

Appendix Table 7-3 Primary source of information about current news events, by respondent characteristic: 2014

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/ other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/ colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 2,130)	11	*	37	1	43	6	*	1	1	*	*
Sex											
Male (<i>n</i> = 951)	10	*	41	*	39	7	*	1	1	*	0
Female (<i>n</i> = 1,179)	11	1	35	1	46	4	*	2	1	*	*
Formal education											
< High school (<i>n</i> = 246)	10	*	21	0	60	5	0	2	1	0	*
High school diploma (<i>n</i> = 632)	9	1	26	*	54	5	*	2	1	*	*
Some college (<i>n</i> = 607)	7	*	48	1	37	5	*	1	2	0	0
Bachelor's degree (<i>n</i> = 406)	13	1	47	1	32	5	0	1	1	*	0
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 239)	22	1	40	*	25	9	*	1	1	0	0
Science/mathematics education ^a											
Low (<i>n</i> = 1,205)	9	*	30	1	52	5	*	2	1	*	*
Middle (<i>n</i> = 392)	11	*	45	1	33	6	*	1	2	*	0
High (<i>n</i> = 435)	15	1	51	0	25	7	*	*	1	0	0
Family income (quartile) ^b											
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 532)	10	1	33	*	47	4	0	2	2	0	0
Third (<i>n</i> = 440)	9	*	38	*	44	5	0	1	1	*	*



Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/ other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/ colleague	Other	Don't know
Second (n = 512)	8	1	40	1	42	6	*	1	1	*	0
Top (n = 480)	12	*	44	*	36	7	0	1	1	0	0
Age (years) ^b											
18-24 (n = 103)	11	0	58	0	24	2	0	3	3	0	0
25-34 (n = 382)	4	1	64	0	25	2	0	2	2	*	*
35-44 (n = 381)	6	0	43	*	40	8	*	2	1	0	1
45-54 (n = 376)	9	*	31	1	46	10	0	1	1	0	0
55-64 (n = 429)	13	*	29	*	49	5	1	1	1	*	0
≥ 65 (n = 441)	21	1	10	1	61	5	0	*	*	*	0
Trend factual knowledge of science scale (quartile) ^c											
Bottom (n = 349)	12	*	23	*	57	5	*	1	1	0	*
Third (n = 588)	11	*	32	1	48	5	0	2	1	*	*
Second (n = 596)	11	*	41	1	39	5	*	2	1	0	0
Top (n = 597)	9	1	47	*	33	8	*	1	1	*	0

* = < 0.5% responded.

^a Low = ≤ 5 high school and college science/mathematics courses; middle = 6-8 courses; high = ≥ 9 courses. Categories do not add to total n because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

^b Categories do not add to total n because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

^c See notes to appendix table 7-2 for an explanation of the trend factual knowledge of science scale.

NOTES: Responses to *We are interested in how people get information about events in the news. Where do you get most of your information about current news events?* Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2014).
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