



APPENDIX TABLE 7-3

Primary source of information about current news events, by respondent characteristic: 2016

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book or other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend or colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (n = 1,390)	7	*	45	*	37	4	*	2	2	1	*
Sex											
Male (n = 571)	7	*	49	*	35	5	0	1	3	1	*
Female (n = 819)	7	1	42	*	40	4	*	4	1	1	*
Formal education											
Less than high school diploma (n = 169)	4	*	17	1	71	2	0	4	1	0	0
High school diploma (n = 415)	8	0	39	0	42	5	0	3	2	1	*
Some college (n = 388)	5	0	54	1	30	4	*	2	3	1	*
Bachelor's degree (n = 263)	8	1	56	0	26	5	0	3	1	1	0
Graduate or professional degree (n = 151)	13	2	54	0	26	4	0	*	*	0	0
Science and mathematics education ^a											
Low (n = 776)	7	*	34	*	48	4	*	3	2	1	*
Middle (n = 262)	7	1	58	0	24	3	0	2	3	1	0
High (n = 275)	7	*	65	*	19	5	0	1	2	1	0



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Family income (quartile) ^b											
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 336)	5	1	40	0	44	5	0	2	3	1	0
Third (<i>n</i> = 281)	6	*	39	1	44	4	0	2	2	2	0
Second (<i>n</i> = 324)	5	*	47	0	38	3	*	3	3	1	0
Top (<i>n</i> = 318)	10	1	54	*	26	6	0	2	1	*	0
Age (years) ^b											
18-24 (<i>n</i> = 115)	1	0	74	1	13	*	0	4	5	1	0
25-34 (<i>n</i> = 269)	2	0	72	*	17	3	*	2	2	1	0
35-44 (<i>n</i> = 206)	5	0	59	0	28	3	0	2	2	1	0
45-54 (<i>n</i> = 223)	5	1	43	0	36	6	0	6	2	1	1
55-64 (<i>n</i> = 264)	8	1	23	*	58	7	0	1	1	1	*
65 or older (<i>n</i> = 310)	19	1	13	*	62	4	0	*	1	*	1
Verbal ability ^c											
0-4 (<i>n</i> = 276)	7	1	33	*	49	3	0	2	2	1	1
5 (<i>n</i> = 256)	5	0	47	1	39	4	0	3	1	*	0
6 (<i>n</i> = 317)	6	0	44	0	37	4	0	4	3	1	*
7 (<i>n</i> = 256)	6	0	51	*	33	4	0	2	2	2	0
8-10 (<i>n</i> = 285)	12	1	50	0	28	5	*	1	2	*	0



Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book or other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend or colleague	Other	Don't know
Trend factual knowledge of science scale (quartile) ^d											
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 250)	7	1	26	*	54	3	0	4	4	1	2
Third (<i>n</i> = 387)	10	*	39	0	41	4	0	3	1	1	0
Second (<i>n</i> = 437)	6	*	48	*	38	4	0	2	2	1	0
Top (<i>n</i> = 316)	6	1	63	*	21	6	*	1	2	*	0

* = < 0.5% responded.

^a For science and mathematics education, "low" equates to five or fewer high school and college science or mathematics courses, "middle" is six through eight courses, and "high" means nine or more 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 Measure is based on correct responses to a 10-item, multiple-choice test of vocabulary knowledge completed by 1,390 survey respondents. Categories represent the number of correct responses.

^d See notes to Appendix Table 7-2 for an explanation of the trend factual knowledge of science scale.

Note(s)

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(s)

NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2016).

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