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PART ONE: HOW DO YOU GET YOUR NEWS?

News coverage of events happening all around the world is more widely available to us than ever before. In this part of the questionnaire, we want to find out which kinds of news you read, listen to, or view for personal use in your life.

QUESTION 1: How often, if at all, has your news come from one of these sources during the past week?

		Several times a day	Once a day	2-3 times this week	Once this week	Didn't use this source at all this week	Missing	Total
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) Q1_SOCIAL MEDIA	VALID %	56.5%	15.2%	11.4%	6.1%	10.9%	-	100%
	CUM %	56.5%	71.7%	83.1%	89.1%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	3070	826	621	330	590	612	6049
	% OF TOTAL	50.8%	13.7%	10.3%	5.5%	9.8%	0.1%	100%
News feeds (e.g., Apple News, Feedly, or alerts) Q1_NEWSFEEDS		17.4%	14.5%	12.5%	10.6%	45%	-	100%
		17.4%	31.9%	44.5%	55%	100%	-	100%
		942	787	677	573	2433	637	6049
		15.6%	13%	11.2%	9.5%	40.2%	0.1%	100%
Print newspapers or magazines Q1_PRINT		1.4%	3.9%	8.3%	19.8%	66.6%	-	100%
		1.4%	5.3%	13.6%	33.4%	100%	-	100%
		78	210	447	1070	3606	638	6049
		1.3%	3.5%	7.4%	17.7%	59.6%	0.1%	100%
Online newspaper sites (e.g., nytimes.com) Q1_ONLINE		15.8%	16%	23.7%	20.5%	24%	-	100%
		15.8%	31.9%	55.6%	76%	100%	-	100%
		859	871	1287	1111	1301	620	6049
		14.2%	14.4%	21.3%	18.4%	21.5%	0.1%	100%
Television Q1_TELEVISION		6.4%	8.8%	14.1%	16.6%	54.1%	-	100%
		6.4%	15.2%	29.4%	45.9%	100%	-	100%
		346	480	767	899	2935	622	6049
		5.7%	7.9%	12.7%	14.9%	48.5%	0.1%	100%
Radio Q1_RADIO		6.6%	7.3%	11.3%	12.1%	62.6%	-	100%
		6.6%	13.9%	25.2%	37.4%	100%	-	100%
		359	394	612	658	3393	633	6049
		5.9%	6.5%	10.1%	10.9%	56.1%	0.1%	100%
Podcasts Q1_PODCASTS		3.7%	4.7%	8.3%	10.7%	72.6%	-	100%
		3.7%	8.4%	16.7%	27.4%	100%	-	100%
		201	252	451	579	3923	643	6049
		3.3%	4.2%	7.5%	9.6%	64.9%	0.1%	100%
Discussions with peers (i.e., online or face-to-face) Q1_PEERS		26.4%	21.7%	30.9%	14.4%	6.6%	-	100%
		26.4%	48.2%	79%	93.4%	100%	-	100%
		1432	1178	1672	779	358	630	6049
		23.7%	19.5%	27.6%	12.9%	5.9%	0.1%	100%
Discussions with teachers/professors (i.e., online or face-to-face) Q1_TEACHERS		11%	12.8%	25.1%	21.3%	29.8%	-	100%
		11%	23.8%	48.9%	70.2%	100%	-	100%
		595	695	1362	1152	1617	628	6049
		9.8%	11.5%	22.5%	19%	26.7%	0.1%	100%
Discussions with librarians (i.e., online or face-to-face) Q1_LIBRARIANS		0.7%	1.1%	1.7%	3.8%	92.8%	-	100%
		0.7%	1.7%	3.4%	7.2%	100%	-	100%
		36	57	92	204	5035	625	6049
		0.6%	0.9%	1.5%	3.4%	83.2%	0.1%	100%

QUESTION 2: In the past week, how often have you read, listened to, or viewed news items about the following topics, given what's going on in the world around you now?

		Several times a day	Once a day	2-3 times this week	Once this week	Didn't follow this news at all this week	Missing	Total
Traffic and weather Q2_TRAFFICWEATHER	VALID %	29.5%	36.3%	16.2%	8.3%	9.7%	-	100%
	CUM %	29.5%	65.8%	81.9%	90.3%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	1486	1826	815	419	490	1013	6049
	% OF TOTAL	24.6%	30.2%	13.5%	6.9%	8.1%	0.2%	100%
Environmental and natural disasters Q2_ENVIRONMENT		5.5%	13.2%	21.9%	27.6%	31.7%	-	100%
		5.5%	18.7%	40.6%	68.3%	100%	-	100%
		277	665	1104	1390	1598	1015	6049
		4.6%	11%	18.3%	23%	26.4%	0.2%	100%
My town or city (e.g., local issues, events, politics) Q2_LOCAL		9%	14.3%	22.2%	26.8%	27.6%	-	100%
		9%	23.3%	45.5%	72.4%	100%	-	100%
		452	723	1120	1353	1393	1008	6049
		7.5%	12%	18.5%	22.4%	23%	0.2%	100%
National government and politics Q2_NATIONALPOLI		28.1%	23.3%	24.1%	13.8%	10.8%	-	100%
		28.1%	51.4%	75.4%	89.2%	100%	-	100%
		1416	1173	1213	695	544	1008	6049
		23.4%	19.4%	20.1%	11.5%	9%	0.2%	100%
Business and the economy Q2_BUSINESS		10.8%	16.2%	19.8%	20.4%	32.8%	-	100%
		10.8%	27%	46.8%	67.2%	100%	-	100%
		543	816	997	1029	1651	1013	6049
		9%	13.5%	16.5%	17%	27.3%	0.2%	100%
Crime and public safety Q2_CRIME		9.9%	16.8%	26%	25.8%	21.5%	-	100%
		9.9%	26.7%	52.7%	78.5%	100%	-	100%
		500	845	1309	1298	1081	1016	6049
		8.3%	14%	21.6%	21.5%	17.9%	0.2%	100%
International or foreign issues Q2_INTERNATIONAL		14.5%	19.1%	23%	20.1%	23.3%	-	100%
		14.5%	33.6%	56.6%	76.7%	100%	-	100%
		731	962	1158	1012	1171	1015	6049
		12.1%	15.9%	19.1%	16.7%	19.4%	0.2%	100%
Health and medicine Q2_HEALTH		6.3%	13.2%	21.3%	25.9%	33.4%	-	100%
		6.3%	19.5%	40.7%	66.6%	100%	-	100%
		315	666	1070	1303	1680	1015	6049
		5.2%	11%	17.7%	21.5%	27.8%	0.2%	100%
Political memes (i.e., a humorous image, video, or piece of text) Q2_MEMES		32%	17.2%	19.1%	13.8%	17.9%	-	100%
		32%	49.2%	68.3%	82.1%	100%	-	100%
		1611	864	958	692	902	1022	6049
		26.6%	14.3%	15.8%	11.4%	14.9%	0.2%	100%
Schools and education Q2_EDUCATION		14.2%	20%	25.9%	21.2%	18.6%	-	100%
		14.2%	34.2%	60.2%	81.4%	100%	-	100%
		714	1005	1303	1067	934	1026	6049
		11.8%	16.6%	21.5%	17.6%	15.4%	0.2%	100%
Science and technology Q2_SCIENCE		11.6%	16.7%	25.7%	22.5%	23.5%	-	100%
		11.6%	28.3%	54%	76.5%	100%	-	100%
		580	839	1289	1129	1179	1033	6049
		9.6%	13.9%	21.3%	18.7%	19.5%	0.2%	100%
Race and immigration Q2_RACE		12.3%	17.9%	23.2%	21.9%	24.7%	-	100%
		12.3%	30.2%	53.4%	75.3%	100%	-	100%
		619	898	1164	1099	1243	1026	6049
		10.2%	14.8%	19.2%	18.2%	20.5%	0.2%	100%
Sports Q2_SPORTS		13.8%	11.3%	14.5%	16.3%	44.1%	-	100%
		13.8%	25.1%	39.6%	55.9%	100%	-	100%
		692	567	727	819	2209	1035	6049
		11.4%	9.4%	12%	13.5%	36.5%	0.2%	100%
Entertainment and celebrities Q2_ENTERTAINMENT		16.4%	16%	19.5%	19.1%	28.9%	-	100%
		16.4%	32.5%	52%	71.1%	100%	-	100%
		826	805	981	961	1451	1025	6049
		13.7%	13.3%	16.2%	15.9%	24%	0.2%	100%
Lifestyle (e.g., hobbies) Q2_LIFESTYLE		15.6%	17.3%	20.2%	17.6%	29.3%	-	100%
		15.6%	32.9%	53.1%	70.7%	100%	-	100%
		784	872	1014	884	1474	1021	6049
		13%	14.4%	16.8%	14.6%	24.4%	0.2%	100%
Art and culture Q2_ART		13.1%	13%	20.7%	21.2%	32%	-	100%
		13.1%	26.1%	46.8%	68%	100%	-	100%
		657	654	1042	1064	1606	1026	6049
		10.9%	10.8%	17.2%	17.6%	26.5%	0.2%	100%

QUESTION 3: If you had only one of these five sources available to you this week, which one would you choose for getting news about the U.S. national government and politics? (Click ONLY one)

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
BBC News Q3_ONESOURCE	15.3%	15.3%	769	12.7%
BuzzFeed Q3_ONESOURCE	5.4%	20.8%	273	4.5%
CNN Q3_ONESOURCE	17.6%	38.3%	883	14.6%
Fox News Q3_ONESOURCE	9%	47.4%	453	7.5%
New York Times Q3_ONESOURCE	35.7%	83.1%	1793	29.6%
None of these Q3_ONESOURCE	9.3%	92.4%	467	7.7%
I'm not sure, since I don't follow the news much. Q3_ONESOURCE	7.6%	100%	383	6.3%
Missing	-	-	1028	0.2%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

PART TWO: HOW DO YOU USE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES FOR NEWS?

Some students get their news from social media network sites. In this part of the questionnaire, we want to find out which social media sites you use for news for personal use in your life.

QUESTION 4: How often, if at all, did your news come from one of these social media sites during the past week?

		Several times a day	Once a day	2-3 times this week	Once this week	Didn't use this source at all this week	I don't use this social media source at all	Missing	Total
Facebook Q4_FACEBOOK	VALID %	29.7%	14.8%	13.6%	12.2%	11.3%	18.4%	-	100%
	CUM %	29.7%	44.5%	58.1%	70.3%	81.6%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	1478	736	678	605	563	915	1074	6049
	% OF TOTAL	24.4%	12.2%	11.2%	10%	9.3%	15.1%	0.2%	100%
Instagram Q4_INSTAGRAM		17%	10.7%	9.4%	14.8%	21.7%	26.3%	-	100%
		17%	27.7%	37.1%	51.9%	73.7%	100%	-	100%
		844	529	467	735	1078	1306	1090	6049
		14%	8.7%	7.7%	12.2%	17.8%	21.6%	0.2%	100%
LinkedIn Q4_LINKEDIN		1.2%	2.2%	4.3%	7.2%	26.7%	58.4%	-	100%
		1.2%	3.4%	7.7%	14.9%	41.6%	100%	-	100%
		59	110	211	359	1323	2897	1090	6049
		1%	1.8%	3.5%	5.9%	21.9%	47.9%	0.2%	100%
Pinterest Q4_PINTEREST		1.3%	1.3%	3.2%	5.8%	28.9%	59.4%	-	100%
		1.3%	2.6%	5.8%	11.7%	40.6%	100%	-	100%
		65	65	159	289	1431	2939	1101	6049
		1.1%	1.1%	2.6%	4.8%	23.7%	48.6%	0.2%	100%
Reddit Q4_REDDIT		6.7%	3.1%	4.2%	4.2%	12.8%	69%	-	100%
		6.7%	9.8%	14%	18.2%	31%	100%	-	100%
		331	156	208	206	637	3425	1086	6049
		5.5%	2.6%	3.4%	3.4%	10.5%	56.6%	0.2%	100%
Snapchat Q4_SNAPCHAT		17.7%	10%	12.4%	15.7%	19.3%	25%	-	100%
		17.7%	27.7%	40.1%	55.8%	75%	100%	-	100%
		879	498	616	778	958	1240	1080	6049
		14.5%	8.2%	10.2%	12.9%	15.8%	20.5%	0.2%	100%
Tumblr Q4_TUMBLR		2.6%	2%	3.8%	3.5%	16.7%	71.3%	-	100%
		2.6%	4.7%	8.5%	12%	28.7%	100%	-	100%
		130	101	190	174	826	3525	1103	6049
		2.1%	1.7%	3.1%	2.9%	13.7%	58.3%	0.2%	100%
Twitter Q4_TWITTER		20.2%	8%	8.3%	5.8%	11.2%	46.5%	-	100%
		20.2%	28.2%	36.5%	42.3%	53.5%	100%	-	100%
		1006	396	413	287	558	2308	1081	6049
		16.6%	6.5%	6.8%	4.7%	9.2%	38.2%	0.2%	100%
YouTube Q4_YOUTUBE		13.5%	11%	14.3%	15.4%	27.2%	18.6%	-	100%
		13.5%	24.5%	38.8%	54.2%	81.4%	100%	-	100%
		671	545	708	766	1347	924	1088	6049
		11.1%	9%	11.7%	12.7%	22.3%	15.3%	0.2%	100%

QUESTION 5: How often, if at all, have you shared or retweeted a news item on the social media sites that you use about one of these topics during the past week?

		Several times a day	Once a day	2-3 times this week	Once this week	Not once this week	I don't share or retweet news items about this	Missing	Total
Traffic and weather Q5_SHARETRAFFIC	VALID %	2%	2.2%	3.5%	4.8%	22.5%	65%	-	100%
	CUM %	2%	4.2%	7.7%	12.5%	35%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	97	108	171	235	1100	3171	1167	6049
	% OF TOTAL	1.6%	1.8%	2.8%	3.9%	18.2%	52.4%	0.2%	100%
Environmental and natural disasters Q5_SHAREENVIRO		1.2%	1.6%	3.2%	7.1%	30.2%	56.7%	-	100%
		1.2%	2.8%	6%	13.1%	43.3%	100%	-	100%
		57	78	156	348	1475	2766	1169	6049
		0.9%	1.3%	2.6%	5.8%	24.4%	45.7%	0.2%	100%
My town or city (e.g., local issues, events, politics) Q5_SHARELOCAL		1.6%	2.5%	5.4%	12%	27.2%	51.3%	-	100%
		1.6%	4.1%	9.5%	21.5%	48.7%	100%	-	100%
		76	122	265	585	1329	2504	1168	6049
		1.3%	2%	4.4%	9.7%	22%	41.4%	0.2%	100%
National government and politics Q5_SHARENATLPOLITICS		3.7%	4.1%	8.6%	12.7%	22%	48.9%	-	100%
		3.7%	7.9%	16.5%	29.2%	51.1%	100%	-	100%
		182	202	421	618	1071	2385	1170	6049
		3%	3.3%	7%	10.2%	17.7%	39.4%	0.2%	100%
Business and the economy Q5_SHAREBUSINESS		1.3%	2.1%	3.6%	6%	26.3%	60.7%	-	100%
		1.3%	3.4%	7%	13%	39.3%	100%	-	100%
		64	103	174	294	1283	2961	1170	6049
		1.1%	1.7%	2.9%	4.9%	21.2%	49%	0.2%	100%
Crime and public safety Q5_SHARECRIME		1.9%	2.8%	4.7%	9.2%	25.5%	56%	-	100%
		1.9%	4.7%	9.4%	18.5%	44%	100%	-	100%
		95	135	228	447	1244	2730	1170	6049
		1.6%	2.2%	3.8%	7.4%	20.6%	45.1%	0.2%	100%
International or foreign issues Q5_SHAREINTL		2%	3%	5.5%	8.8%	26.9%	53.8%	-	100%
		2%	5%	10.5%	19.3%	46.2%	100%	-	100%
		97	146	270	429	1311	2627	1169	6049
		1.6%	2.4%	4.5%	7.1%	21.7%	43.4%	0.2%	100%
Health and medicine Q5_SHAREHEALTH		1.2%	2.1%	4.2%	7.1%	28.2%	57%	-	100%
		1.2%	3.4%	7.6%	14.7%	43%	100%	-	100%
		60	104	206	347	1374	2775	1183	6049
		1%	1.7%	3.4%	5.7%	22.7%	45.9%	0.2%	100%
Political memes (i.e., a humorous image, video, or piece of text) Q5_SHAREMEMES		7.7%	5.2%	8.9%	11.5%	21.3%	45.4%	-	100%
		7.7%	12.9%	21.8%	33.3%	54.6%	100%	-	100%
		374	254	433	563	1040	2214	1171	6049
		6.2%	4.2%	7.2%	9.3%	17.2%	36.6%	0.2%	100%
Schools and education Q5_SHAREEDUC		2.9%	3.4%	7.2%	12.3%	26.4%	47.8%	-	100%
		2.9%	6.3%	13.6%	25.8%	52.2%	100%	-	100%
		141	168	353	598	1287	2329	1173	6049
		2.3%	2.8%	5.8%	9.9%	21.3%	38.5%	0.2%	100%
Science and technology Q5_SHARESCIENCE		1.8%	2.7%	5.9%	10.2%	29.8%	49.6%	-	100%
		1.8%	4.5%	10.4%	20.6%	50.4%	100%	-	100%
		89	131	286	497	1451	2417	1178	6049
		1.5%	2.2%	4.7%	8.2%	24%	40%	0.2%	100%
Race and immigration Q5_SHARERACE		2.8%	2.9%	6.6%	9.2%	26.3%	52.3%	-	100%
		2.8%	5.7%	12.3%	21.5%	47.7%	100%	-	100%
		135	141	323	446	1277	2542	1185	6049
		2.2%	2.3%	5.3%	7.4%	21.1%	42%	0.2%	100%
Sports Q5_SHARESPORTS		3.1%	2.5%	5.4%	6.7%	21.2%	61.1%	-	100%
		3.1%	5.5%	10.9%	17.6%	38.9%	100%	-	100%
		149	120	263	326	1033	2973	1185	6049
		2.5%	2%	4.3%	5.4%	17.1%	49.1%	0.2%	100%
Entertainment and celebrities Q5_SHAREENTERT		3.4%	3.4%	6.9%	8.2%	21.2%	56.9%	-	100%
		3.4%	6.7%	13.6%	21.9%	43.1%	100%	-	100%
		164	164	335	401	1031	2771	1183	6049
		2.7%	2.7%	5.5%	6.6%	17%	45.8%	0.2%	100%
Lifestyle (e.g., hobbies) Q5_SHARELIFESTYLE		3.6%	3.5%	8.4%	10.5%	23.1%	51%	-	100%
		3.6%	7%	15.4%	25.9%	49%	100%	-	100%
		173	170	407	511	1122	2484	1182	6049
		2.9%	2.8%	6.7%	8.4%	18.5%	41.1%	0.2%	100%
Art and culture Q5_SHAREART		3.1%	3.4%	7%	10.5%	25.6%	50.4%	-	100%
		3.1%	6.5%	13.5%	24%	49.6%	100%	-	100%
		150	164	341	512	1243	2450	1189	6049
		2.5%	2.7%	5.6%	8.5%	20.5%	40.5%	0.2%	100%

QUESTION 6: Why do you share news items, if at all, on the social media sites that you use? Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't share or retweet news items at all	Missing	Total
Sharing news helps me define my online presence Q6_DEFINEONLINEPRESENCE	VALID %	7.1%	21.4%	14.1%	7.3%	9.6%	40.6%	-	100%
	CUM %	7.1%	28.5%	42.5%	49.9%	59.4%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	341	1023	674	350	458	1944	1259	6049
	% OF TOTAL	5.6%	16.9%	11.1%	5.8%	7.6%	32.1%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news lets my friends/followers know about something I think they should know Q6_SOMETHINGOTHERSSHOUOLDKNOW		25.2%	27.1%	6.4%	1.9%	2.1%	37.2%	-	100%
		25.2%	52.3%	58.8%	60.7%	62.8%	100%	-	100%
		1207	1299	308	93	99	1782	1261	6049
		20%	21.5%	5.1%	1.5%	1.6%	29.5%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news lets me provoke responses from others Q6_PROVOKERESPONSE		4.8%	14.3%	14.7%	10.7%	16.1%	39.3%	-	100%
		4.8%	19.1%	33.9%	44.5%	60.7%	100%	-	100%
		231	685	705	511	772	1884	1261	6049
		3.8%	11.3%	11.7%	8.4%	12.8%	31.1%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news is a way to entertain my friends/followers Q6_ENTERTAINFRIENDS		6.4%	18.4%	14.1%	10.3%	12.4%	38.3%	-	100%
		6.4%	24.8%	39%	49.2%	61.7%	100%	-	100%
		307	878	673	491	592	1829	1279	6049
		5.1%	14.5%	11.1%	8.1%	9.8%	30.2%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news is a way to entertain myself Q6_ENTERTAINMYSELF		8.8%	19.6%	12.3%	8.9%	11.9%	38.5%	-	100%
		8.8%	28.4%	40.7%	49.5%	61.5%	100%	-	100%
		419	939	586	423	571	1841	1270	6049
		6.9%	15.5%	9.7%	7%	9.4%	30.4%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news gives me a way to have a voice about a larger cause in the world Q6_GIVEVOICEABTCAUSE		18.1%	25.6%	10.2%	4.2%	4.1%	37.8%	-	100%
		18.1%	43.7%	53.9%	58.1%	62.2%	100%	-	100%
		863	1222	488	202	194	1807	1273	6049
		14.3%	20.2%	8.1%	3.3%	3.2%	29.9%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news gives me an opportunity to help change the views of my friends/followers Q6_CHANGEOTHERSVIEWS		9.9%	22%	15%	7.4%	7.4%	38.3%	-	100%
		9.9%	31.8%	46.8%	54.3%	61.7%	100%	-	100%
		472	1050	715	356	354	1832	1270	6049
		7.8%	17.4%	11.8%	5.9%	5.9%	30.3%	0.2%	100%
Sharing news gives me a break from what I'm currently doing Q6_TAKEABREAK		8.5%	21.8%	15.8%	7%	8.3%	38.7%	-	100%
		8.5%	30.3%	46%	53%	61.3%	100%	-	100%
		404	1043	753	333	395	1851	1270	6049
		6.7%	17.2%	12.4%	5.5%	6.5%	30.6%	0.2%	100%

QUESTION 7: When you're deciding to share 'breaking news'—a special news event that is currently developing—on social media, how do you evaluate the quality of the information that you share, if you do at all?

		Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't share breaking news at all	Missing	Total
Check how current information is <i>Q7_CHECKCURRENCY</i>	VALID %	31.9%	21.3%	8.6%	2.5%	1.3%	34.4%	-	100%
	CUM %	31.9%	53.2%	61.8%	64.3%	65.6%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	1482	990	400	118	61	1599	1399	6049
	% OF TOTAL	24.5%	16.4%	6.6%	2%	1%	26.4%	0.2%	100%
Check to see what the hashtag (#) is, if there is one <i>Q7_CHECKHASHTAG</i>		7%	7.5%	11.2%	14.6%	22.8%	36.9%	-	100%
		7%	14.5%	25.7%	40.3%	63.1%	100%	-	100%
		323	350	522	678	1061	1713	1402	6049
		5.3%	5.8%	8.6%	11.2%	17.5%	28.3%	0.2%	100%
Check to see who posted or tweeted news item <i>Q7_CHECKWHOPOSTED</i>		31.1%	16.3%	8.9%	4%	4.5%	35.2%	-	100%
		31.1%	47.4%	56.3%	60.2%	64.8%	100%	-	100%
		1445	758	411	184	210	1636	1405	6049
		23.9%	12.5%	6.8%	3%	3.5%	27%	0.2%	100%
Check the URL to see where the source originated <i>Q7_CHECKORIGINS</i>		31.3%	15.7%	9.5%	5.3%	3.9%	34.3%	-	100%
		31.3%	47%	56.6%	61.9%	65.7%	100%	-	100%
		1456	729	442	246	179	1593	1404	6049
		24.1%	12.1%	7.3%	4.1%	3%	26.3%	0.2%	100%
Compare and fact check the news item using a different source <i>Q7_FACTCHECK</i>		19.6%	16.4%	16%	9.4%	4.2%	34.3%	-	100%
		19.6%	36%	52.1%	61.4%	65.7%	100%	-	100%
		912	764	746	436	197	1596	1398	6049
		15.1%	12.6%	12.3%	7.2%	3.3%	26.4%	0.2%	100%
Read the comments, if there are any, about the news post <i>Q7_READCOMMENTS</i>		22.4%	18.7%	14.4%	6.4%	4.1%	34.1%	-	100%
		22.4%	41.1%	55.5%	61.9%	65.9%	100%	-	100%
		1040	867	667	298	188	1581	1408	6049
		17.2%	14.3%	11%	4.9%	3.1%	26.1%	0.2%	100%
See how many times the news item was 'liked' <i>Q7_TIMESLIKED</i>		10.2%	12.1%	15.6%	14%	12.7%	35.4%	-	100%
		10.2%	22.3%	37.9%	51.9%	64.6%	100%	-	100%
		474	562	721	648	591	1640	1413	6049
		7.8%	9.3%	11.9%	10.7%	9.8%	27.1%	0.2%	100%
See how many times the news items was shared/retweeted <i>Q7_TIMESSHARED</i>		10.3%	13.7%	15.3%	12.3%	12.7%	35.7%	-	100%
		10.3%	24%	39.3%	51.6%	64.3%	100%	-	100%
		478	634	707	570	589	1654	1417	6049
		7.9%	10.5%	11.7%	9.4%	9.7%	27.3%	0.2%	100%
Read or view the entire news story from start to end and then decide <i>Q7_READENTIRESTORY</i>		24.5%	20.8%	13.9%	4.7%	1.9%	34.1%	-	100%
		24.5%	45.3%	59.3%	64%	65.9%	100%	-	100%
		1138	968	648	218	88	1586	1403	6049
		18.8%	16%	10.7%	3.6%	1.5%	26.2%	0.2%	100%
Take a screenshot of the news item to ask a friend what they think <i>Q7_TAKESCREENSHOT</i>		6.4%	10.5%	14.2%	13.4%	20.1%	35.4%	-	100%
		6.4%	16.9%	31.1%	44.5%	64.6%	100%	-	100%
		297	488	658	622	935	1641	1408	6049
		4.9%	8.1%	10.9%	10.3%	15.5%	27.1%	0.2%	100%
Go with my gut feeling to decide whether a news item is legitimate or not <i>Q7_GOWITHGUT</i>		5.5%	12%	19.7%	15.1%	12.4%	35.3%	-	100%
		5.5%	17.5%	37.2%	52.3%	64.7%	100%	-	100%
		256	559	915	703	578	1641	1397	6049
		4.2%	9.2%	15.1%	11.6%	9.6%	27.1%	0.2%	100%

PART THREE: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE NEWS, IN GENERAL?

In this part of the questionnaire, we want to find out what you think about the quality of news that is available to you.

QUESTION 8: News can be defined in different ways depending on your point of view. In this question, we want to learn what news means to you and the role that news plays in your life. From your perspective, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about what constitutes news, whether it comes from social media feeds, news sites, or print sources?

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Missing	Total
...news is information that is useful to my life Q8_USEFUL	VALID %	41.2%	41.7%	9.1%	4.8%	2%	1.1%	-	100%
	CUM %	41.2%	83%	92.1%	96.9%	98.9%	100%	-	100%
	VALID N	1876	1897	415	218	93	49	1501	6049
	% OF TOTAL	31%	31.4%	6.9%	3.6%	1.5%	0.8%	0.2%	100%
...news is factual stories that grab my interest Q8_FACTUAL		23.3%	43.3%	17.9%	10.8%	3.4%	1.2%	-	100%
		23.3%	66.6%	84.5%	95.3%	98.8%	100%	-	100%
		1061	1968	816	492	156	56	1500	6049
		17.5%	32.5%	13.5%	8.1%	2.6%	0.9%	0.2%	100%
...news is any story that helps me understand the world Q8_HELP2UNDERSTANDWORLD		31.1%	41.8%	14.1%	8.7%	3.3%	1%	-	100%
		31.1%	72.9%	86.9%	95.6%	99%	100%	-	100%
		1412	1900	639	396	152	47	1503	6049
		23.3%	31.4%	10.6%	6.5%	2.5%	0.8%	0.2%	100%
...news consists of objective reporting of facts Q8_OBJECTIVEREPORTING		34.8%	29.3%	15%	12.3%	7.2%	1.5%	-	100%
		34.8%	64%	79%	91.3%	98.5%	100%	-	100%
		1578	1329	682	558	326	68	1508	6049
		26.1%	22%	11.3%	9.2%	5.4%	1.1%	0.2%	100%
...news is necessary in a democracy Q8_NECESSARY4DEMOCRACY		57.4%	24.6%	11.6%	2.8%	1.6%	2%	-	100%
		57.4%	82%	93.6%	96.4%	98%	100%	-	100%
		2606	1117	528	126	74	91	1507	6049
		43.1%	18.5%	8.7%	2.1%	1.2%	1.5%	0.2%	100%
...following the news is a civic responsibility Q8_CIVICRESPONSIB		28.9%	33.2%	22%	8.9%	5.5%	1.6%	-	100%
		28.9%	62%	84%	92.9%	98.4%	100%	-	100%
		1310	1506	998	404	250	71	1510	6049
		21.7%	24.9%	16.5%	6.7%	4.1%	1.2%	0.2%	100%
...it's difficult to tell the most important news stories on any given day Q8_HARD2TELL		14.7%	36.1%	23.4%	17.6%	5.6%	2.6%	-	100%
		14.7%	50.8%	74.2%	91.8%	97.4%	100%	-	100%
		668	1638	1062	797	255	119	1510	6049
		11%	27.1%	17.6%	13.2%	4.2%	2%	0.2%	100%
...it's difficult to tell real news from fake news Q8_DIFFICULT2TELLFAKENEWS		13.3%	31.8%	17.8%	24.2%	11.4%	1.5%	-	100%
		13.3%	45.1%	62.8%	87.1%	98.5%	100%	-	100%
		603	1445	807	1101	519	68	1506	6049
		10%	23.9%	13.3%	18.2%	8.6%	1.1%	0.2%	100%
...the sheer amount of news on any given day is overwhelming Q8_OVERWHELMING		31.2%	36.5%	17.7%	9.5%	3.6%	1.5%	-	100%
		31.2%	67.7%	85.4%	94.9%	98.5%	100%	-	100%
		1418	1655	801	432	165	67	1511	6049
		23.4%	27.4%	13.2%	7.1%	2.7%	1.1%	0.2%	100%
...I don't think much about what news means to me Q8_DOESNTTHINK		6.3%	16.9%	20.6%	24.7%	29.3%	2.2%	-	100%
		6.3%	23.2%	43.8%	68.5%	97.8%	100%	-	100%
		287	769	934	1122	1332	101	1504	6049
		4.7%	12.7%	15.4%	18.5%	22%	1.7%	0.2%	100%

QUESTION 9: News stories sometimes contain factual errors. From your perspective, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about news stories, and the journalists that produce them?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Missing	Total
...I do not trust the news, no matter what the source is Q9_NOTRUST	VALID % 2.2% CUM % 2.2% VALID N 99 % OF TOTAL 1.6%	11.4% 13.6% 509 8.4%	15% 28.6% 668 11%	32.8% 61.4% 1465 24.2%	37.6% 99% 1676 27.7%	1% 100% 46 0.8%	- - 1586 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%
...fake news has made me distrust the credibility of any news Q9_FAKENEWSIMPACT	8.4% 8.4% 373 6.2%	28.2% 36.6% 1259 20.8%	15.3% 51.9% 683 11.3%	25.7% 77.6% 1147 19%	21.1% 98.7% 941 15.6%	1.3% 100% 58 1%	- - 1588 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%
...without knowing the source of the news--where a news item originated--I can't trust news Q9_NOORIGINNOTRUST	30.4% 30.4% 1355 22.4%	41.4% 71.8% 1848 30.6%	13.7% 85.5% 609 10.1%	10.5% 96% 469 7.8%	2.7% 98.7% 120 2%	1.3% 100% 58 1%	- - 1590 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%
...I trust news from traditional sources produced by professional journalists, more than social media sites where anyone can post news Q9_TRUSTPROFJOURNS	42.5% 42.5% 1894 31.3%	31.7% 74.2% 1415 23.4%	13.5% 87.7% 600 9.9%	7.4% 95% 328 5.4%	3.5% 98.6% 158 2.6%	1.4% 100% 64 1.1%	- - 1590 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%
...journalists deliberately insert their own bias into news stories Q9_JOURNSINSERTBIAS	14.5% 14.5% 645 10.7%	34.7% 49.2% 1547 25.6%	27.2% 76.4% 1214 20.1%	17% 93.4% 759 12.5%	4.7% 98.1% 210 3.5%	1.9% 100% 83 1.4%	- - 1591 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%
...journalists make mistakes but generally try to get their news stories right Q9_JOURNSMAKEMISTAKES	18% 18% 803 13.3%	47.9% 65.9% 2132 35.2%	21.3% 87.2% 949 15.7%	8.2% 95.4% 365 6%	2.4% 97.8% 105 1.7%	2.2% 100% 100 1.7%	- - 1595 0.3%	100% 100% 6049 100%

QUESTION 10: 'Fake news' is a term we hear and see a lot these days. How confident do you feel with recognizing fake news?

	Very confident	Confident	Somewhat confident	Slightly confident	Not confident at all	Don't know	Missing	Total
VALID %	13.9%	31.8%	34%	12.4%	5.1%	2.8%	-	100%
CUM %	13.9%	45.7%	79.7%	92.1%	97.2%	100%	-	100%
VALID N	623	1420	1518	554	228	123	1583	6049
% OF TOTAL	10.3%	23.5%	25.1%	9.2%	3.8%	2%	0.3%	100%

QUESTION 11: Now we'd like to ask you about something different. Some, but not all, students say there are differences between how they get news for fulfilling academic assignments vs. how they get news for personal use in their lives. How do you get news for fulfilling academic assignments vs. news for personal use in your life? (Click ALL that apply)

		For academic assignments	For personal use
I rely on news found in library databases searches (e.g., ProQuest). Q11_LIBRARYDATABASES	VALID % VALID N % OF TOTAL	90.4% 4025 66.5%	9.6% 427 7.1%
I rely on news stories from non-traditional sources (e.g., BuzzFeed, Reddit). Q11_NONTRAD		7.8% 282 4.7%	92.2% 3336 55.1%
I rely on news stories that teachers or professors recommend. Q11_TEACHER		62.5% 3792 62.7%	37.5% 2275 37.6%
I rely on news from social media networks. Q11_SOCIALMEDIA		9.8% 372 6.1%	90.2% 3437 56.8%
I rely on news from news apps on my mobile devices. Q11_APPS		23.7% 1016 16.8%	76.3% 3279 54.2%
I rely on news that's from print newspapers. Q11_PRINT		54.3% 2287 37.8%	45.7% 1921 31.8%
I rely on news from television broadcasts. Q11_TELEVISION		30.3% 1115 18.4%	69.7% 2562 42.4%
I rely on news from radio broadcasts. Q11_RADIO		28.7% 894 14.8%	71.3% 2224 36.8%
I don't rely much on the news. Q11_DONTRELY		46.1% 890 14.7%	53.9% 1041 17.2%

QUESTION 12: Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about how you get news when looking for course assignments vs. for use in your personal life?

Write-in responses are not provided in the news survey's public dataset.

NOW TELL US A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOURSELF.

We have just a few more questions to find out a little more about you...

QUESTION 13: Where are you currently enrolled as a student?

Data broken out by institution (Question 13) are not available, per IRB requirements, for this study. Data were instead imputed to identify whether the respondents were from the high school or college samples.

QUESTION 14: What's your current status as a student (e.g., first-year, sophomore, junior, or senior, or otherwise)?

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
High school junior Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	0.2%	0.2%	7	0.1%
High school senior Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	3.6%	3.8%	158	2.6%
Other type of high school student (e.g., exchange student) Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	0.1%	3.8%	3	0%
College first-year student Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	26.6%	30.5%	1166	19.3%
College sophomore or second-year student Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	23.3%	53.8%	1022	16.9%
College junior or third-year student Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	21.7%	75.5%	950	15.7%
College senior or fourth-year student Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	20%	95.5%	874	14.4%
College fifth-year student or beyond Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	3.4%	98.9%	150	2.5%
Other type of undergraduate student (e.g., exchange student) Q14_SCHOOLYEAR	1.1%	100%	49	0.8%
Missing	-	-	1670	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 15a: Are you planning to attend college next fall?

This question was asked of students in the high school sample only.

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
Yes Q15A_WILLATTEND	79.8%	79.8%	134	2.2%
No Q15A_WILLATTEND	10.1%	89.9%	17	0.3%
Prefer not to state Q15A_WILLATTEND	1.8%	91.7%	3	0%
Other Q15A_WILLATTEND	3%	94.6%	5	0.1%
Don't know Q15A_WILLATTEND	5.4%	100%	9	0.1%
Missing	-	-	5881	1%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 15b: What is your major area of study? (Click ALL that apply)

This question was asked of students in the college and university sample only.

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
Architecture and Engineering Q15B_MAJOR	9.2%	9.2%	389	6.4%
Arts and Humanities Q15B_MAJOR	17%	26.2%	719	11.9%
Business Administration Q15B_MAJOR	12.7%	38.9%	538	8.9%
Computer Science Q15B_MAJOR	4.5%	43.5%	192	3.2%
Education Q15B_MAJOR	2.4%	45.8%	100	1.7%
General Education (includes AA, breadth requirements, undeclared) Q15B_MAJOR	2.8%	48.7%	120	2%
Mathematics Q15B_MAJOR	1%	49.6%	41	0.7%
Occupational Training (includes nursing, 2-year, 4-year programs) Q15B_MAJOR	7.5%	57.1%	317	5.2%
Social and Behavioral Science Q15B_MAJOR	12.5%	69.6%	527	8.7%
Life and Physical Sciences Q15B_MAJOR	14.7%	84.3%	622	10.3%
Other Q15B_MAJOR	0%	84.3%	0	0%
Multiple Q15B_MAJOR	15.7%	100%	663	11%
Missing	-	-	1821	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 16: What is your age today?

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
18-20 years old Q16_AGE	59.1%	59.1%	2605	43.1%
21 - 22 years old Q16_AGE	27.9%	87%	1231	20.4%
23-25 years old Q16_AGE	5%	92%	219	3.6%
26 years or older Q16_AGE	7.1%	99.1%	314	5.2%
Prefer not to state Q16_AGE	0.9%	100%	39	0.6%
Missing	-	-	1641	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 17: What do you identify yourself as?

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
Female Q17_GENDER	64.6%	64.6%	2859	47.3%
Male Q17_GENDER	32.3%	96.9%	1427	23.6%
Transgender Q17_GENDER	0.6%	97.5%	26	0.4%
Prefer not to state Q17_GENDER	1.4%	98.9%	61	1%
Please fill in the blank Q17_GENDER	1.1%	100%	50	0.8%
Missing	-	-	1626	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 18: How do you describe yourself politically? (Click ONLY one)

	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	Count	Percent of Total
Very conservative Q18_POLITICS	2%	2%	89	1.5%
Conservative Q18_POLITICS	11%	13%	489	8.1%
Moderate Q18_POLITICS	26.4%	39.4%	1170	19.3%
Liberal Q18_POLITICS	34.9%	74.4%	1547	25.6%
Very liberal Q18_POLITICS	14.5%	88.9%	642	10.6%
Prefer not to state Q18_POLITICS	5.9%	94.8%	263	4.3%
Other Q18_POLITICS	5.2%	100%	231	3.8%
Missing	-	-	1618	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	6049	100%

QUESTION 19: If you are a Twitter user, will you share your Twitter username/handle with us?

Responses to this item are not provided in the news survey's public dataset.

QUESTION 20: Are you interested in telling us more about how you get your news?

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