



KNOWING THE NEWS

Personal News Consumption Checklist

Task: Think about your news sources and assess what organizations provide you with the news and how often do you find yourself checking it. Jot down specific publications and companies under 'type of media.'

Type of media: jot down the specific publications and media companies you consume	Access 1-10x/day	Access 10-20x/day	Access 20-30x/day or more	Access once a week	Access once a month
National or international newspaper(s)					
Local newspaper(s)					
News magazine(s)					
Professional journal(s)					
TV: Network news					
TV: Cable news					
TV: Cable opinion					
Radio: Talk/opinion					
Radio: News					
Curated smartphone news feed:					
Digital media: (ex: BuzzFeed, Vox, TheSkimm)					
Documentary(ies):					
Social media platforms (ex: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn)					



Read the following questions and circle 'true' if the statement applies to you or 'false' if it does not. Select 'not applicable' if necessary.

1. I find myself doing follow-up research after encountering a news story. True/False/Not applicable
2. I consider myself a 'news-junkie.' True/False/Not applicable
3. I educate myself from a wide range of publications with diverse editorial views. True/False/Not applicable
4. I have gotten into conflict with a friend or family member about the reportage of a news story. True/False/Not applicable
5. I have followed the imprisonment of journalists, abroad, or the online harassment of journalists in the U.S. True/False/Not applicable
6. I have been reluctant to share my perspective on a news story with friends and/or family. True/False/Not applicable
7. I read some of the same publications, watch the same networks, or listen to the same radio programs as my parents or as my children. True/False/Not applicable
8. My source of news is similar to my friends' source of news. True/False/Not applicable
9. I feel different news organizations have a bias. True/False/Not applicable
10. I find local news stories more credible than national and international news stories. True/False/Not applicable
11. I find I don't have enough time to delve deeply into news coverage. True/False/Not applicable
12. I have found a correlation between my mood and my depth of awareness of the news. True/False/Not applicable
13. I am familiar with fact checking websites like: snopes.com, politifact.com, factcheck.org? True/False/Not applicable
14. I am familiar with the policies and practices that make a news organization transparent and credible? True/False/Not applicable