 2       No
> 98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
> 99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: NEWS_PAY**
**ASK ALL:**

In the last 12 months, have you directly paid or given money to any news sources by subscribing, donating, or becoming a member?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

1	Yes
2	No
98	**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99	**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused


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**QUE: NEWSORGFIN**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS CIVICDUTIES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Overall, how well do you think U.S. news organizations are doing financially?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1	Extremely well
2	Very well
3	Somewhat well
4	Not too well
5	Not well at all
98	**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99	**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused


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**QUE: NEWSPAYRESP**
**ASK ALL:**

Do you think individual Americans have a responsibility to pay for news?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1	Yes, they do
2	No, they do not
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
3	**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99	**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: NEWSREV**
**ASK ALL:**
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4, HOLDING 5, 6, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which of the following do you think <u>should be</u> the main way U.S. news organizations make money?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

1       Selling ads or sponsorships
2       Charging for subscriptions or memberships
3       Receiving government funding
4       Receiving charitable donations
**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
5       Some other way (please specify): **[ PN: INSERT SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX ]**
6       **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
99      **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**