

Appendix table 7-3

Primary source of information about current news events, by respondent characteristic: 2012

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/ other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/ colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 2,256)	13	1	33	1	43	5	*	2	2	*	*
Sex											
Male (<i>n</i> = 1,011)	13	1	34	1	41	7	0	1	2	*	*
Female (<i>n</i> = 1,245)	12	1	33	*	45	4	*	2	1	*	1
Formal education											
< High school (<i>n</i> = 308)	14	1	11	*	66	1	0	1	3	1	2
High school diploma (<i>n</i> = 671)	13	*	22	*	56	6	0	1	2	0	*
Some college (<i>n</i> = 608)	9	*	41	1	38	6	*	3	2	0	0
Bachelor's degree (<i>n</i> = 429)	16	1	49	1	24	6	*	1	2	0	*
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 240)	17	3	45	1	26	7	0	0	*	*	0
Science/mathematics education ^a											
Low (<i>n</i> = 1,248)	14	*	23	*	54	5	*	1	2	*	*
Middle (<i>n</i> = 398)	11	1	47	*	33	5	0	1	1	*	*
High (<i>n</i> = 484)	13	1	50	2	22	7	*	3	2	0	0
Family income (quartile) ^b											
Top (<i>n</i> = 446)	14	1	45	*	32	6	*	1	1	0	0
Second (<i>n</i> = 494)	15	1	36	1	37	7	0	3	1	0	0
Third (<i>n</i> = 521)	10	*	33	1	46	6	0	1	2	1	*
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 563)	11	*	21	*	58	3	0	2	4	0	*
Age (years) ^b											
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 140)	6	*	53	0	29	2	*	2	5	1	*
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 357)	5	*	48	1	34	4	0	4	4	0	1
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 385)	8	1	49	*	33	7	0	1	1	0	0
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 423)	11	1	28	1	50	7	*	*	2	0	*
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 420)	18	*	24	1	49	5	0	2	1	0	1
≥ 65 (<i>n</i> = 504)	26	1	9	1	56	6	0	1	*	*	1

* = < 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.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 (2012).

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