

M4PS

Marketing for the Public Sector



DATA



INSIGHTS



ACTION

PART 1 | MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

NOVEMBER 2022



FORWARD

“Ready! Fire! Aim!” is the mantra of far too many marketing and sales efforts.

Those of us in the public sector know better than anyone that different messages and different modes of delivery resonate with varying levels of success across federal agencies, military branches, and state and local governments. Every audience segment has different needs in the information they want from contractors, and different preferences for receiving that information. We all know how important it is for marketing professionals with limited budgets and time to choose the right messages delivered through the right channels. Yet, the right information at the right time isn’t easily accessible to make informed decisions.

This is why we created the Marketing for the Public Sector (M4PS) study. Our aim is to provide some guidance, a “map” if you will, that will help point you in the right direction. We know, however, that there are many considerations for your marketing decisions. M4PS will arm you with the insights to help drive your marketing decisions. Allowing you to AIM before you FIRE.

The inaugural study — the first of two parts — focuses on media engagement and includes both federal and state/local markets. As you read through the survey results, you’ll get a feel for who the respondents are and what their concerns over the next year are. You’ll find out not only which digital publications they turn to, but their overall engagement levels with that content. As part of this exploration, you’ll learn about social media engagement and podcast listening habits. Finally, you’ll take a deep dive into the DC, Maryland, Virginia area to learn what local media your audience engages with. We hope this information is useful in guiding your marketing journey.

READY, AIM, FIRE!

Aaron Heffron

President, Research and Forecasting
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last two years have been quite a ride for marketers. With the pandemic and people staying home, strategies around events radically changed from live meetings to webinars. Digital engagement habits also changed—without a commute, what people listened to and when shifted.

Now we're seeing a pivot back to the way things were—to a degree. Hybrid work environments are here to stay, and that means more changes for people's digital engagement habits.

The 1,200 respondents to the inaugural Marketing for the Public Sector (M4PS) study spanned federal Civilian and Defense and state and local government organizations. These respondents:

- Are, in general, in their early 50s and work across a range of functional areas.
- Overall, are concerned about employee morale, employees retiring, and recruiting new staff.
- Actively engage with a variety of digital media, including digital publications, podcasts, and social media.
- Want to attend in person events as much for networking value as information.

In short, while things are generally getting back to “normal,” they aren't there yet. Chances are, they never will go back to the way they were before.

On the following pages, we share the data and insights the respondents provided.



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SETTING THE STAGE

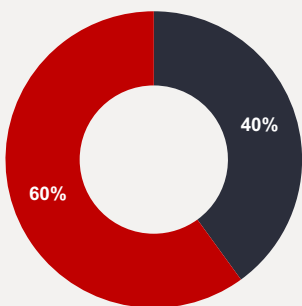


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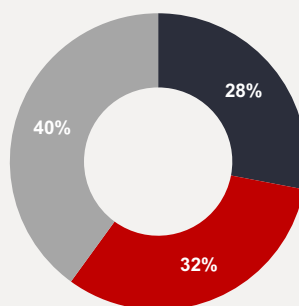
THE RESPONDENTS



What type of organization do you work for?



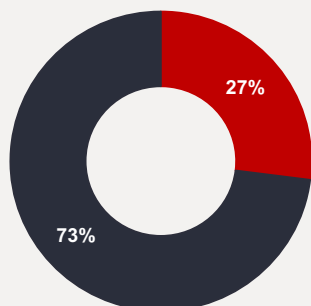
■ Defense, Military or Intelligence
■ Federal Civilian or Independent Agency



■ State Government
■ County Government
■ City or Municipality Government



Are you located in the Washington DC Metro Area?



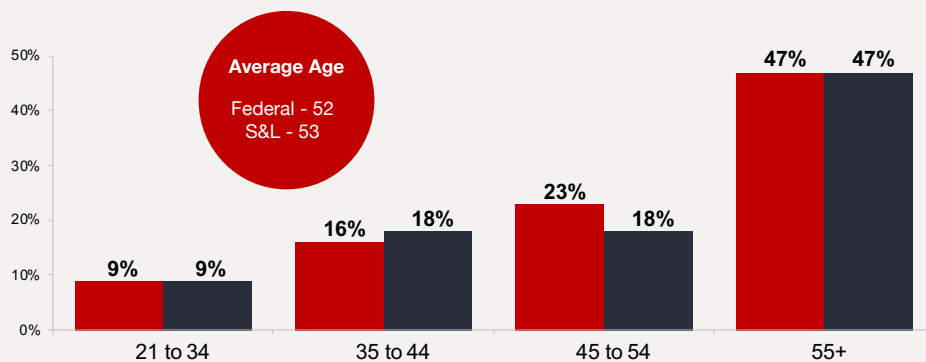
■ Outside the Beltway
■ Inside the Beltway

*Base=Federal Respondents



What is your age?

■ Federal ■ State & Local



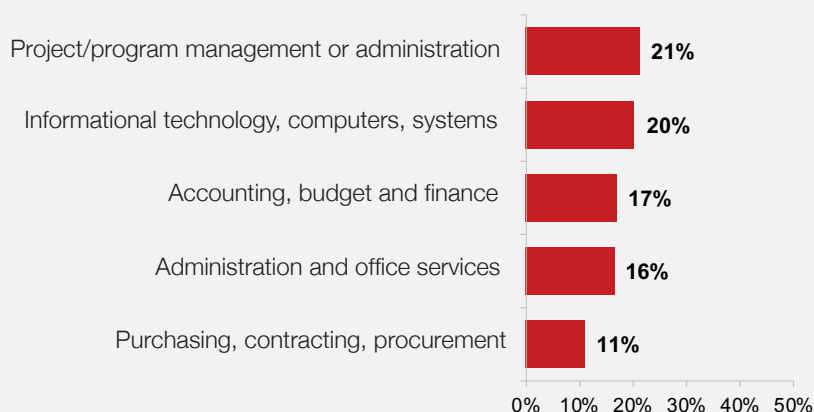
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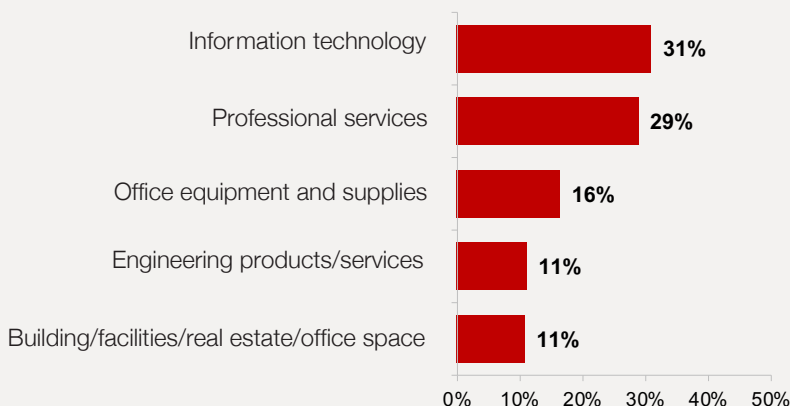
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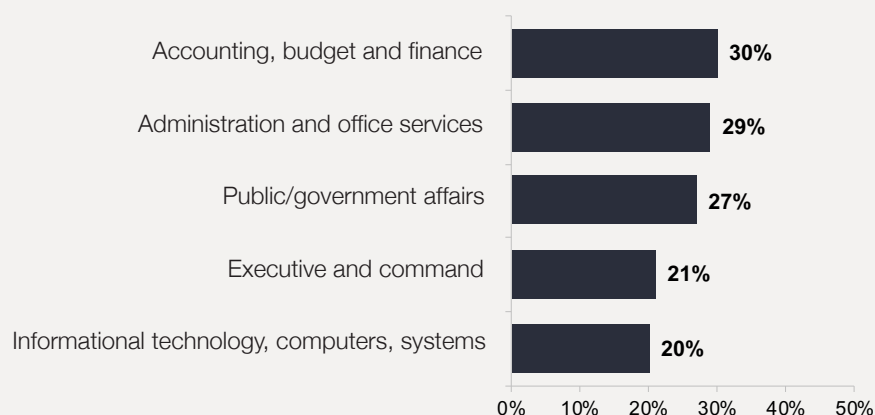
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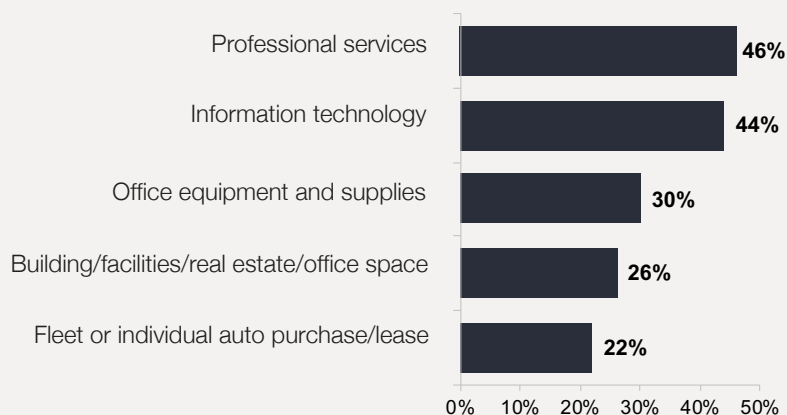
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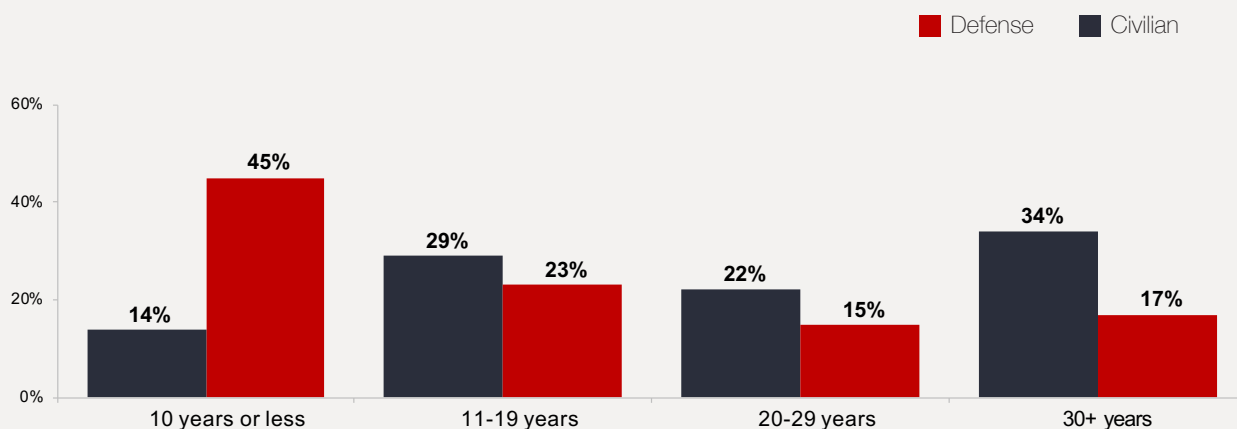
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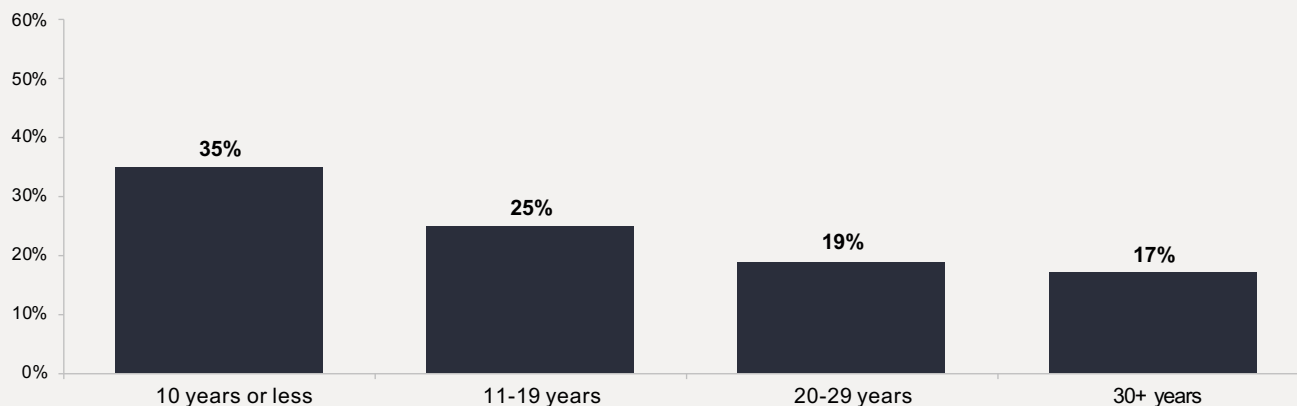
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State & Local

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WHERE ARE THEY MENTALLY?

Federal

TOP CONCERNS FOR NEXT YEAR

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Employee morale

2



Retirement of current employees

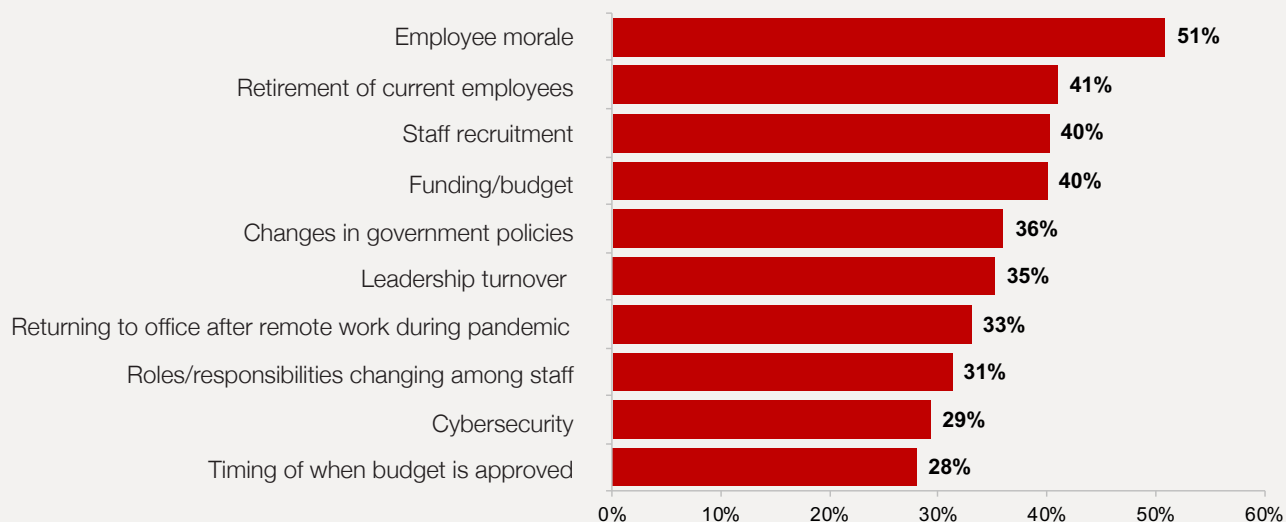
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Staff recruitment



What do you see as the biggest work-related challenges coming over the next year in your agency? (select all that apply)



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Civilian vs. Defense

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(CIVILIAN)

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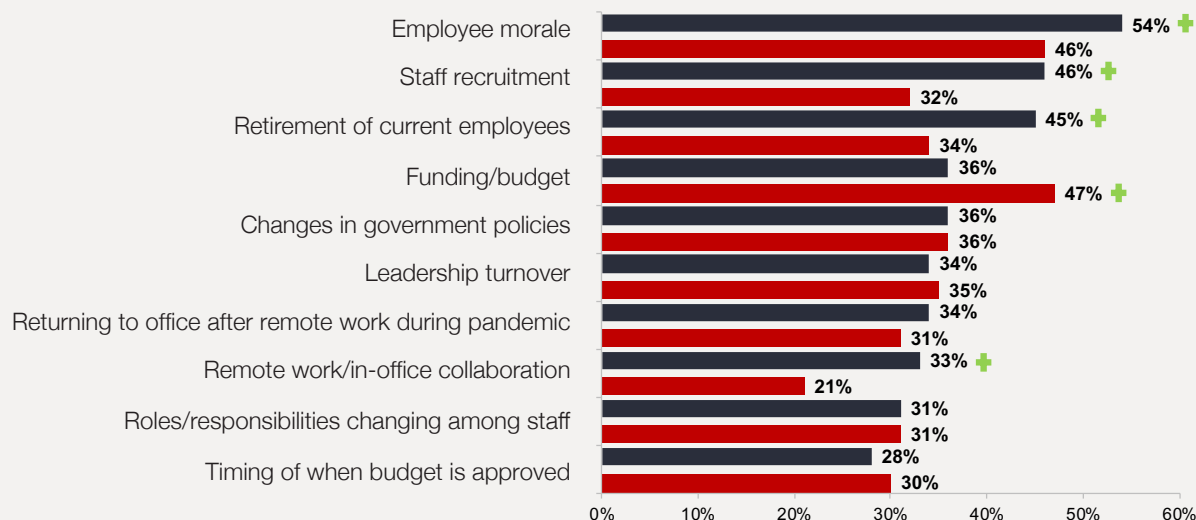


Funding/budget

(DEFENSE)



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■ Defense

■ Civilian

■ Significant difference between segments

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WHERE ARE THEY MENTALLY?

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TOP CONCERNS FOR NEXT YEAR

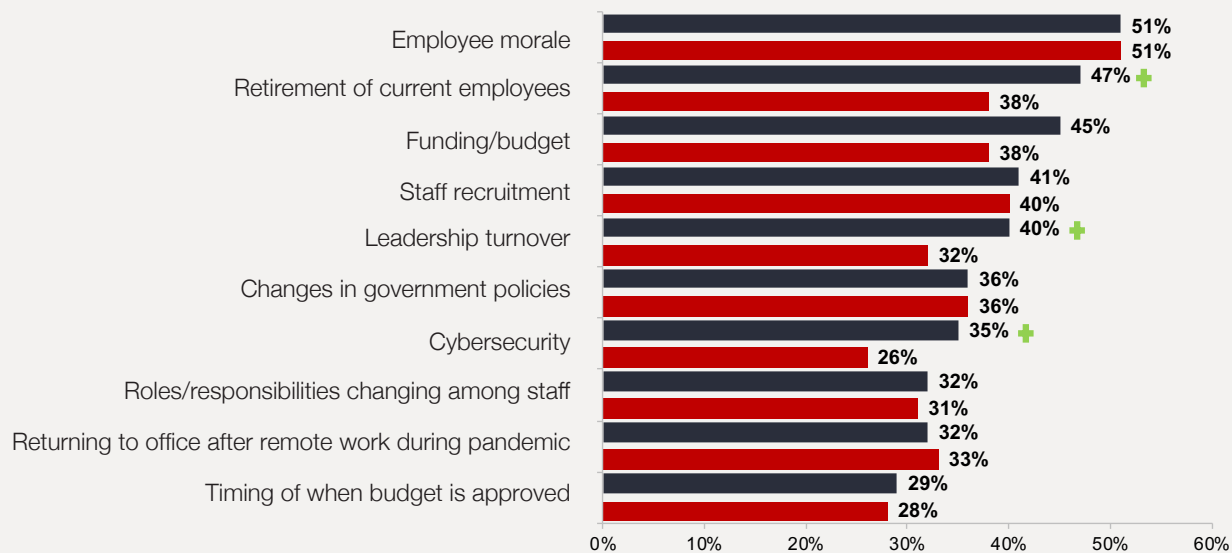


Employee morale

(FEDERAL IT BUYERS
& NON-IT BUYERS)



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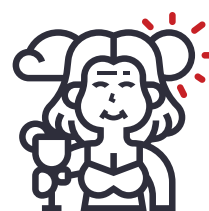
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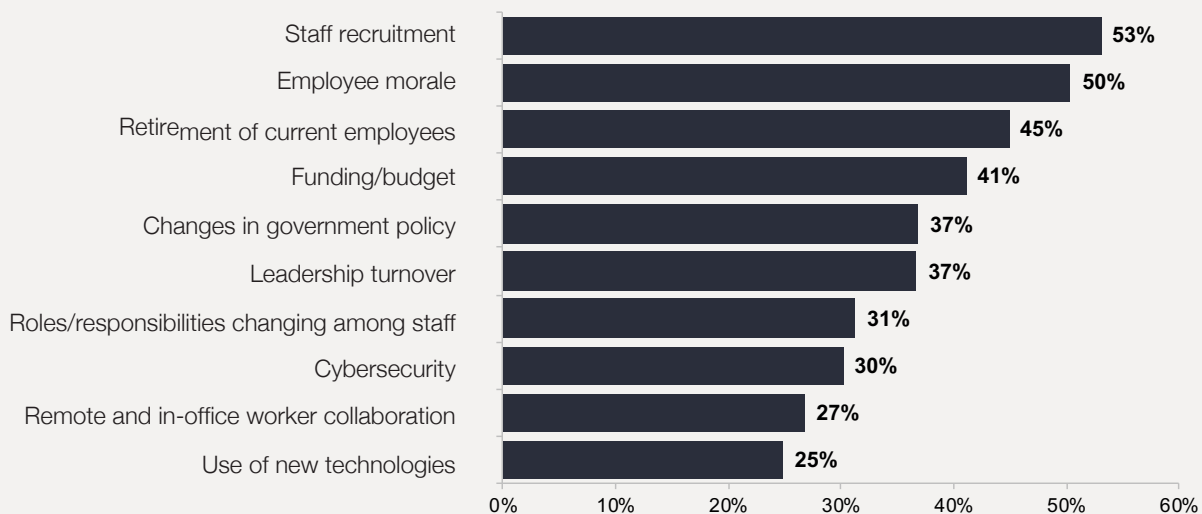
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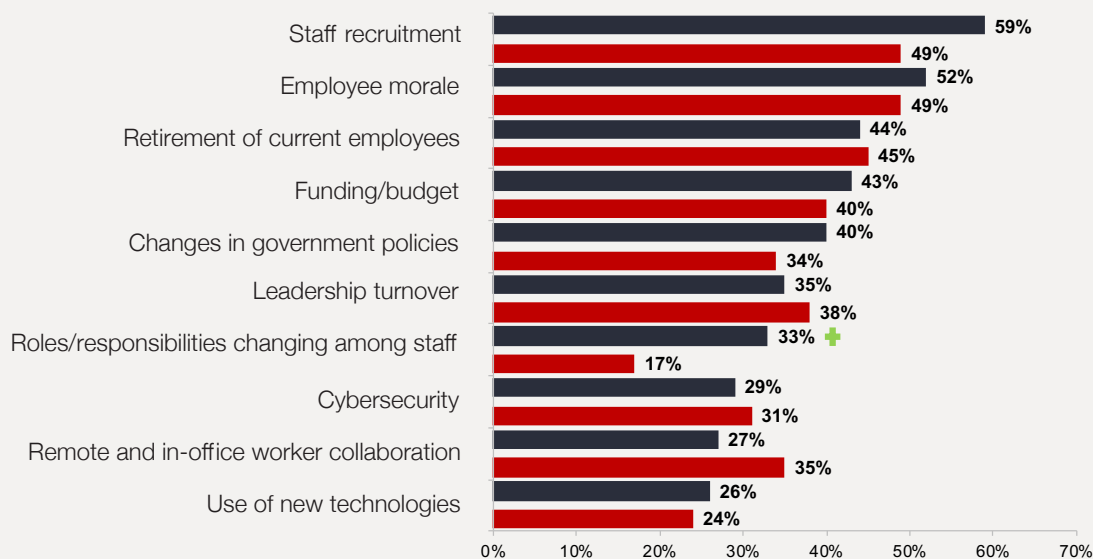


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(SAME RANKINGS FOR BOTH IT BUYERS AND NON-IT BUYERS)



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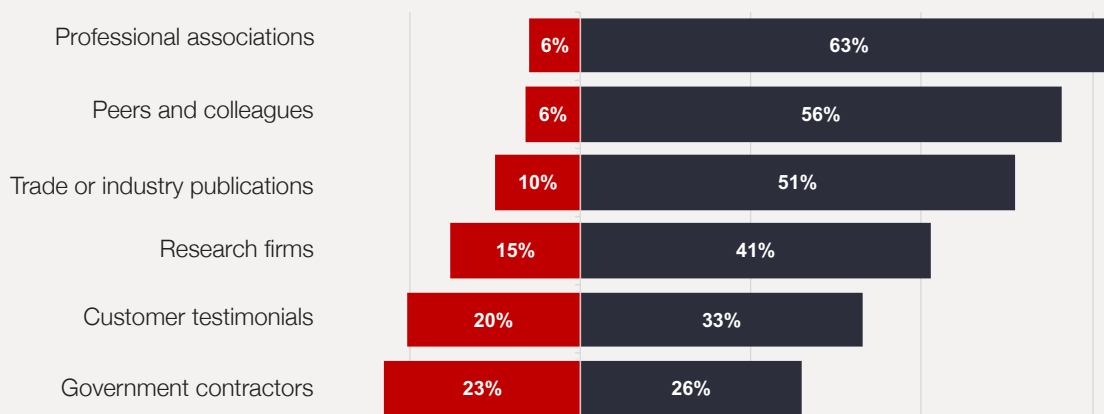
WHO DO THEY TRUST?

Federal

LACK OF TRUST CONTINUES, ESPECIALLY TOWARD CONTRACTORS



Generally, to what extent do you trust news and information you seek for your job from each of the following?



■ 1's/2's - Don't trust at all

■ 4's/5's - Completely Trust

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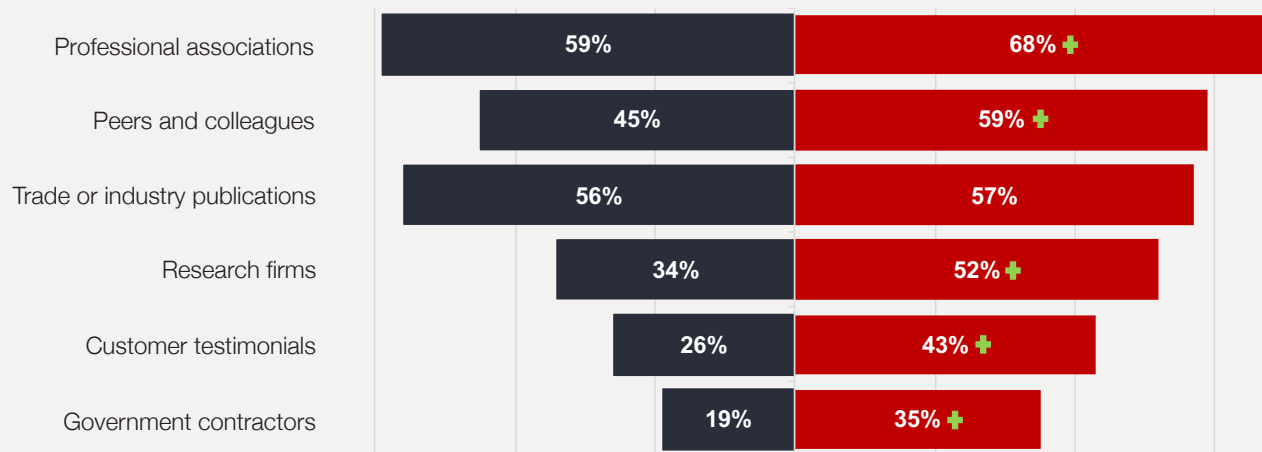
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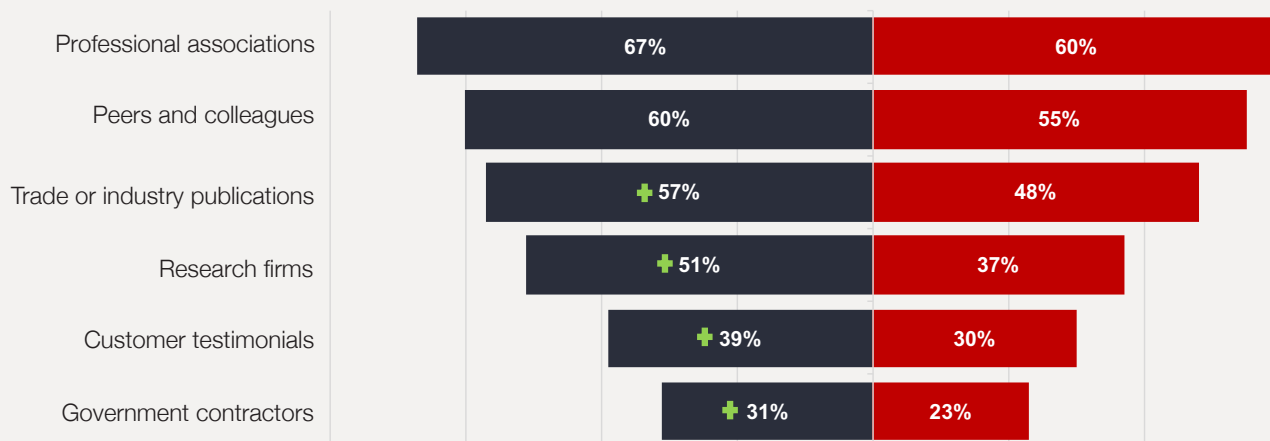
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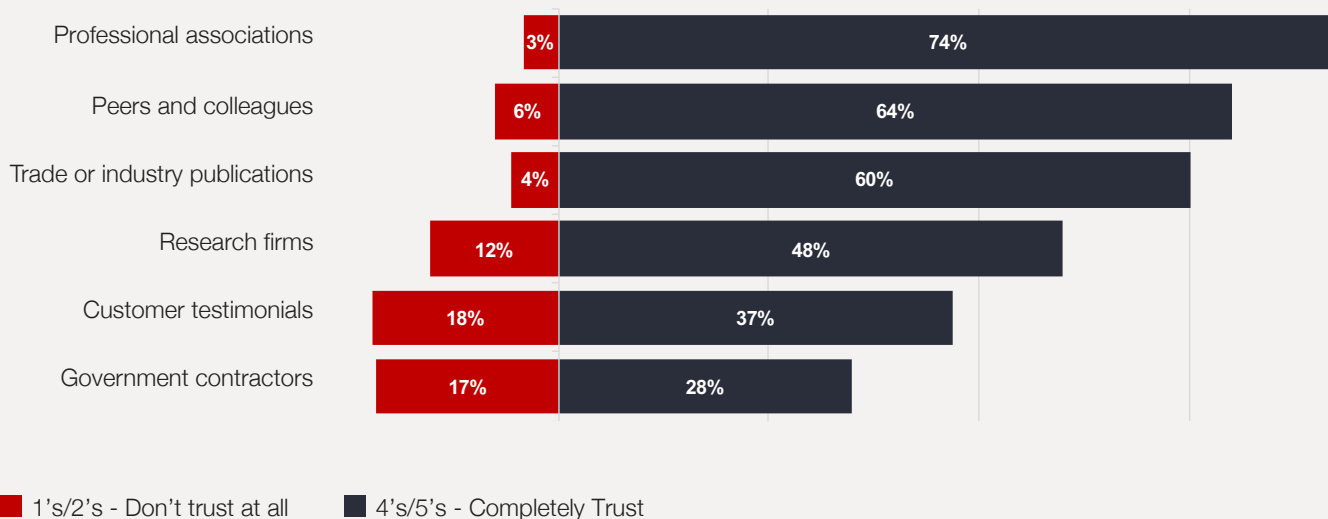
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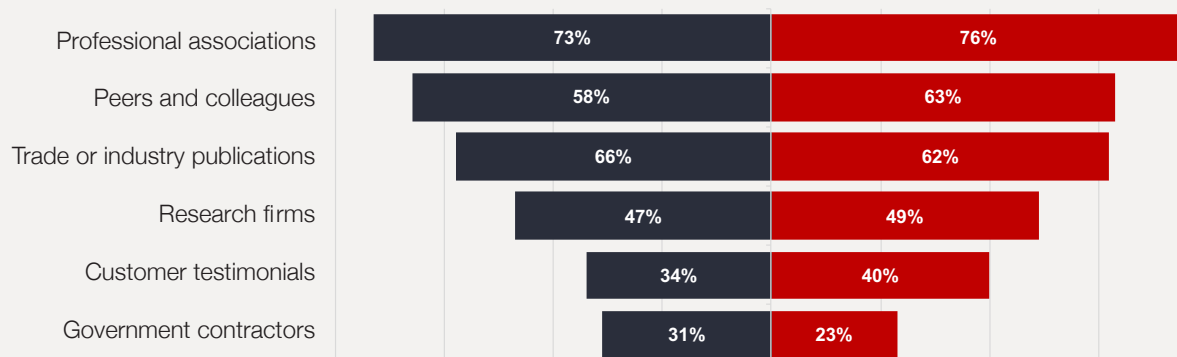
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MEDIA NOW AND IN THE FUTURE



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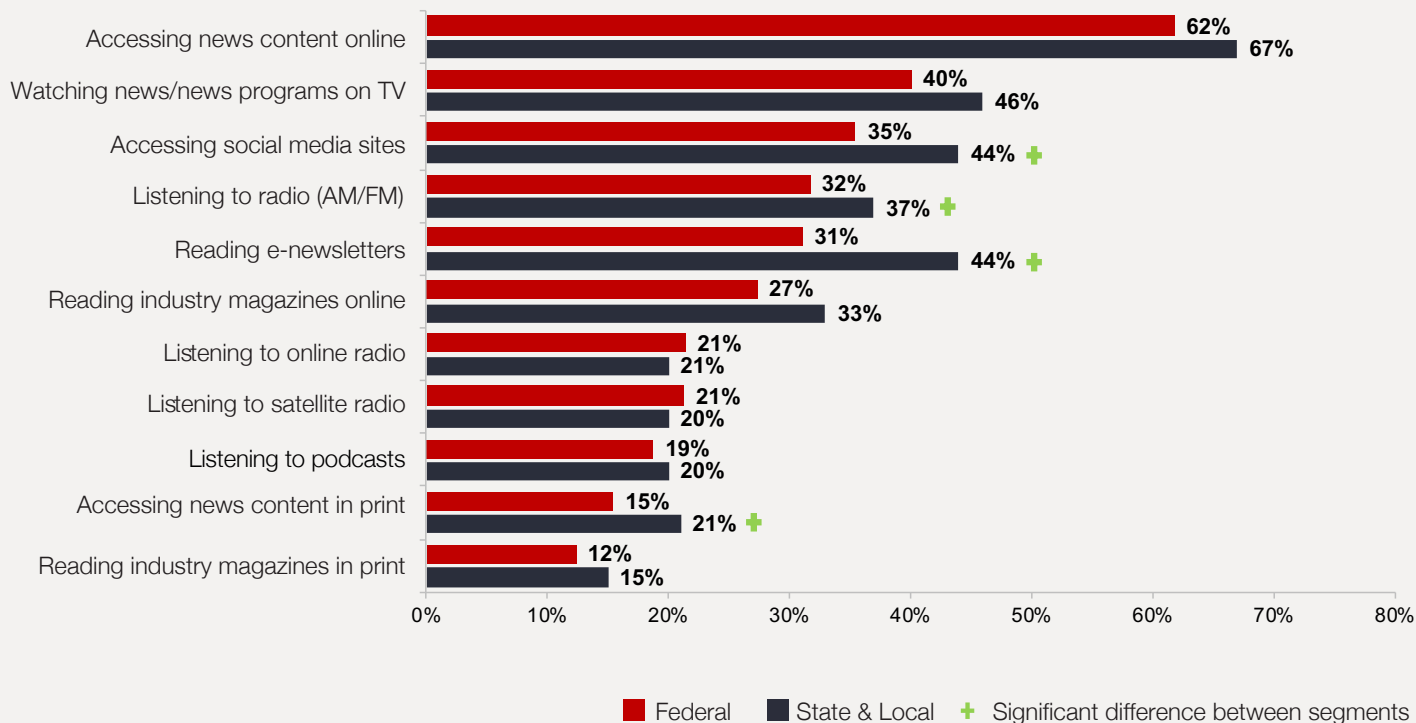
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15+ minutes per day



On an average workday, how much time do you spend...



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Civilian vs. Defense

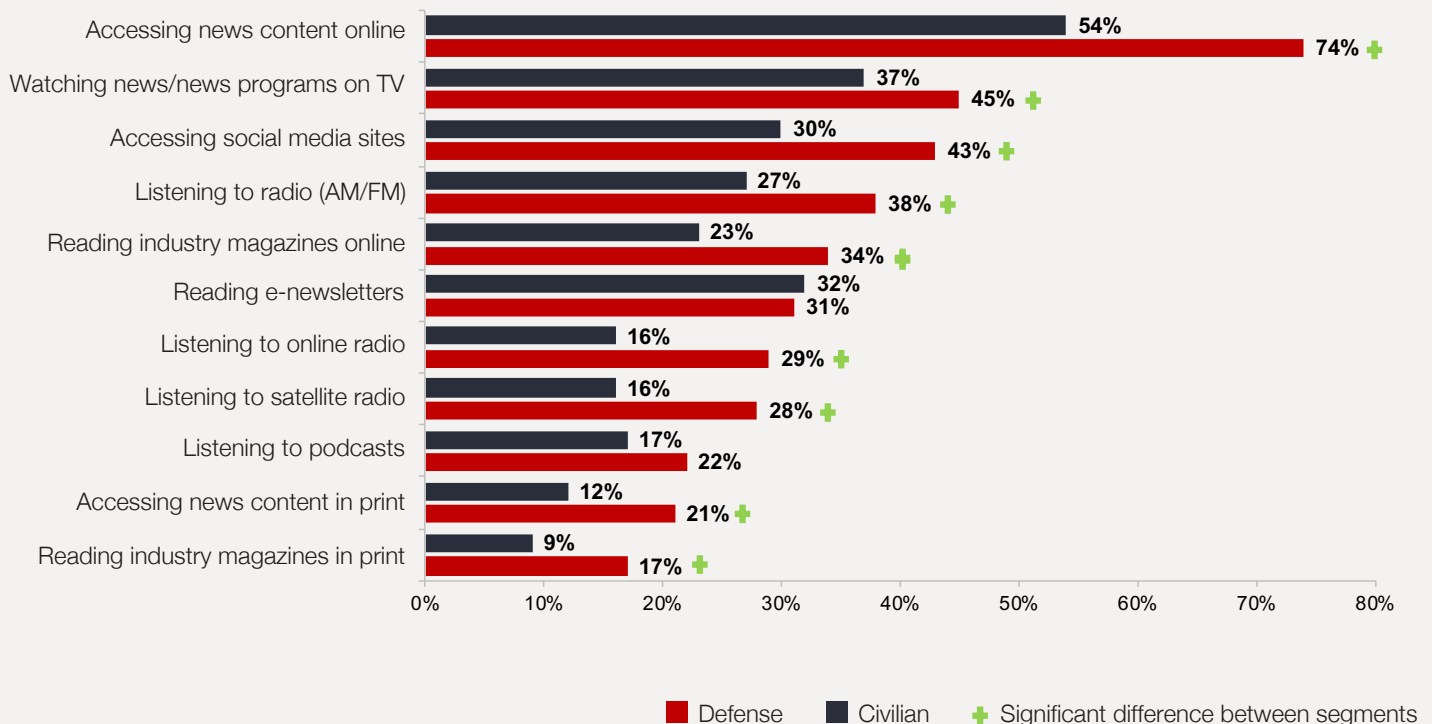
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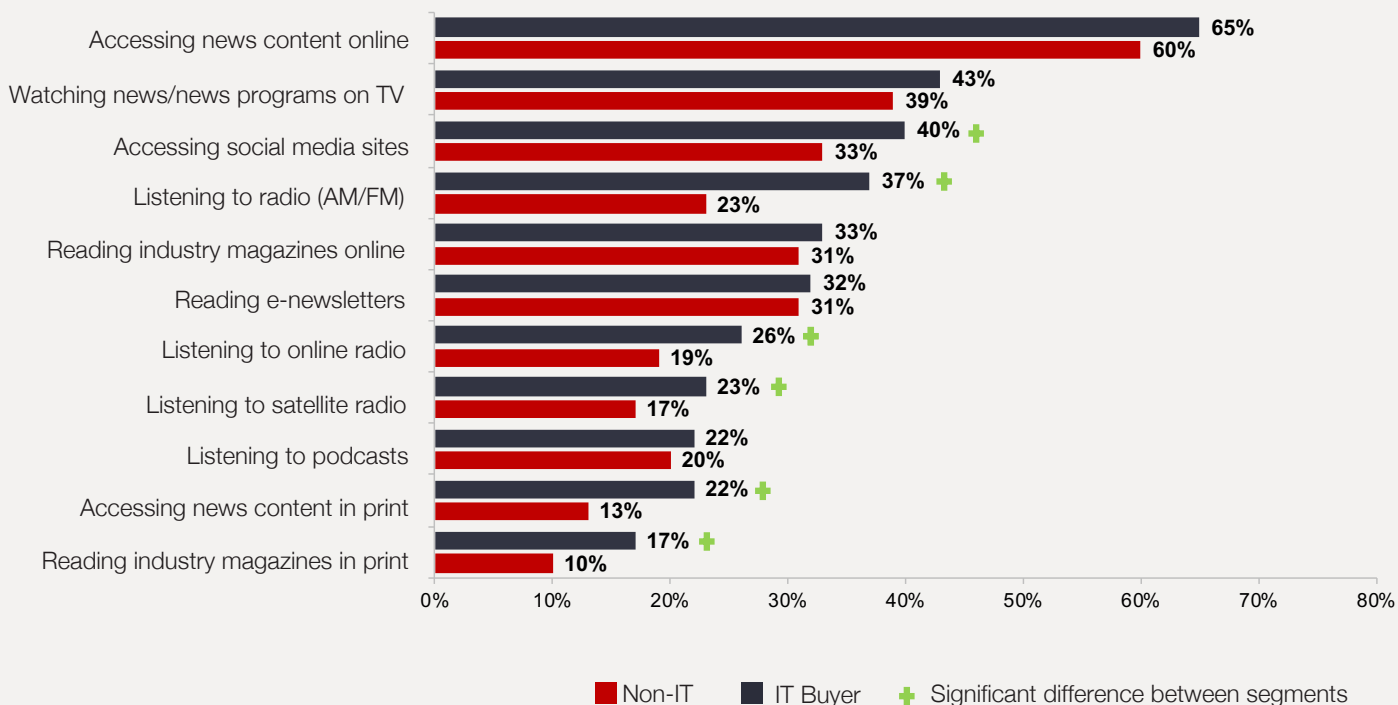
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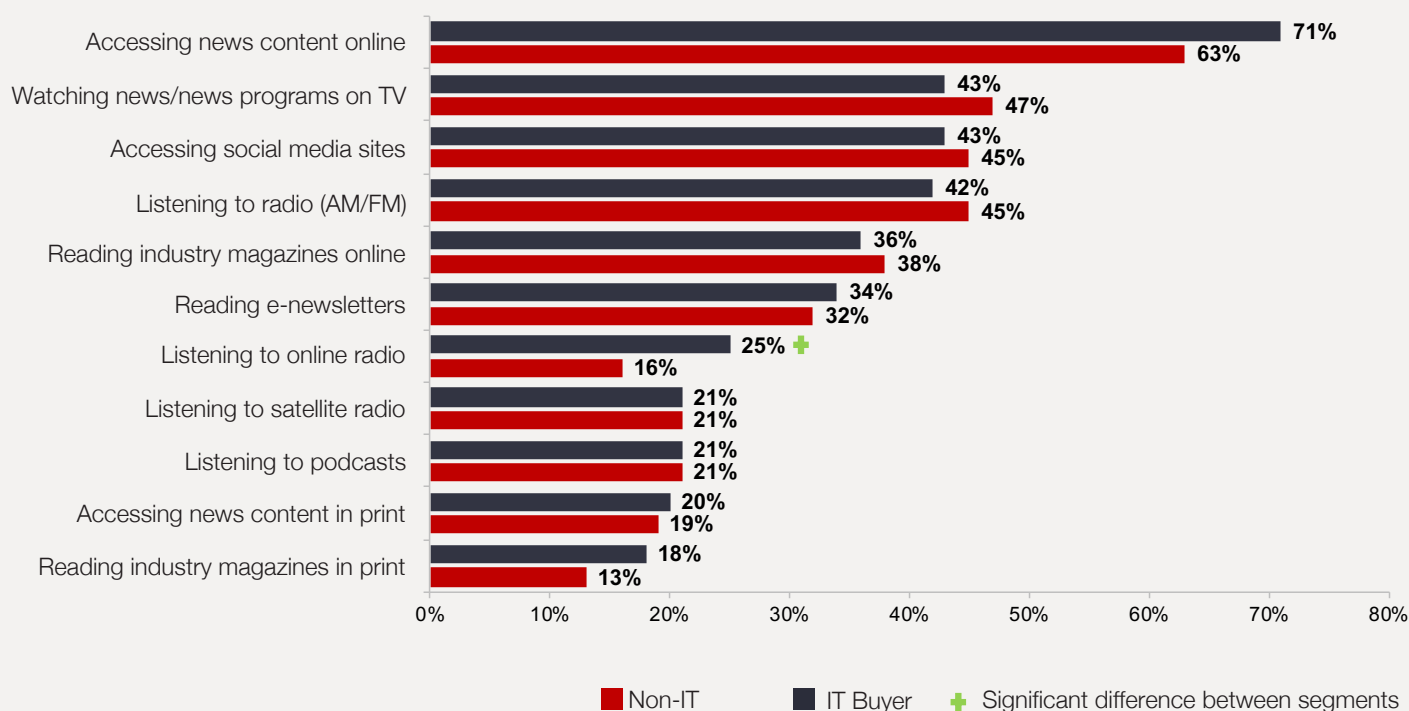
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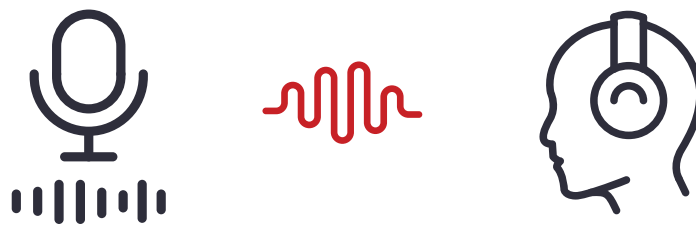


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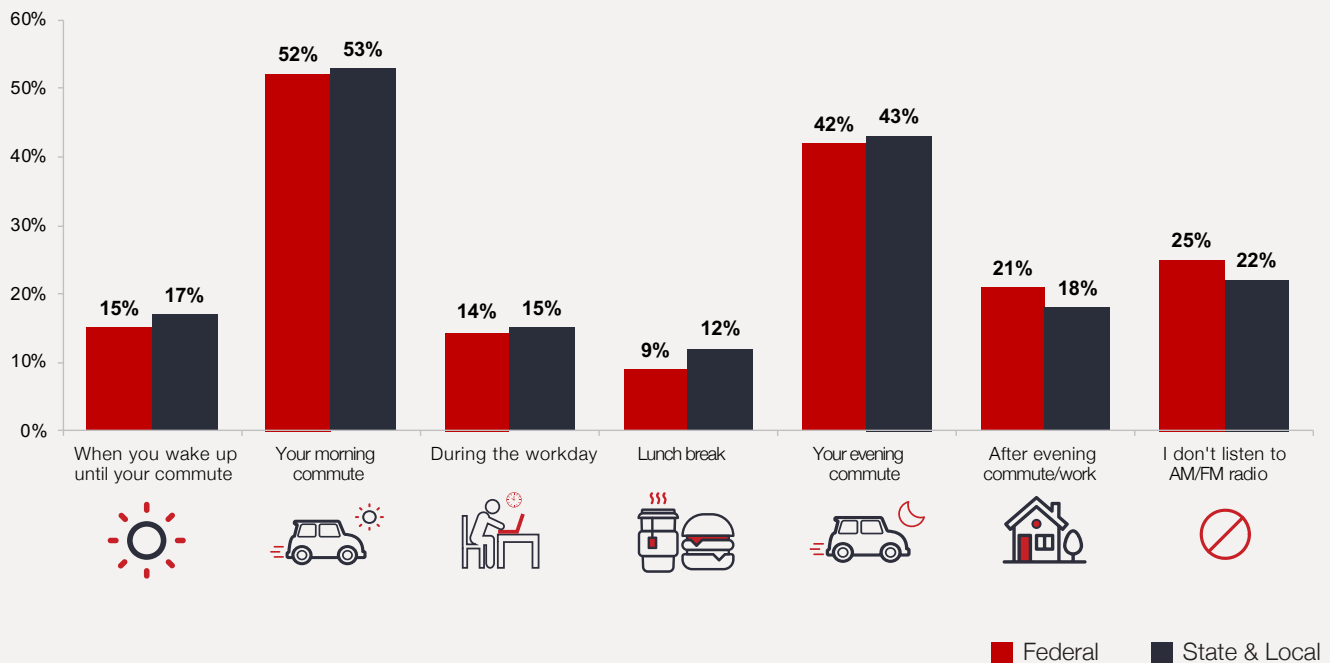
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Federal and State & Local

TYPICAL RADIO LISTENING HOURS



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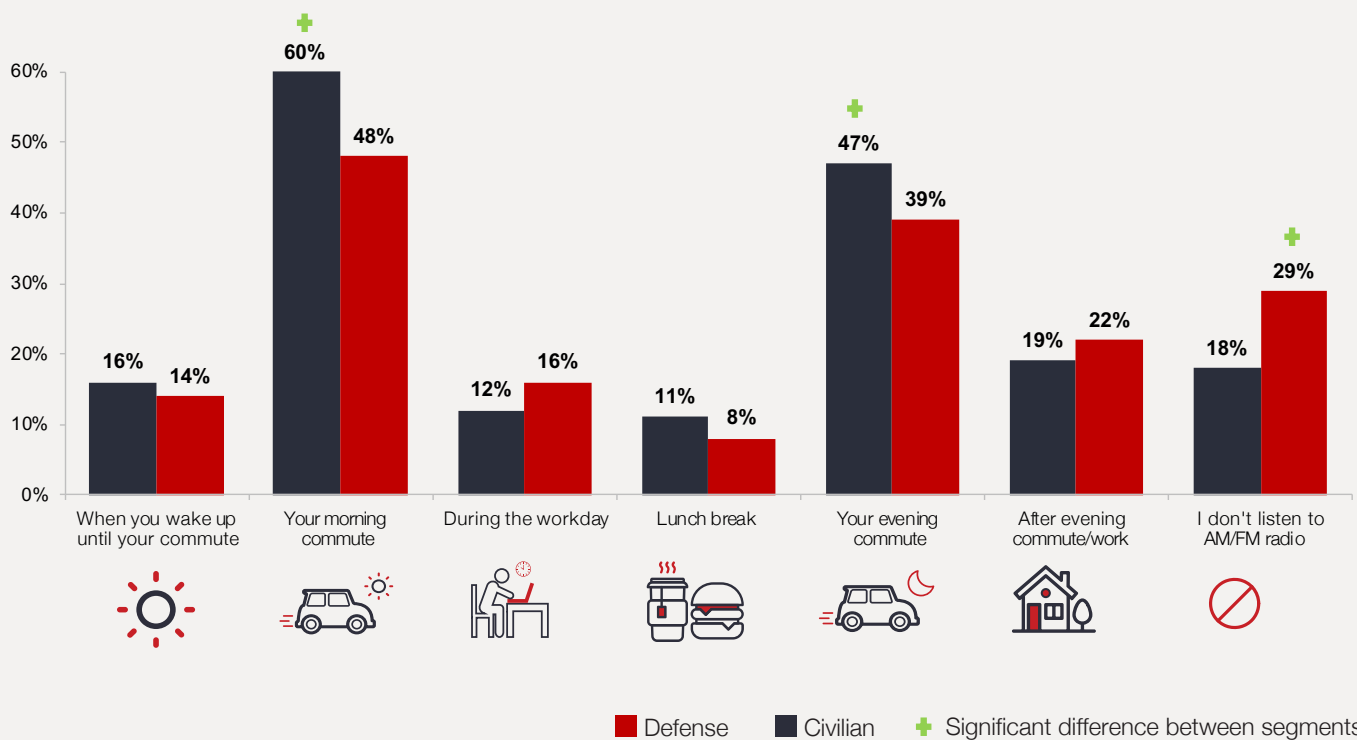
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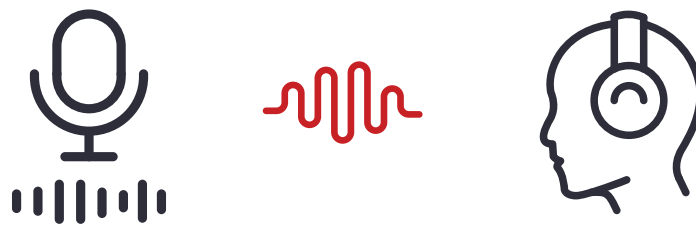


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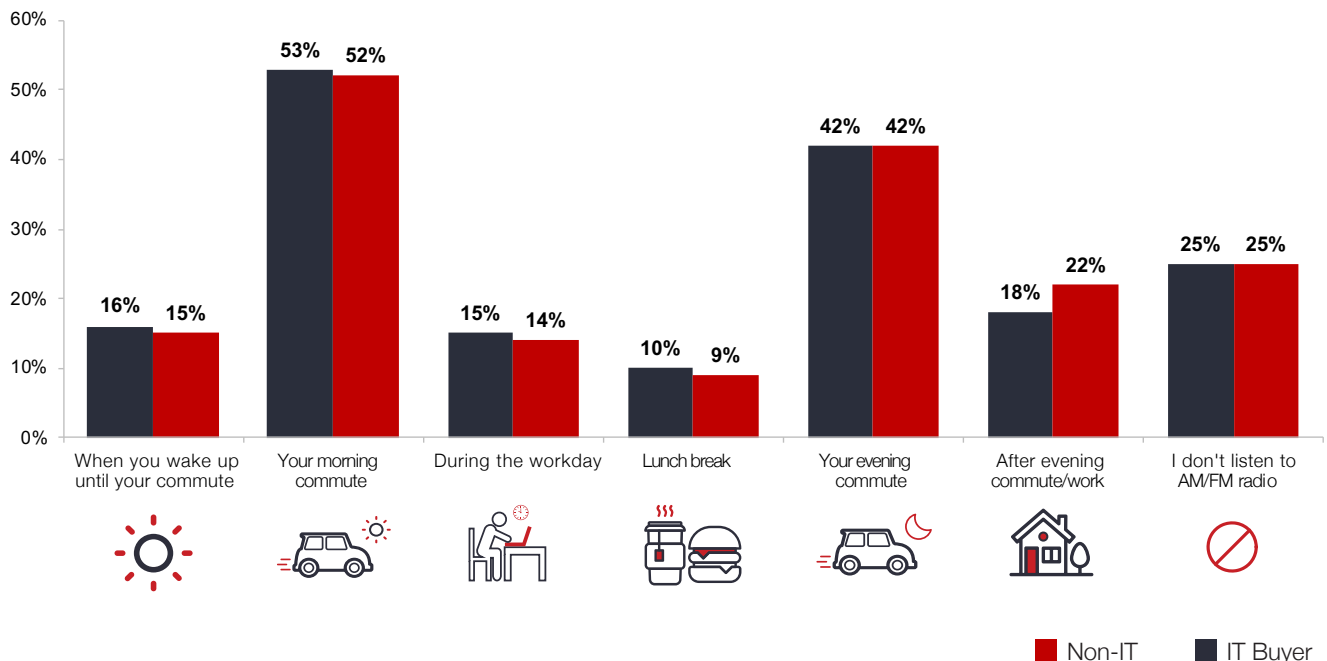
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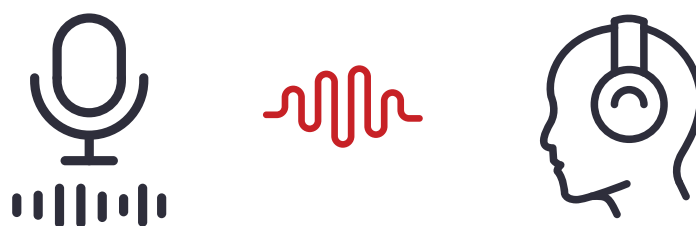


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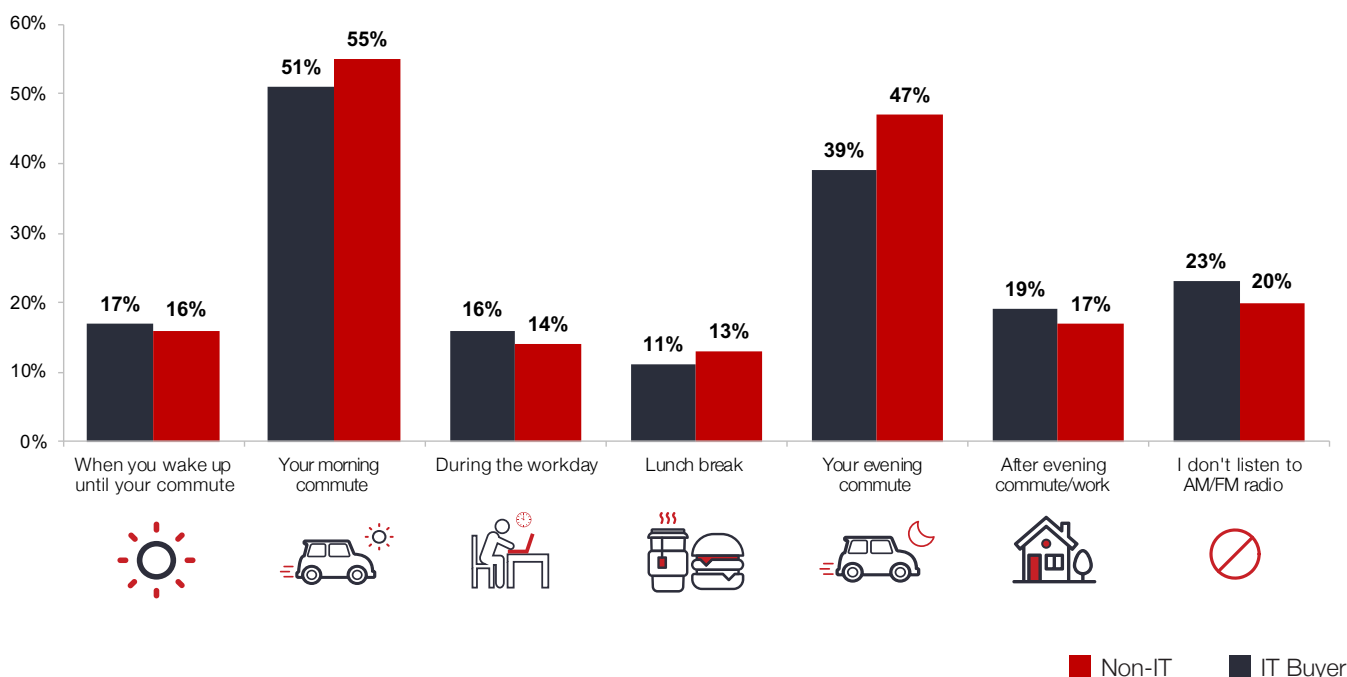
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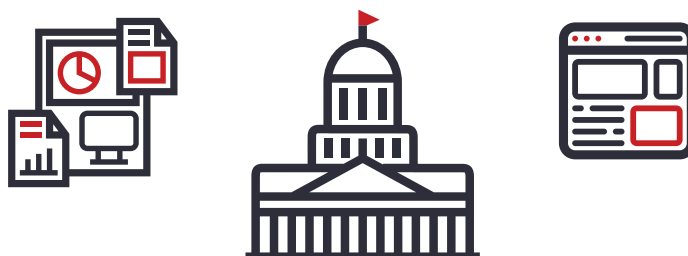


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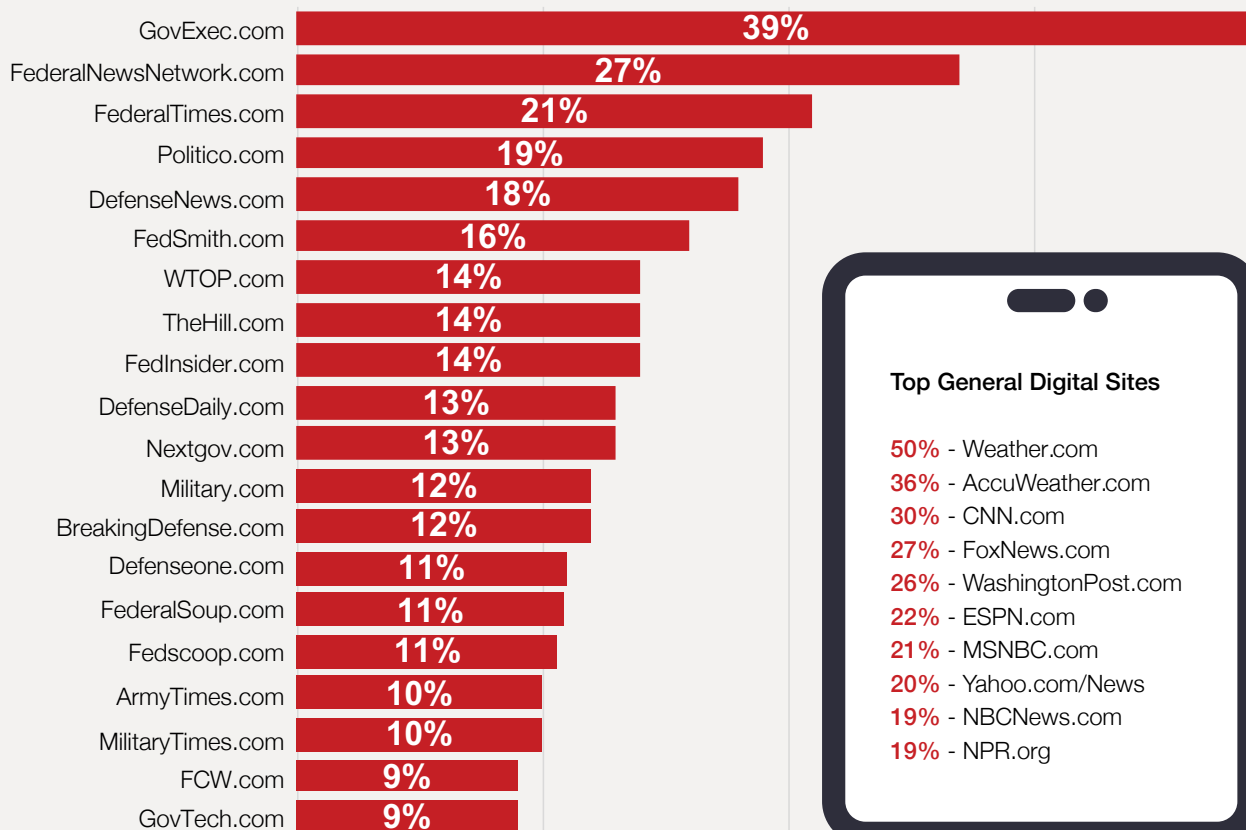
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Federal

TOP GOVERNMENT-FOCUSED DIGITAL SITES (ACCESSED 2X/WEEK OR MORE)



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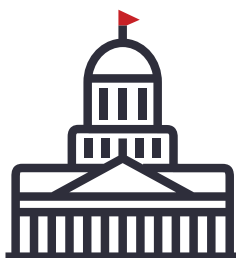


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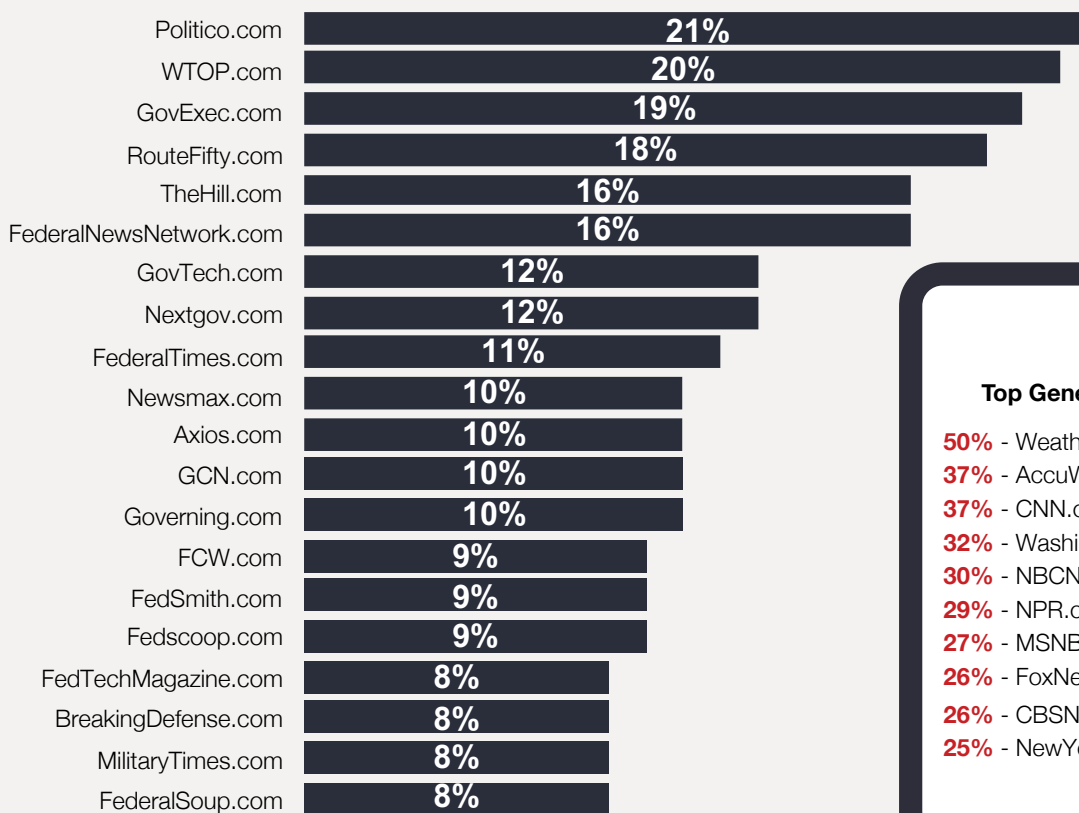
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37% - AccuWeather.com
37% - CNN.com
32% - WashingtonPost.com
30% - NBCNews.com
29% - NPR.org
27% - MSNBC.com
26% - FoxNews.com
26% - CBSNews.com
25% - NewYorkTimes.com

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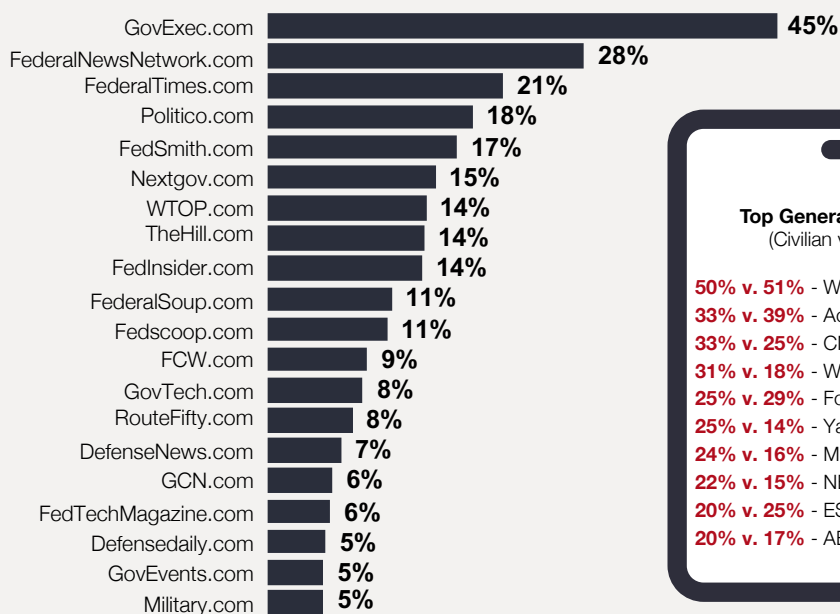
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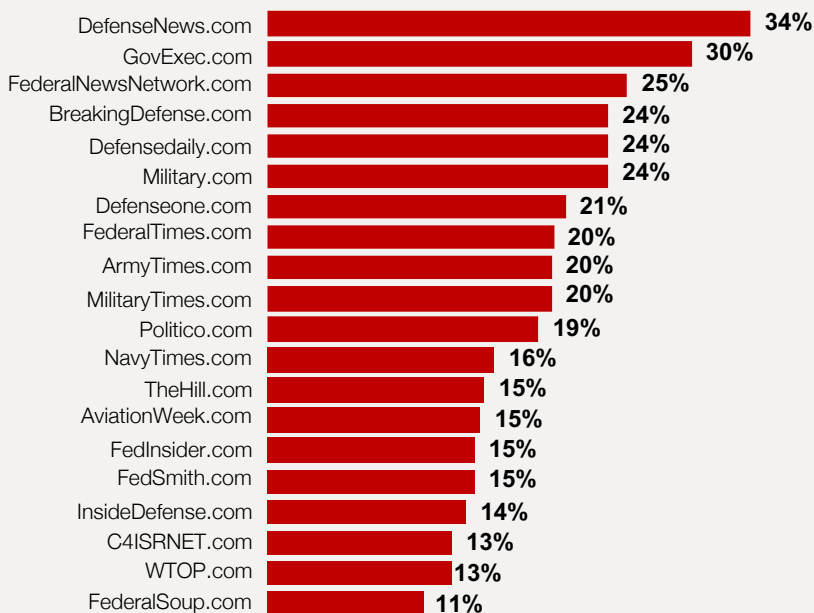
Civilian



Top General Digital Sites (Civilian vs. Defense)

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 33% v. 25% - CNN.com
 31% v. 18% - WashingtonPost.com
 25% v. 29% - FoxNews.com
 25% v. 14% - Yahoo.com/News
 24% v. 16% - MSNBC.com
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Defense



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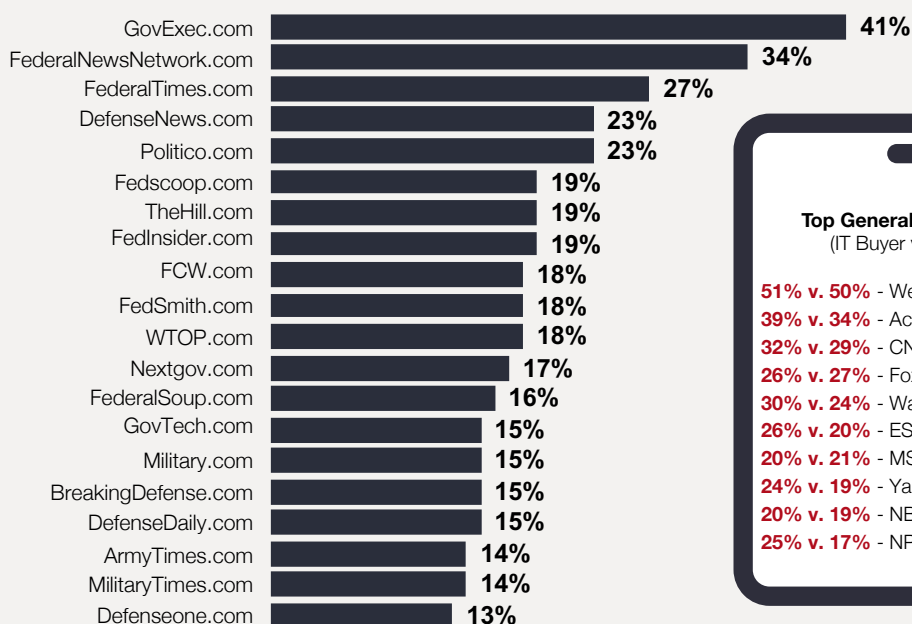
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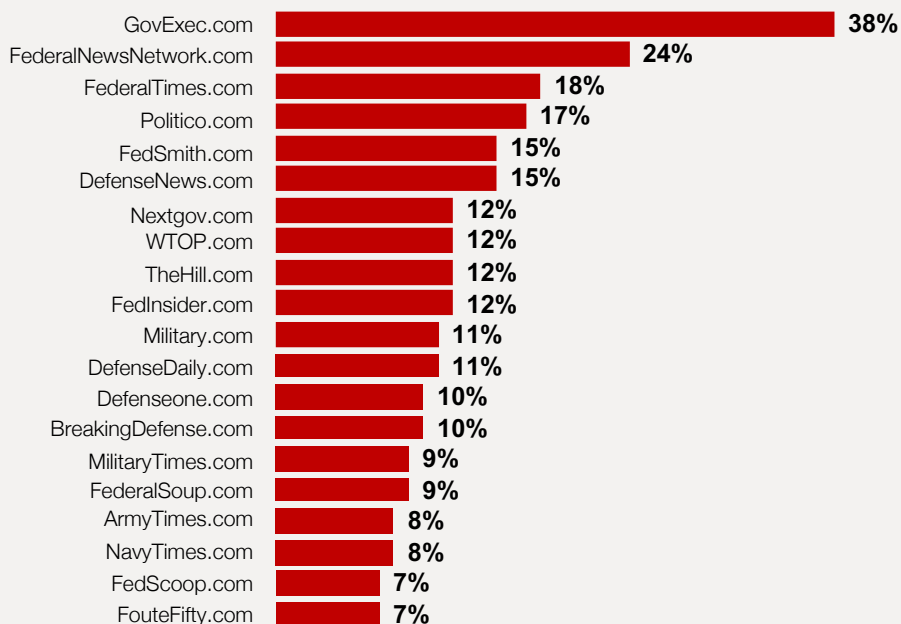
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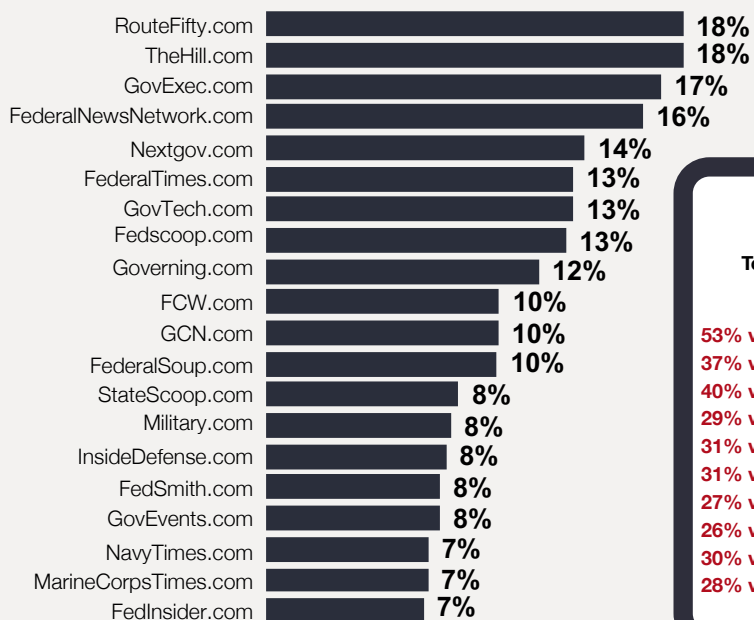
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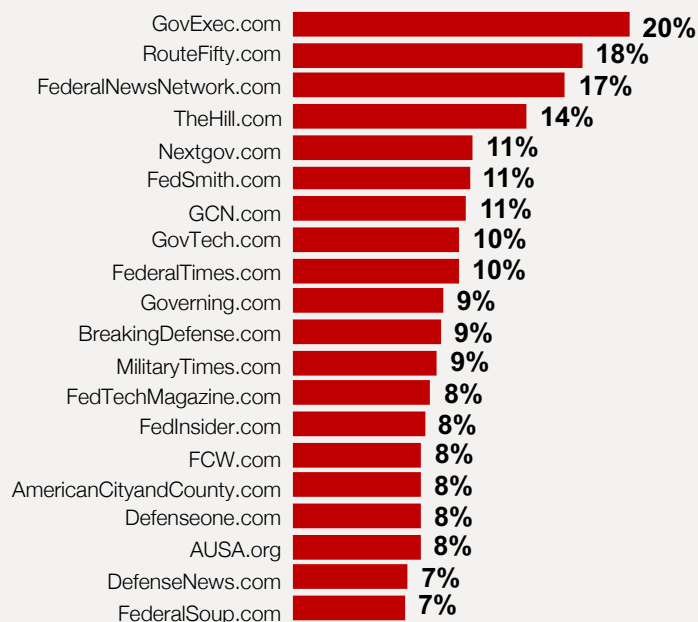
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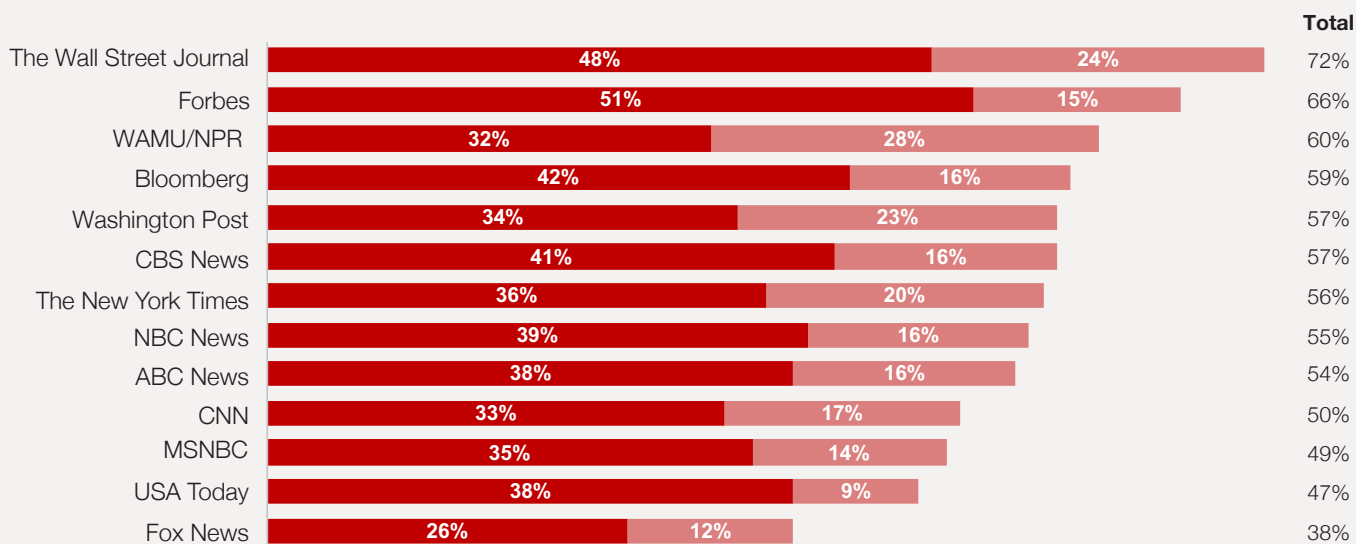
MEDIA NOW WHO DO THEY TRUST?

Federal

CONFIDENCE IN NEWS SOURCES



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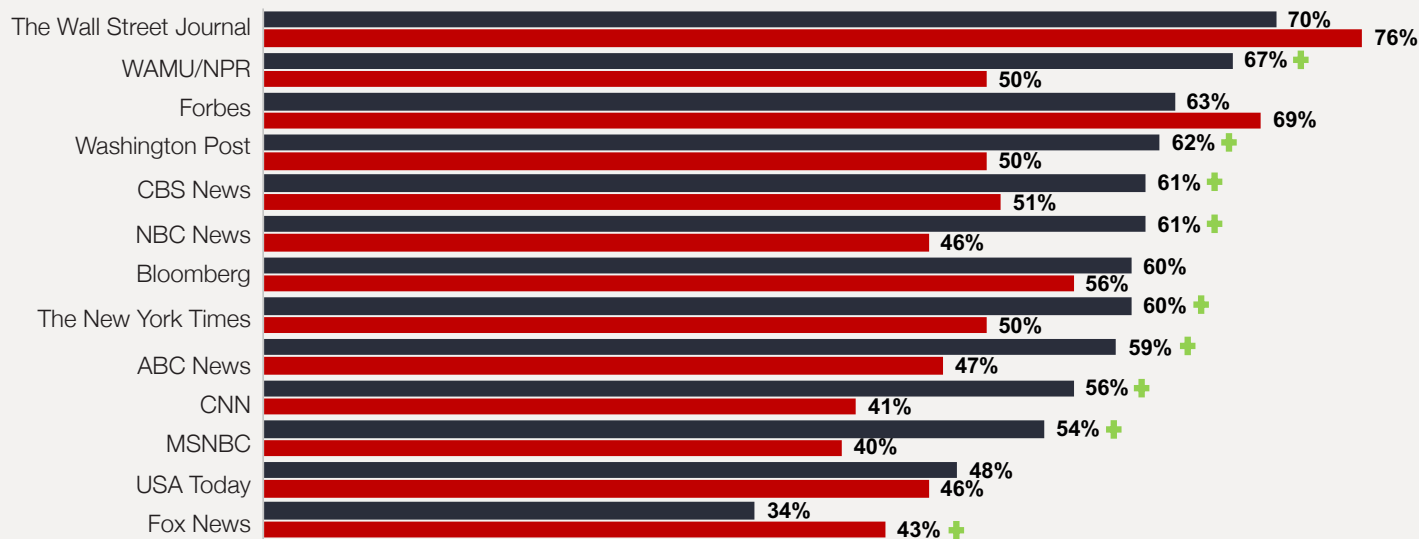
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A Fair Amount/Great Deal



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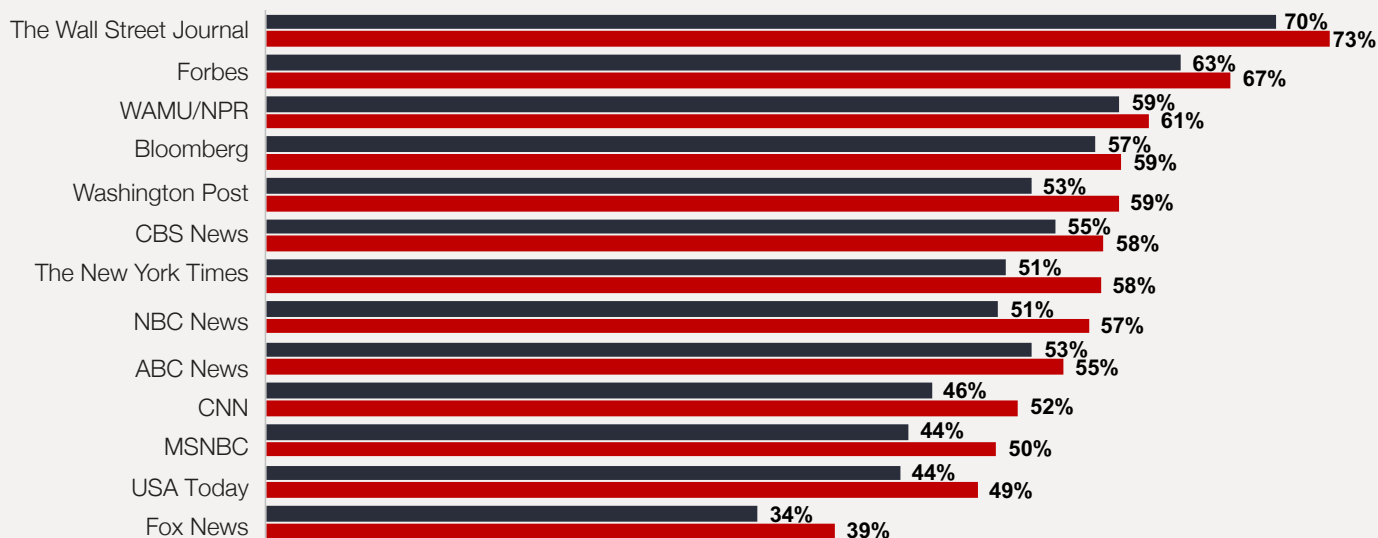
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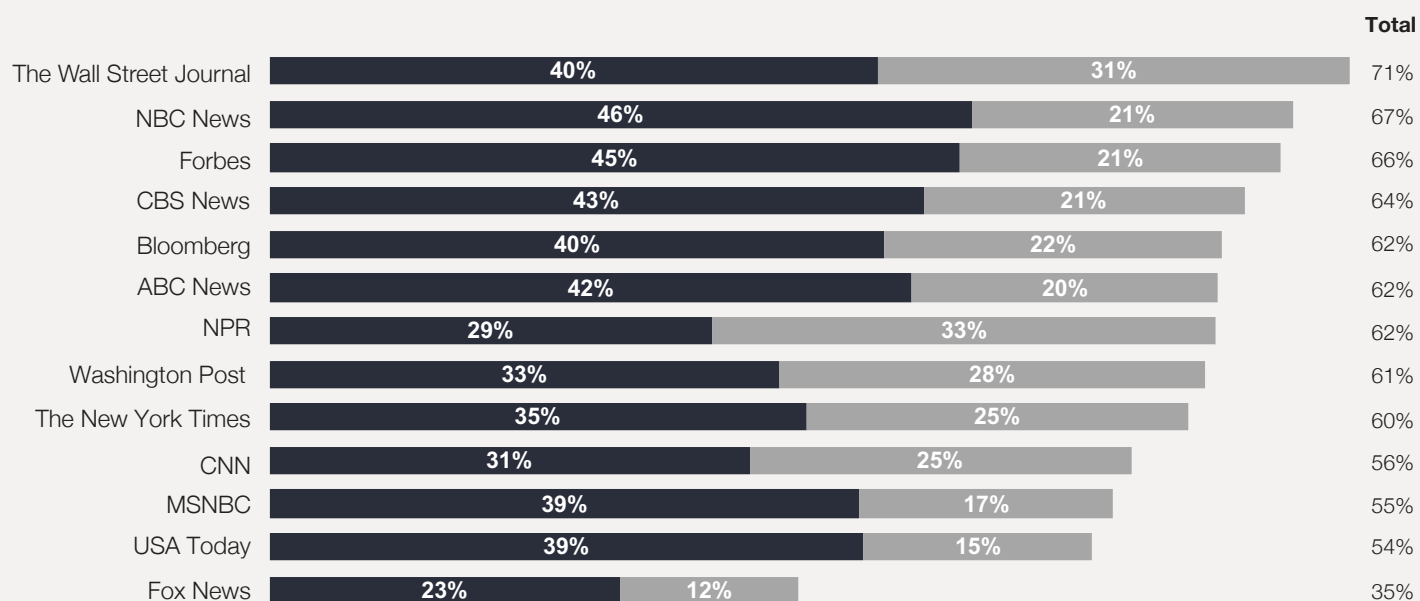
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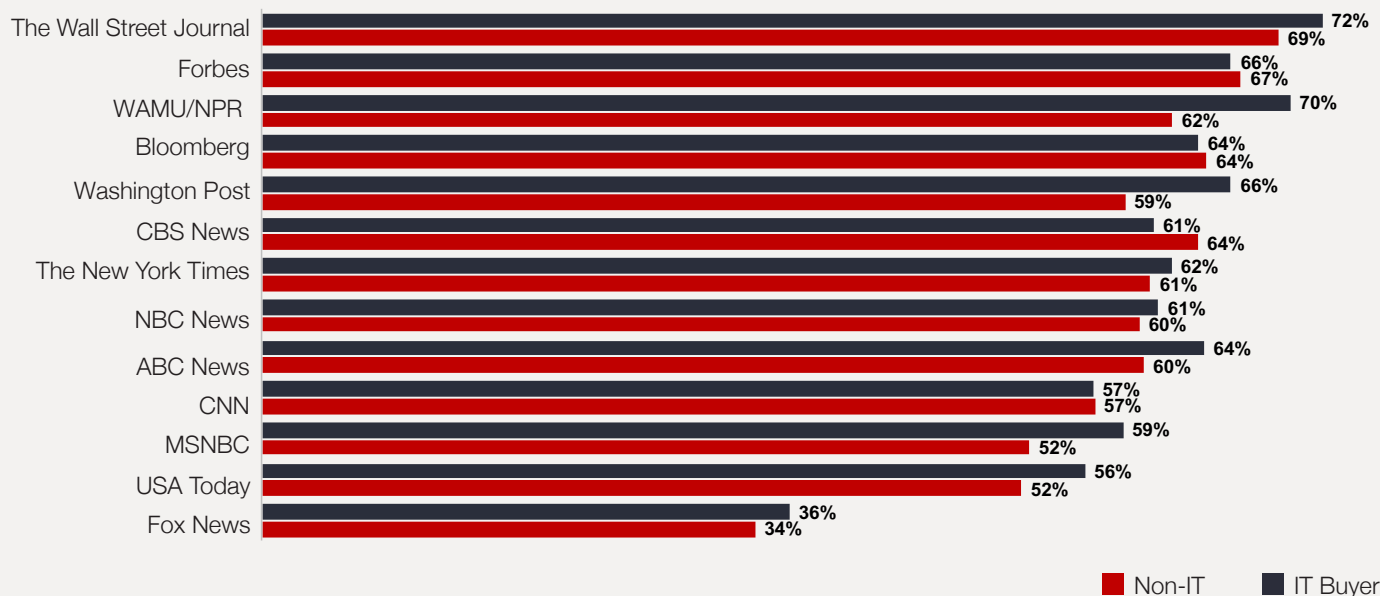
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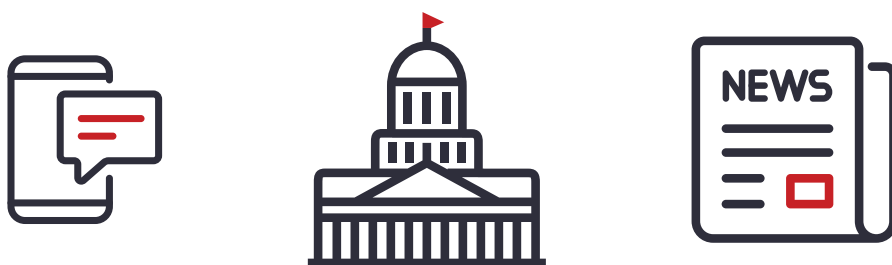


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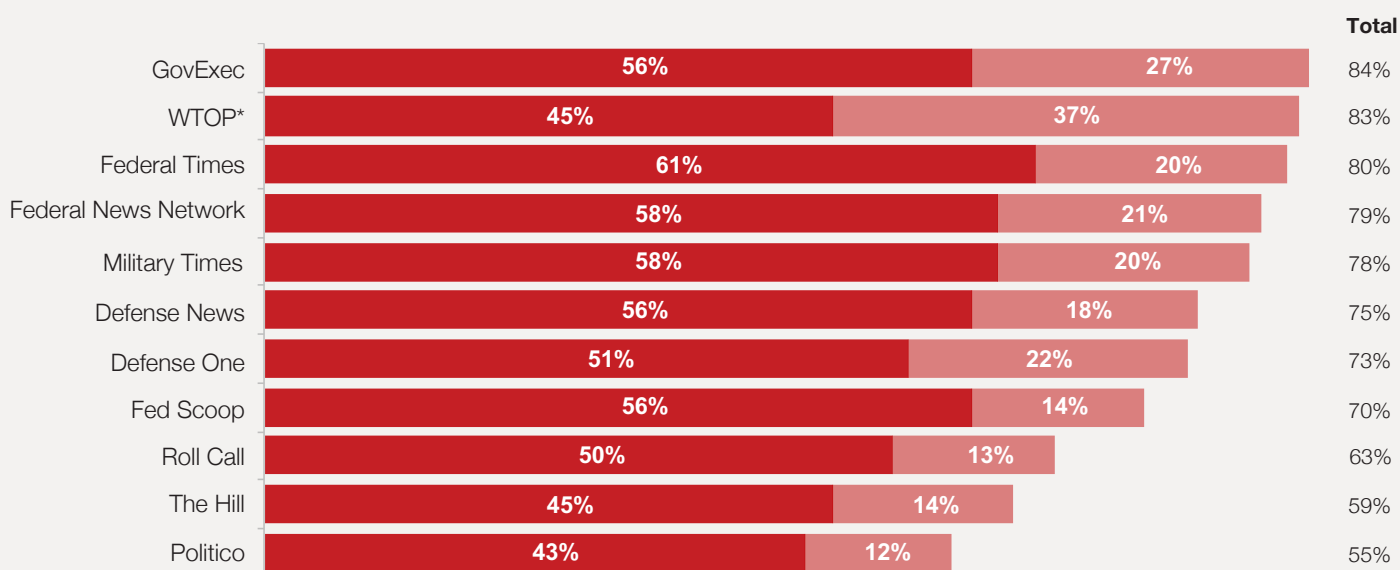
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Federal

CONFIDENCE IN NEWS SOURCES: GOVERNMENT MEDIA



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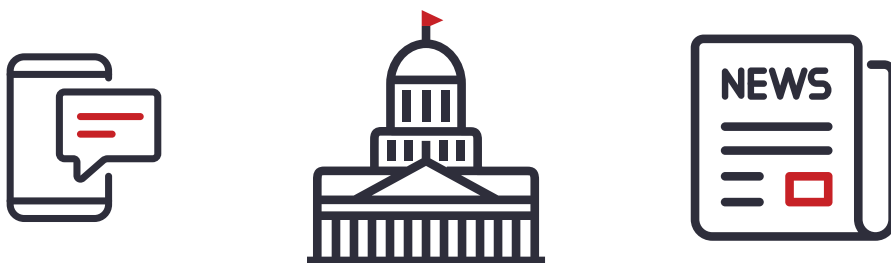
■ A fair amount ■ A great deal

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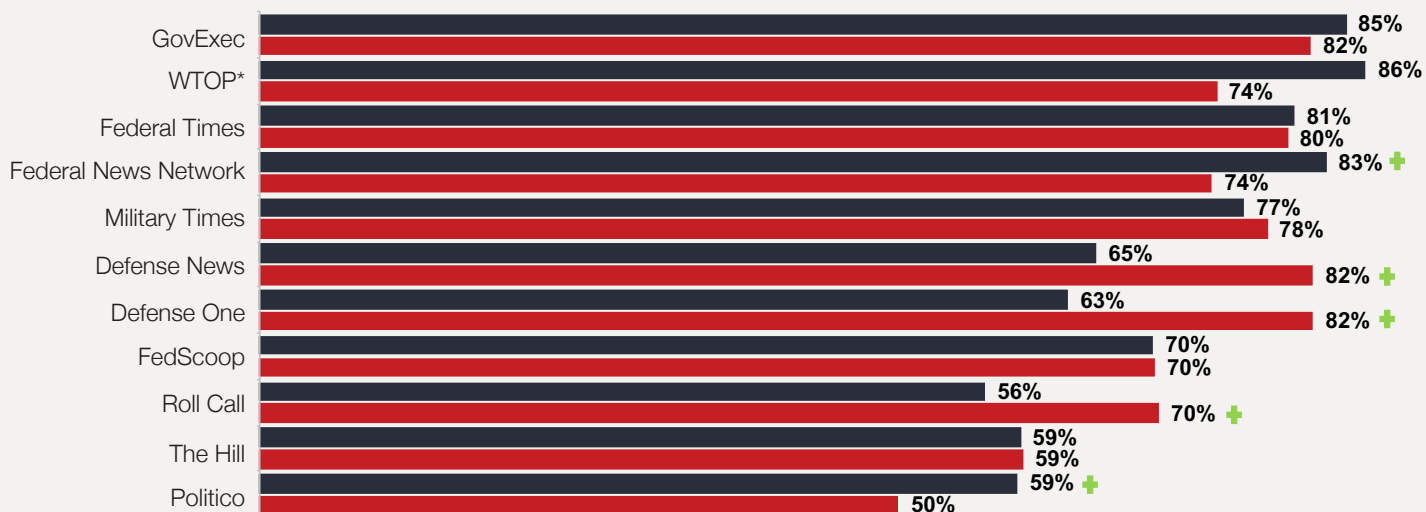
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A Fair Amount/Great Deal



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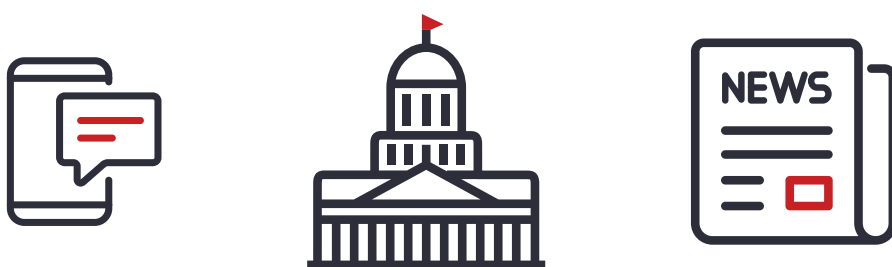
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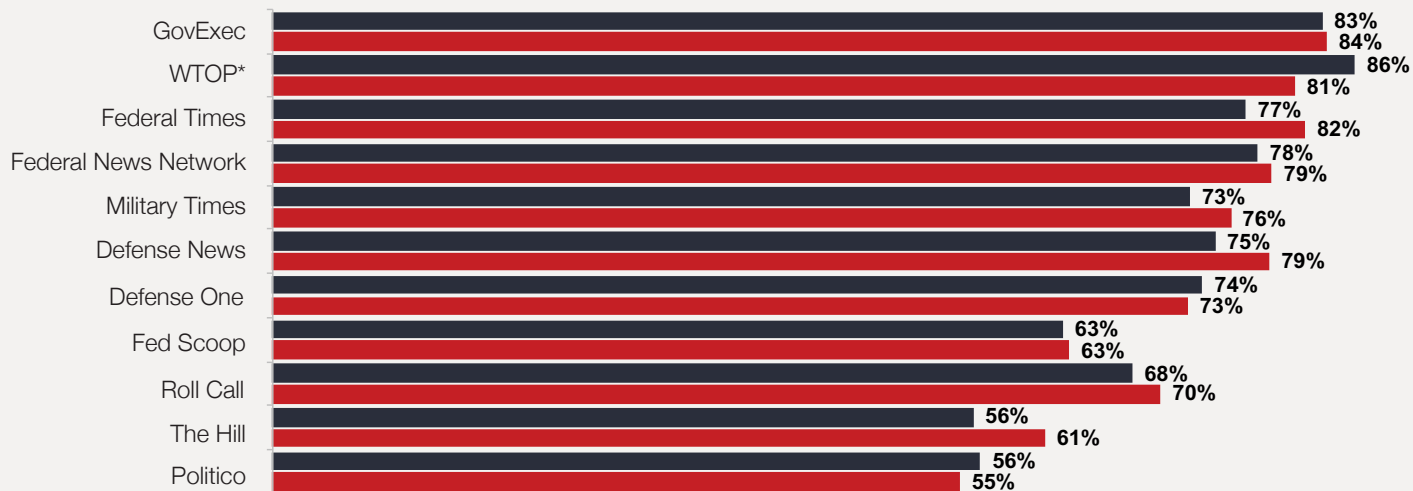
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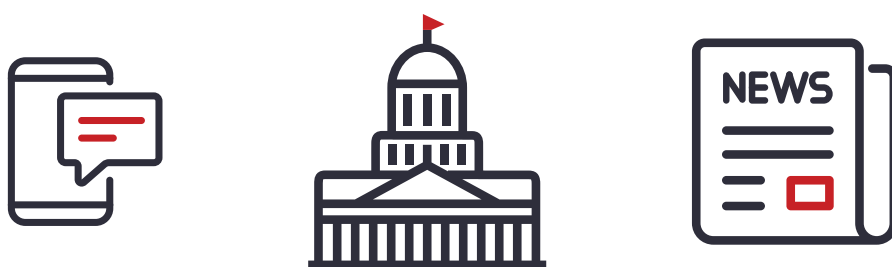
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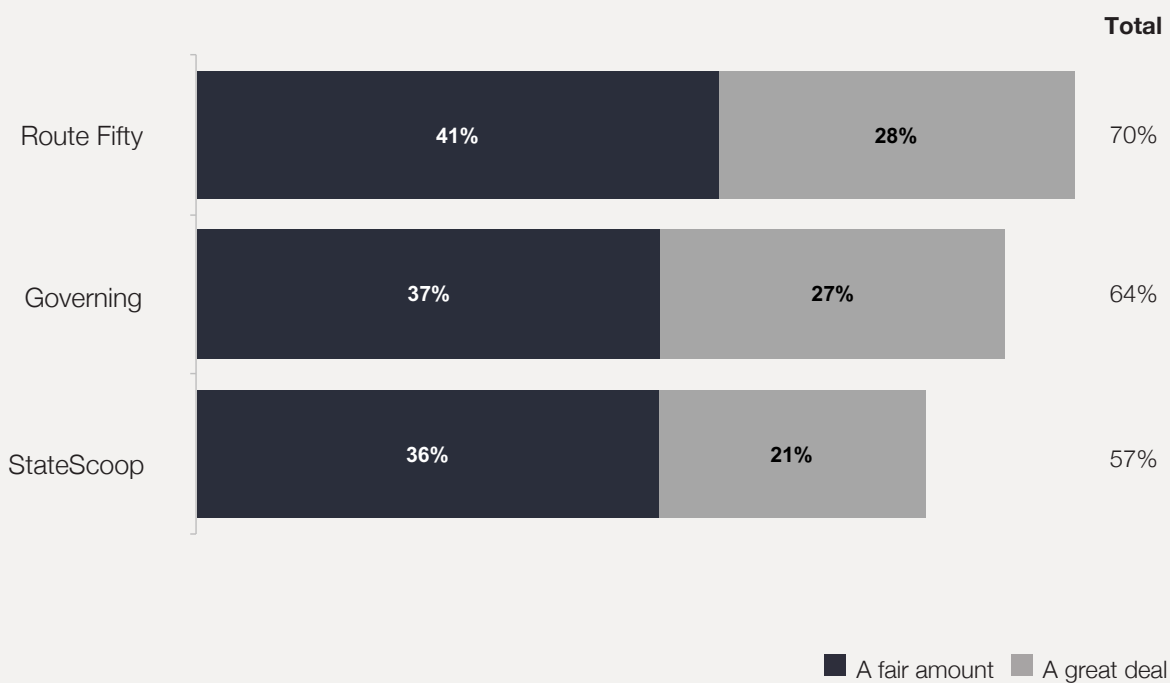
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State & Local

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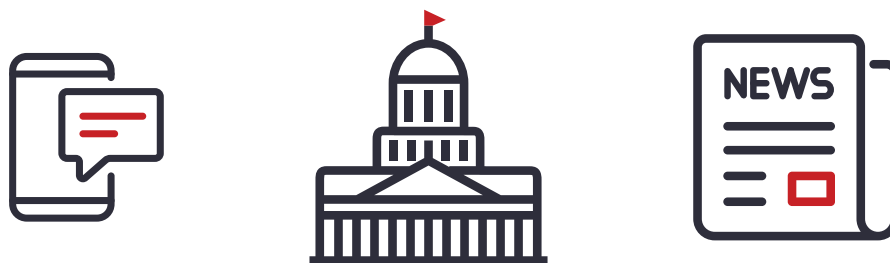


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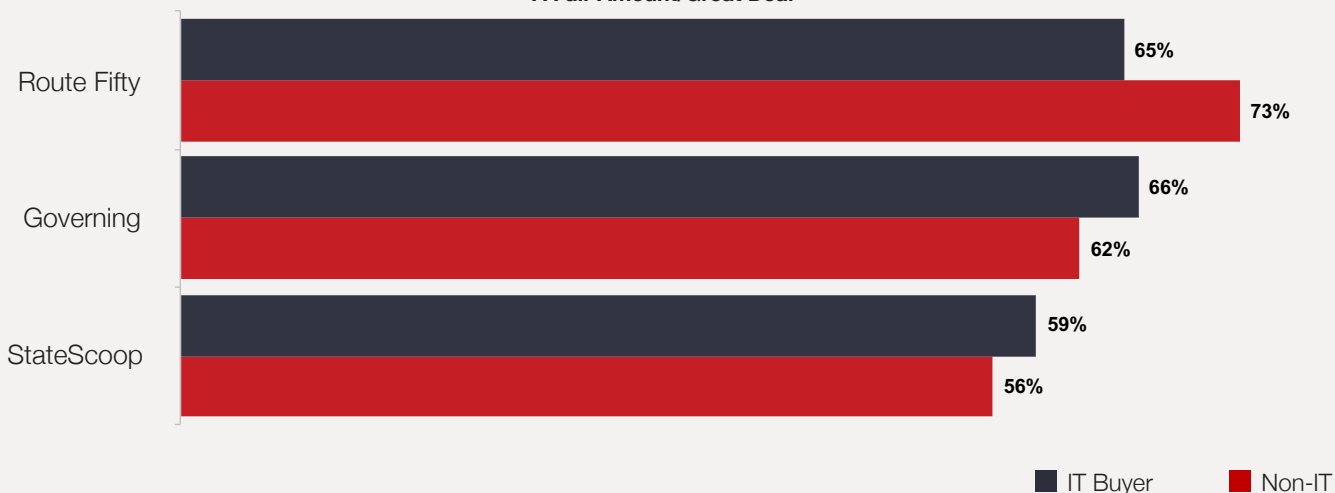
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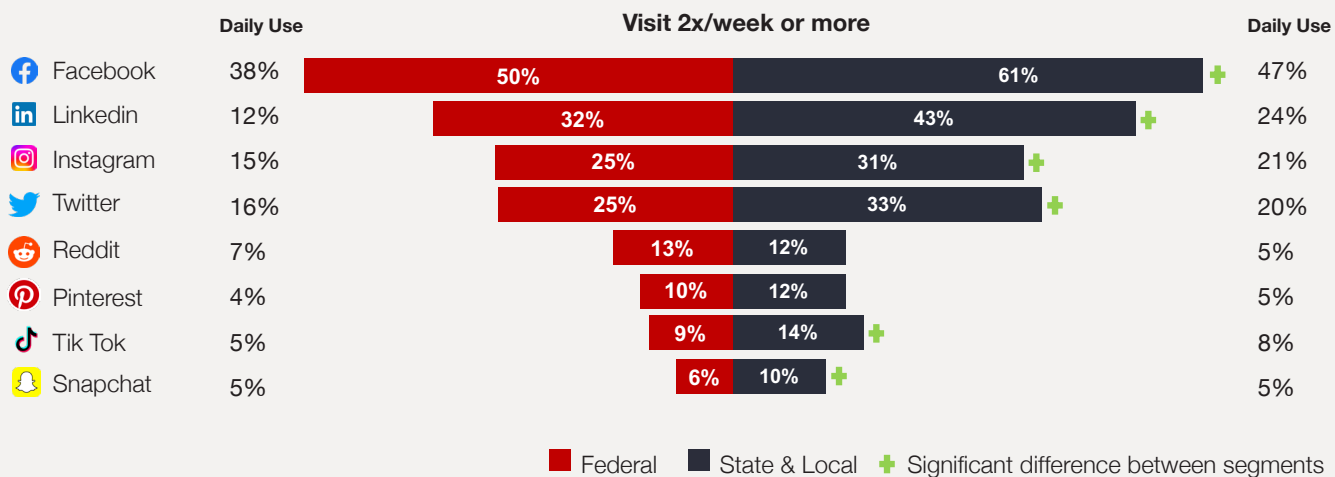
SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Federal and State & Local

SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE — STEADY WITH A LOT OF DIVERSITY



Please indicate how often you visit the following social networking sites:



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MEDIA NOW

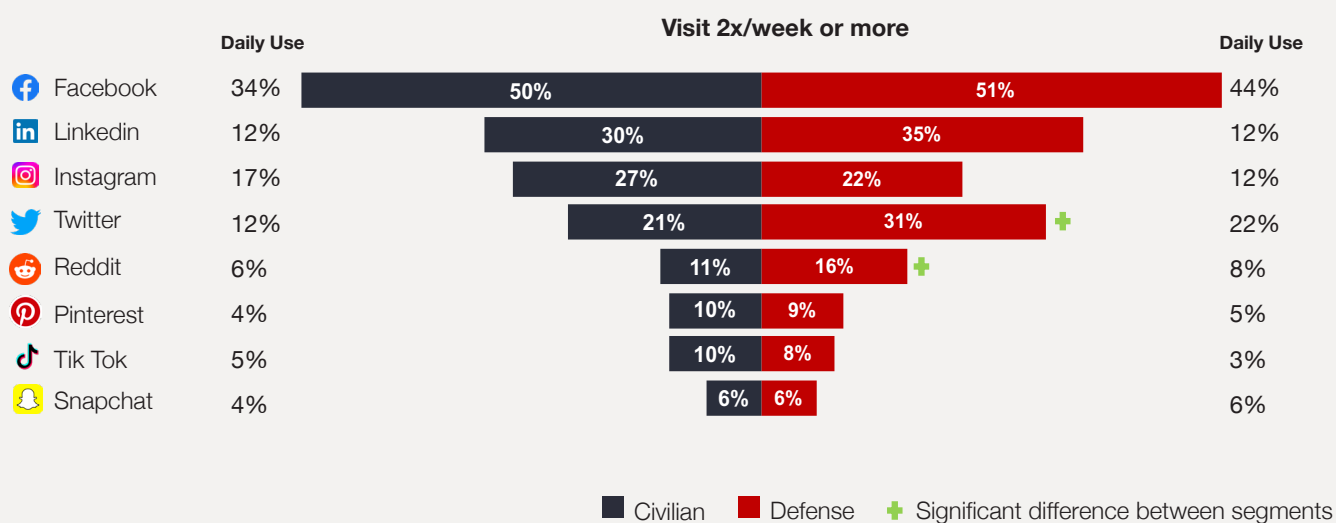
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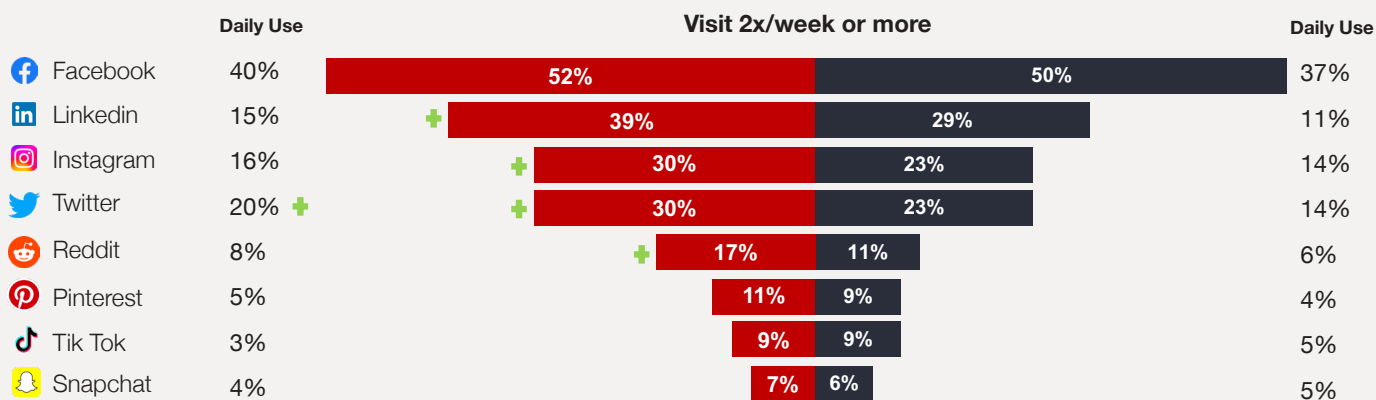
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IT Buyer Non-IT + Significant difference between segments

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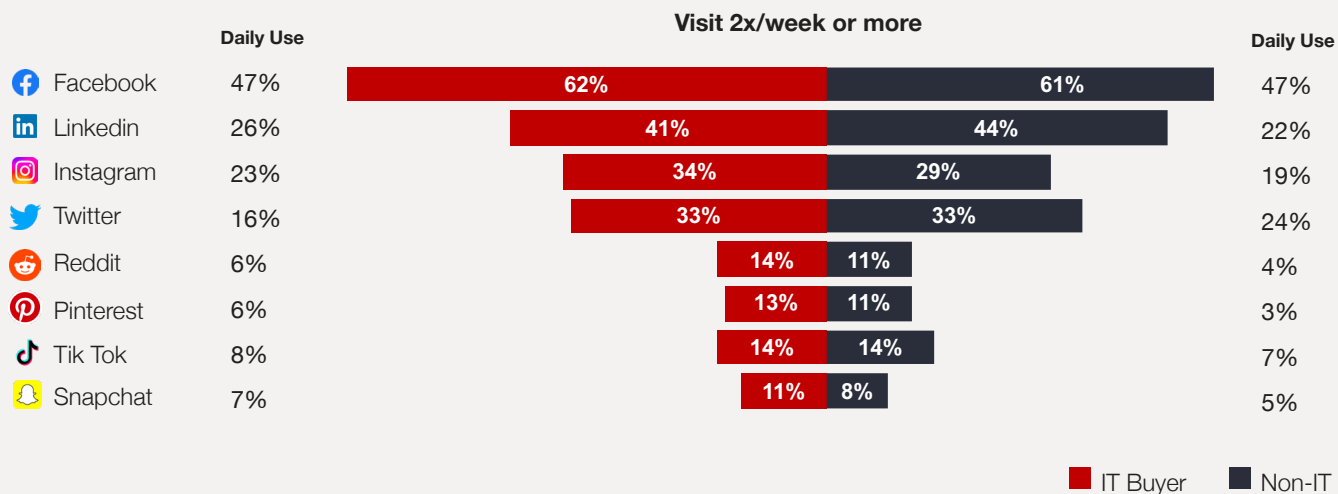
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MEDIA NOW

SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Federal

SOCIAL MEDIA: TO TRUST, OR NOT TO TRUST?



Generally, to what extent do you trust news and information on each of the following social media sites?

 LinkedIn

35%

25%

 Twitter

63%

11%

 Facebook

68%

9%

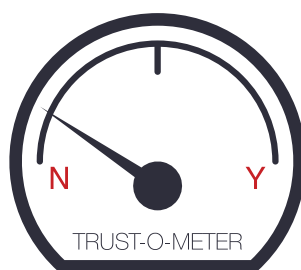
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MEDIA NOW SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Civilian vs. Defense

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Civilian

in LinkedIn

34%

24%

Twitter

67%

6%

f Facebook

71%

4%

Defense

in LinkedIn

37%

27%

Twitter

57%

20%

+

f Facebook

64%

16%

+

■ 1s/2s - Don't trust at all ■ 4s/5s - Completely trust + Significant difference between segments

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MEDIA NOW

SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Federal IT Buyer vs. Non-IT Buyer

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IT Buyer

Non-IT

in LinkedIn

34% 29%

in LinkedIn

36% 23%

Twitter

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f Facebook

72% 7%

f Facebook

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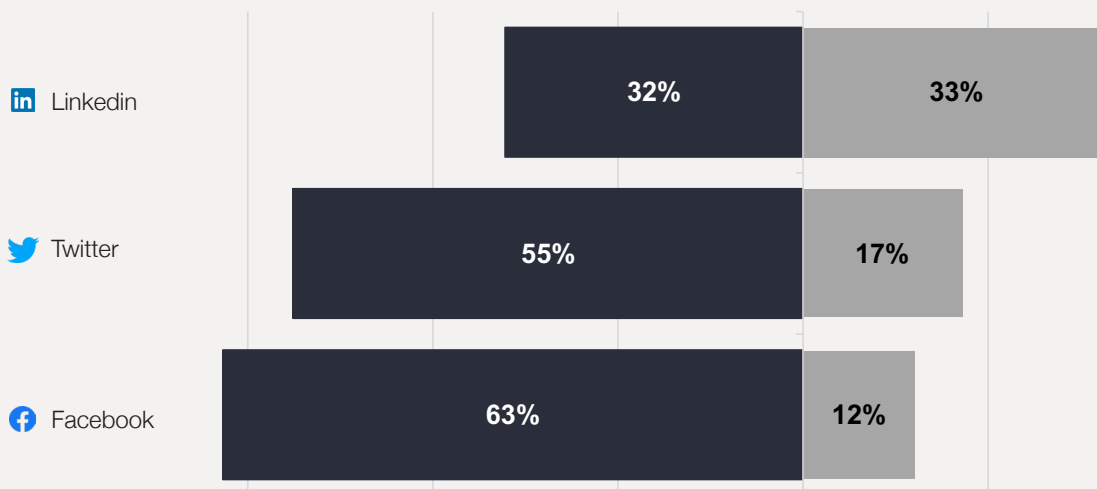
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State & Local

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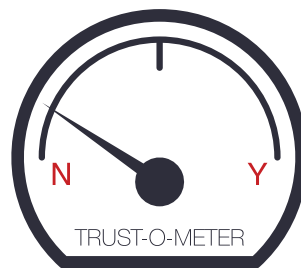
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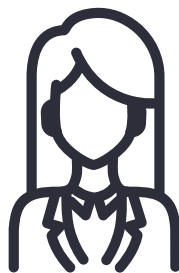
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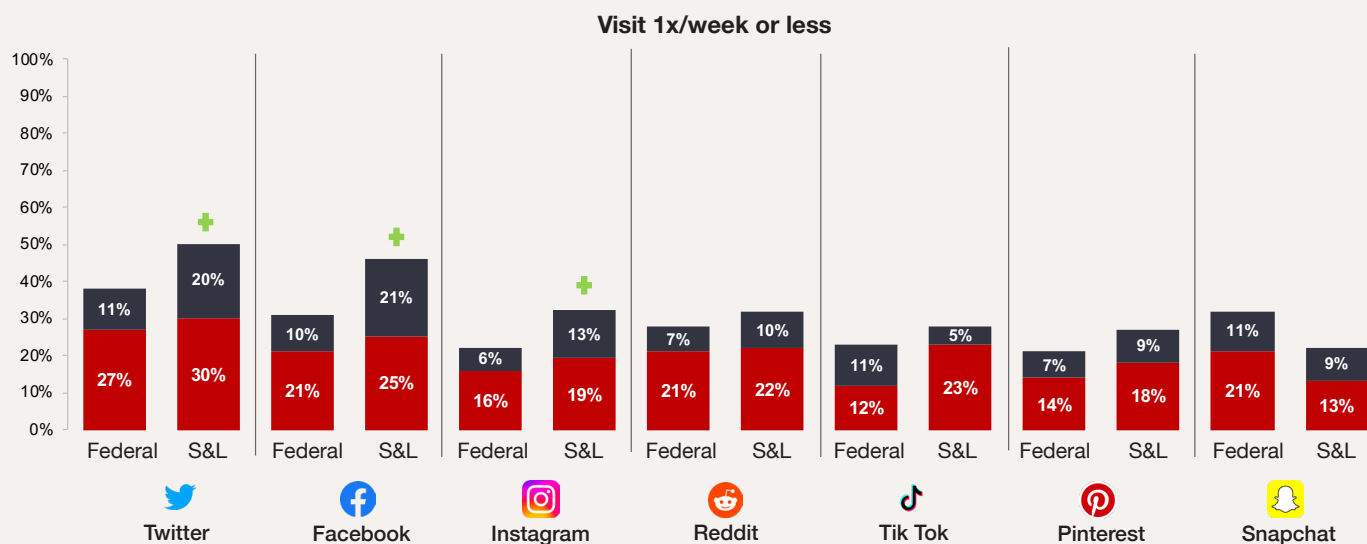
SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Federal and State & Local

HALF USE TRADITIONALLY PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA FOR WORK



How frequently do you use each of the following social media sites for work-related purposes?



■ Sometimes ■ Often + Significant difference between segments

*Base= Users of Social Media Platform

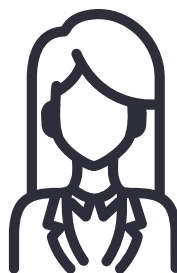
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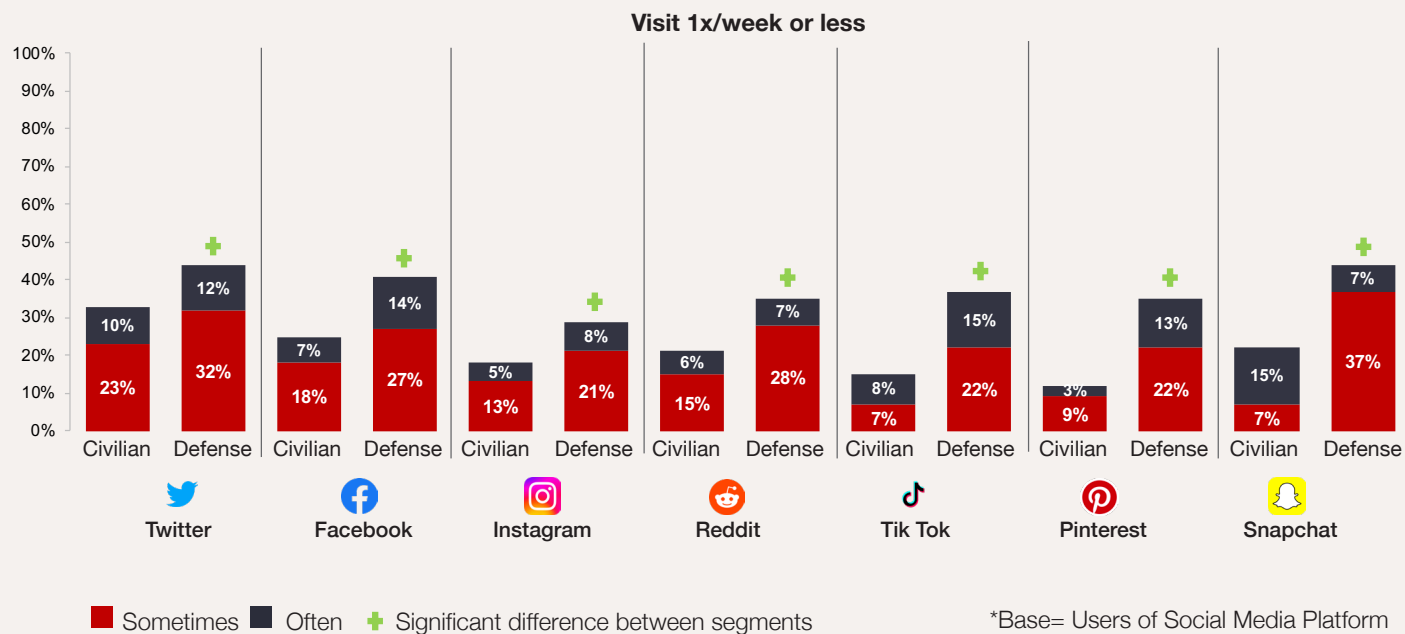
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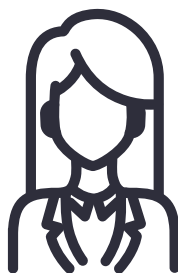


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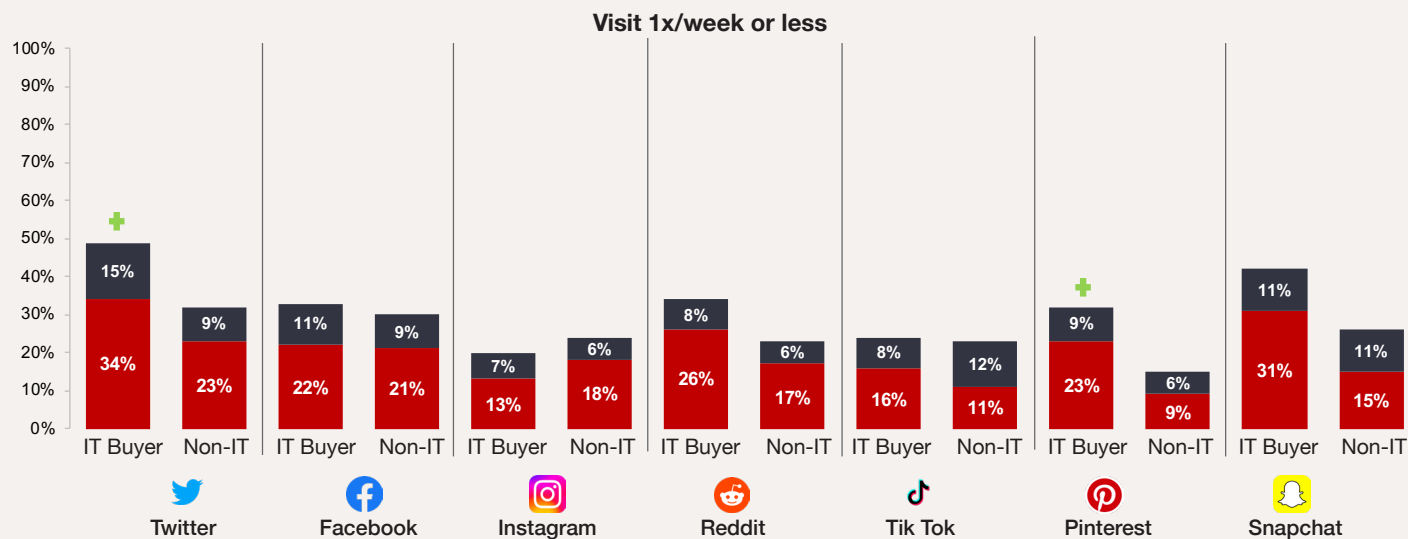
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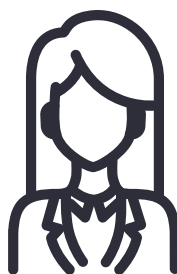
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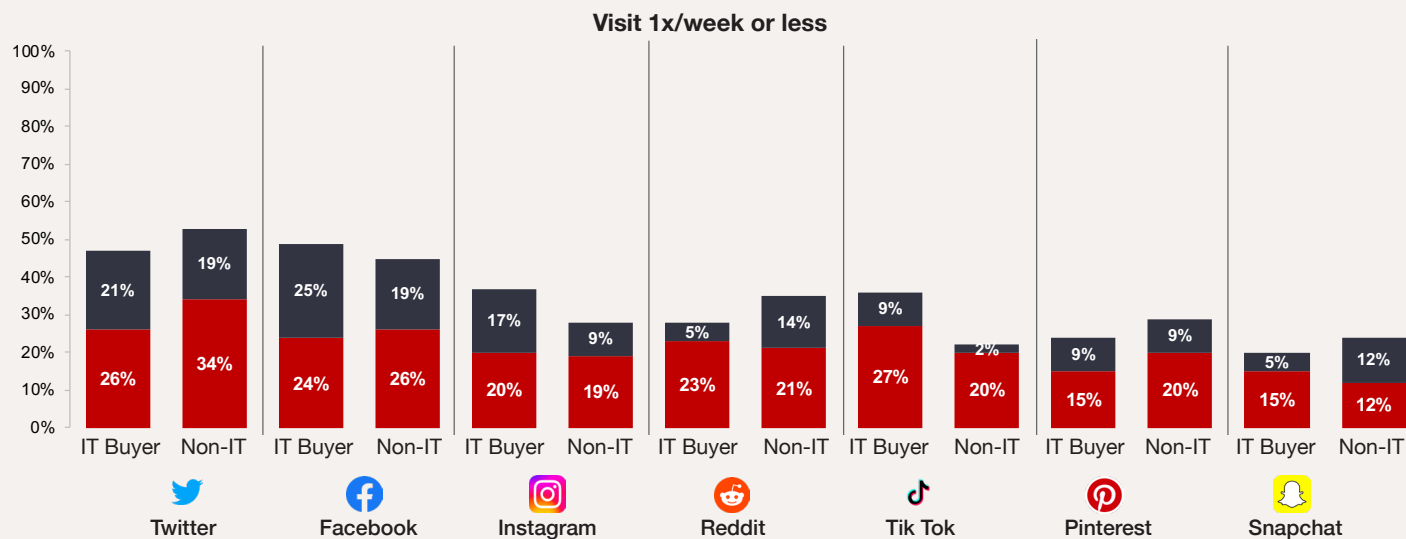
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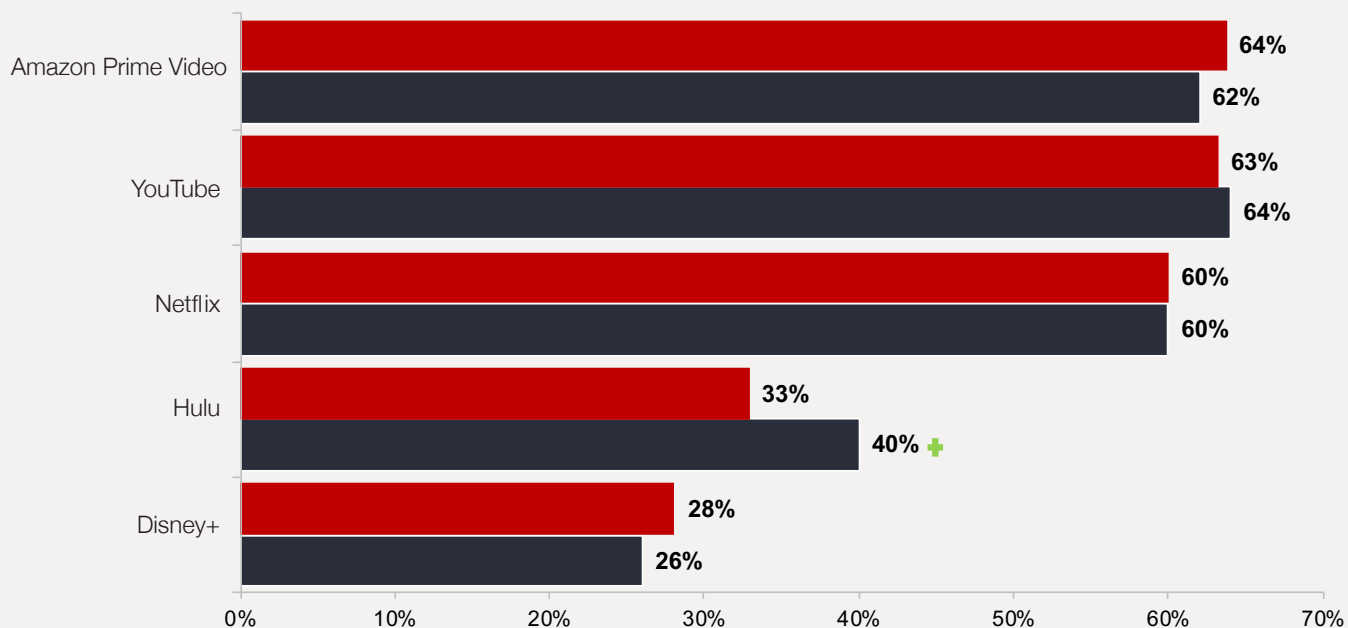
MEDIA NOW WHERE THEY STREAM

Federal and State & Local

TOP STREAMING SITES



From the list below, please indicate which of the following you access at least once a week or less:



■ Federal ■ State & Local + Significant difference between segments

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MEDIA NOW

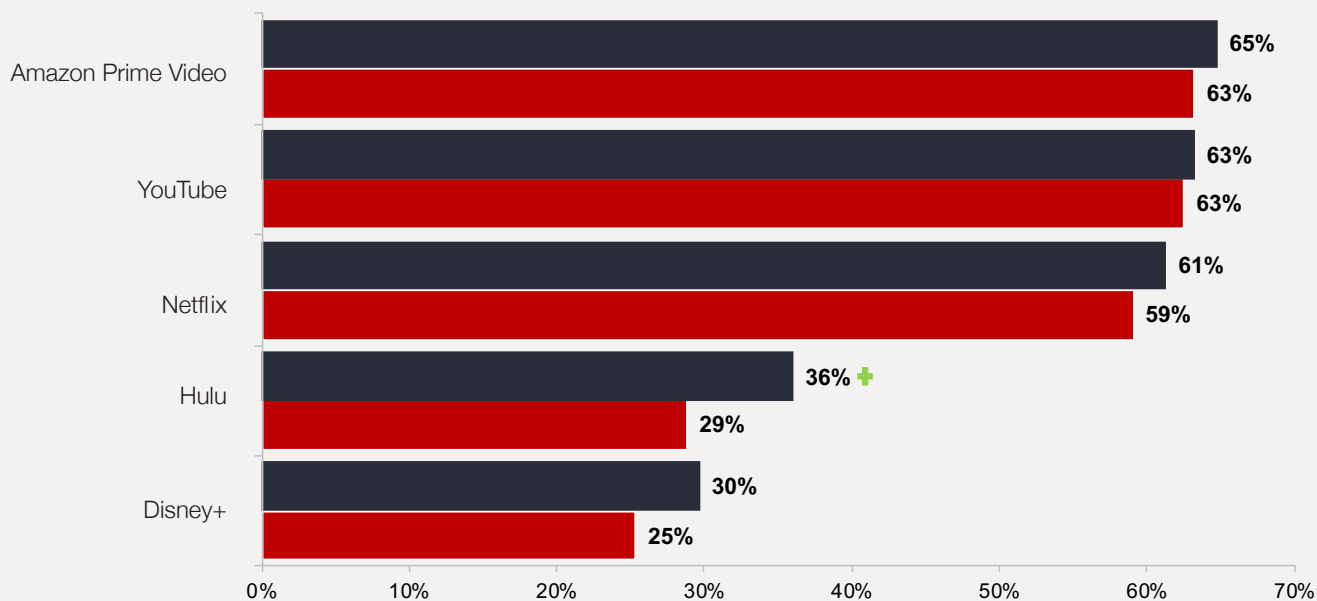
WHERE THEY STREAM

Civilian vs. Defense

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+ Significant difference between segments

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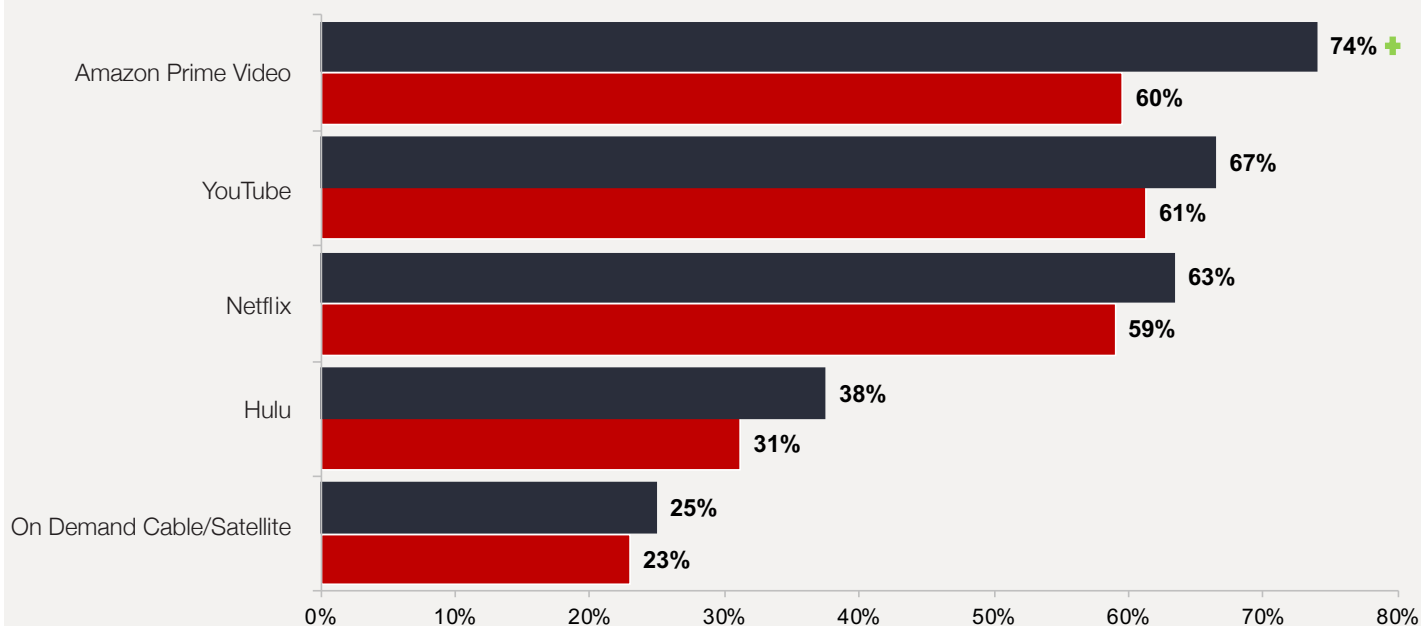
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Non-IT

IT Buyer

+ Significant difference between segments

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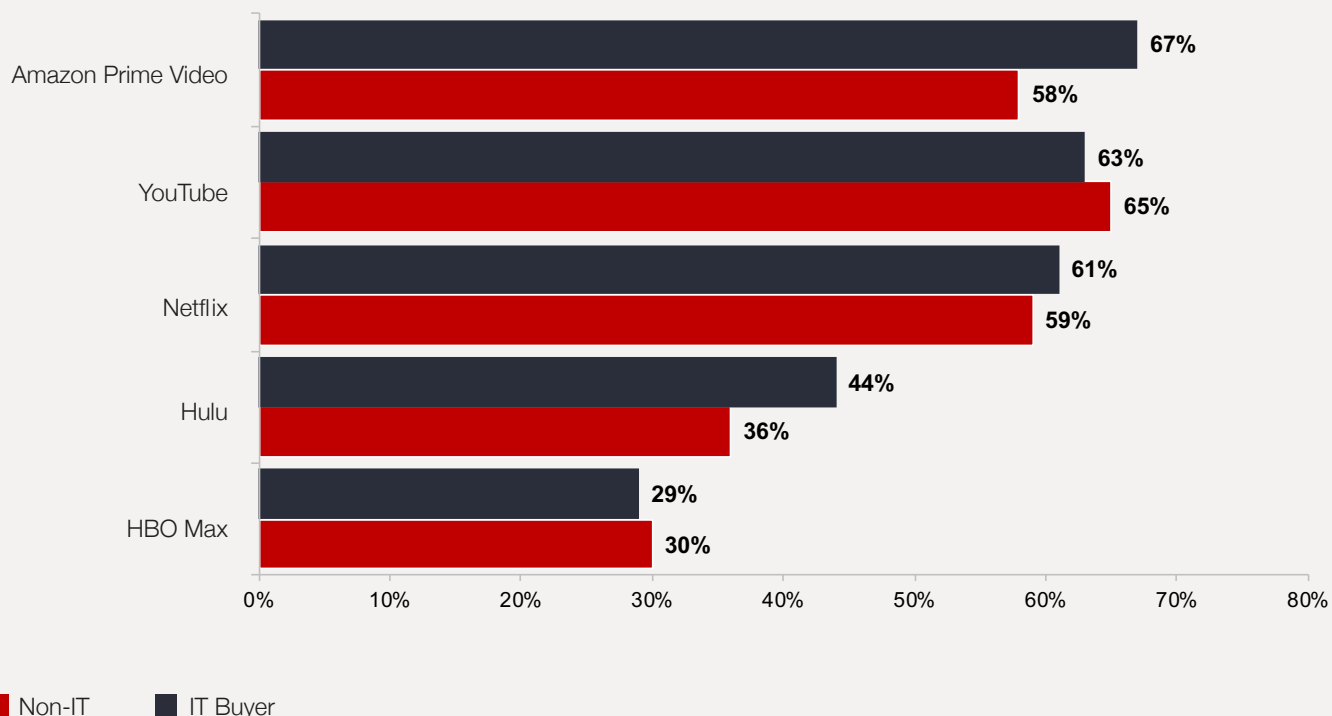
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MEDIA NOW WHERE THEY LISTEN

Federal

TOP 5 TYPES OF AUDIO PODCASTS LISTENED TO

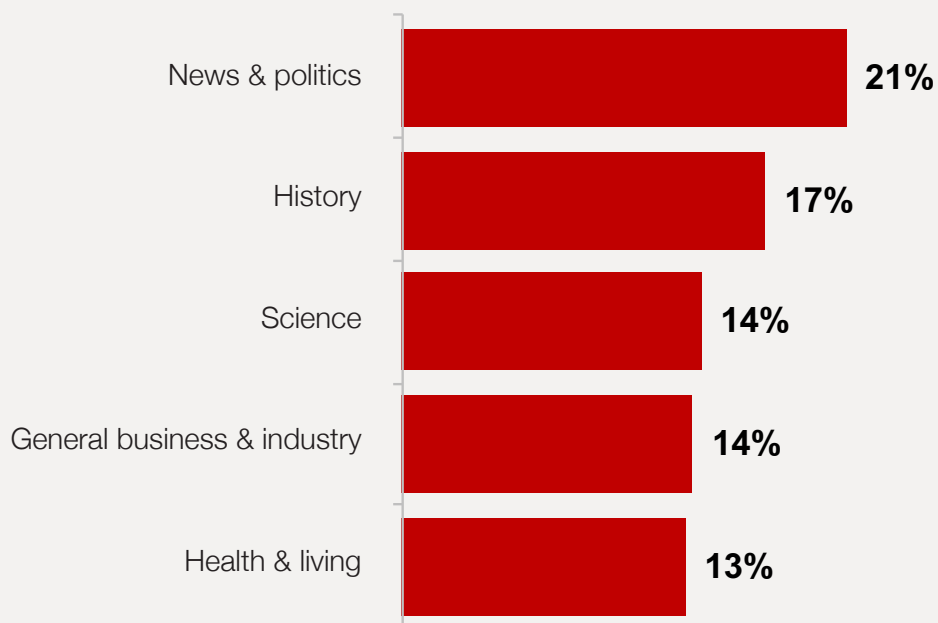
56%
listen to
podcasts



19% report
listening **15+**
minutes on an
average workday



Which of the following, if any, types of audio podcasts do you listen/subscribe to?



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MEDIA NOW WHERE THEY LISTEN

Civilian vs. Defense

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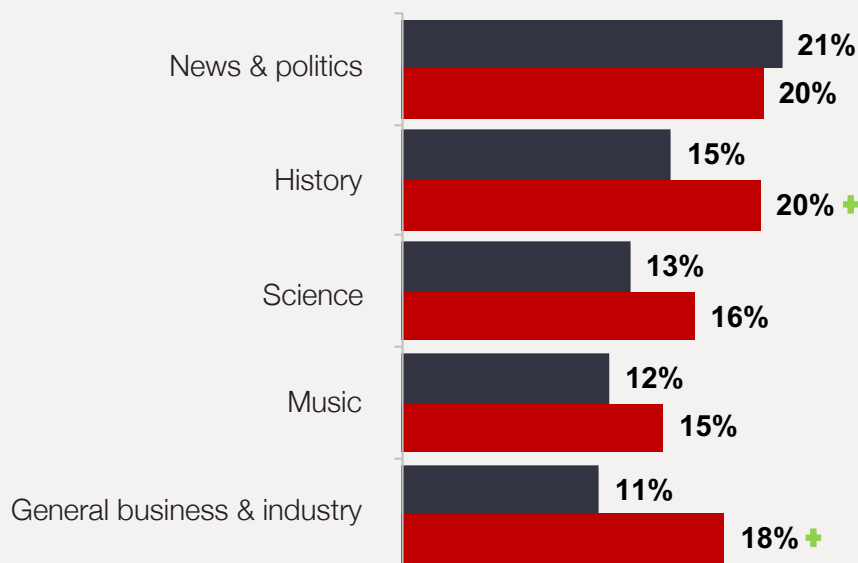
17% of Civilian and
22% of Defense report
listening 15+ minutes on
an average workday

+
68% of
Defense
listen to
podcasts

49% of
Civilian
listen to
podcasts



Which of the following, if any, types of audio podcasts do you listen/subscribe to?



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Federal IT Buyer vs. Non-IT Buyer

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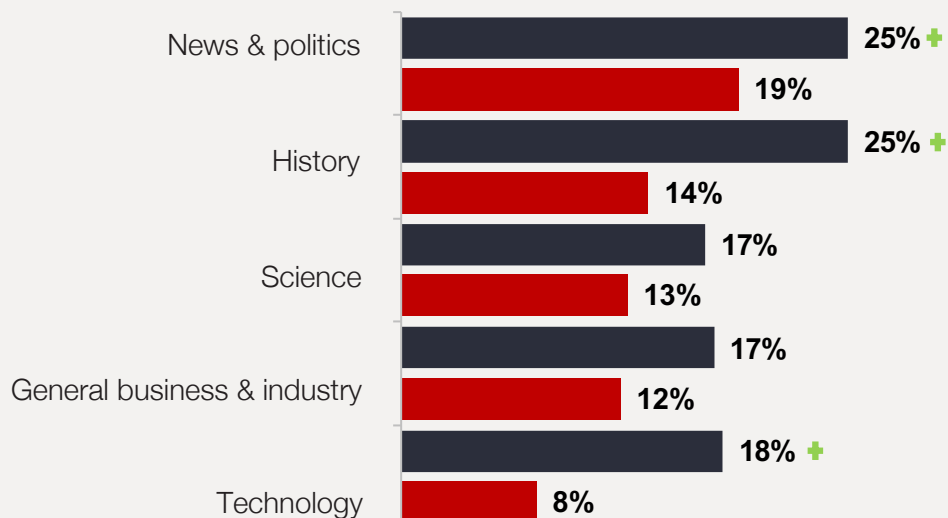
63% of
IT Buyers
listen to
podcasts

53% of
Non-IT
listen to
podcasts

23% of IT Buyers and
17% of Non-IT report
listening 15+ minutes on
an average workday



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■ Non-IT ■ IT Buyer + Significant difference between segments

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MEDIA NOW

WHERE THEY LISTEN

State & Local

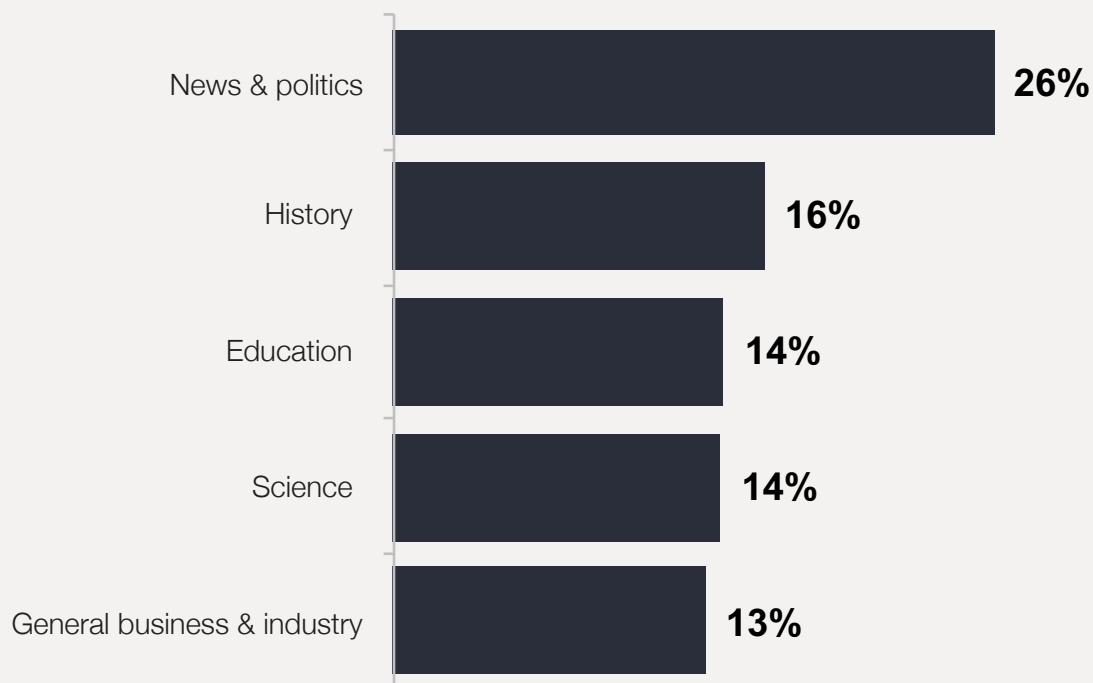
TOP 5 TYPES OF AUDIO PODCASTS LISTENED TO

61%
listen to
podcasts

20% report
listening 15+
minutes on an
average workday



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MEDIA NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

S&L IT Buyer vs. Non-IT Buyer

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60% of
IT Buyers
listen to
podcasts

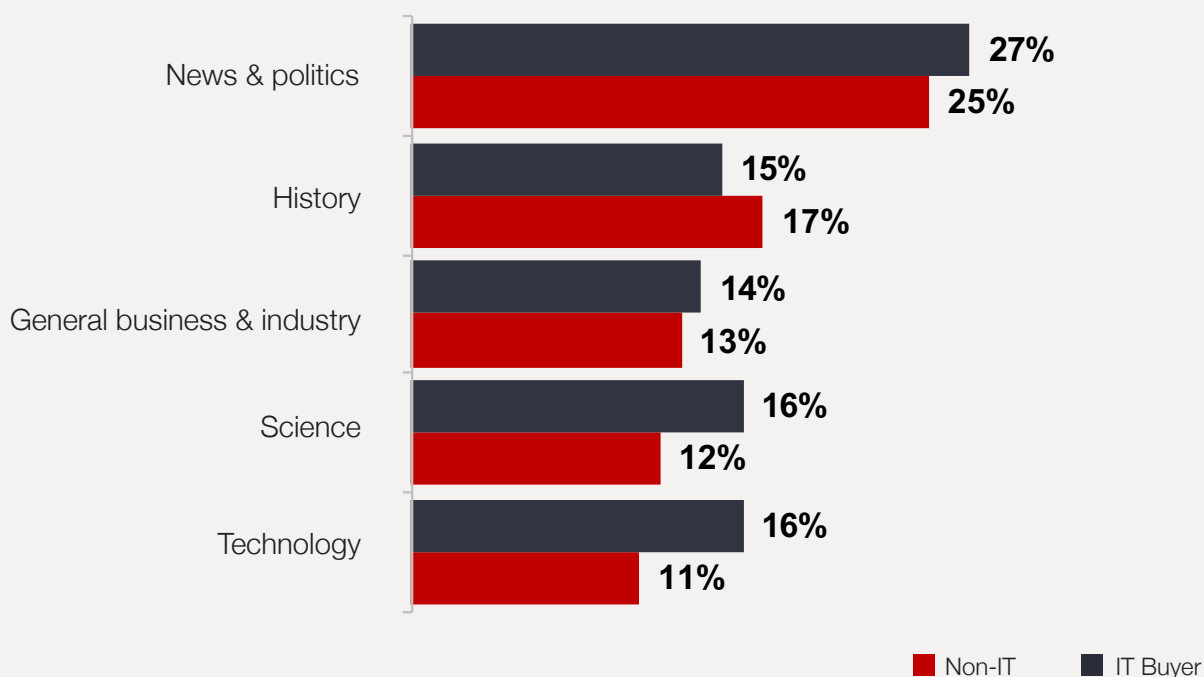
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Non-IT
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podcasts



25% of IT Buyers
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report listening 15+
minutes on an average
workday



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DMV: A UNIQUE MARKET



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DMV

A UNIQUE MARKET

Federal

DC TOP 5: NBC AND CNN DOMINATE CHANNELS; MEET THE PRESS MOST POPULAR NEWS PROGRAM

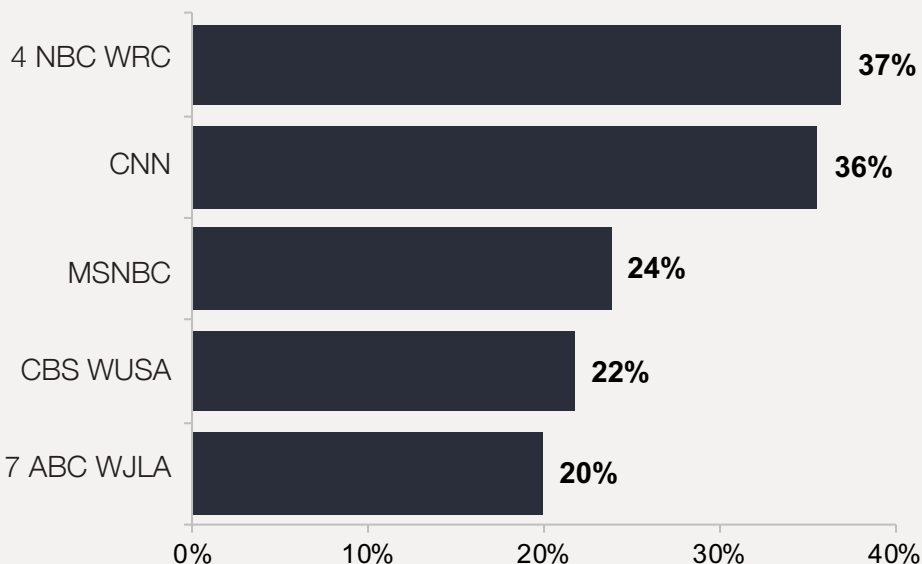


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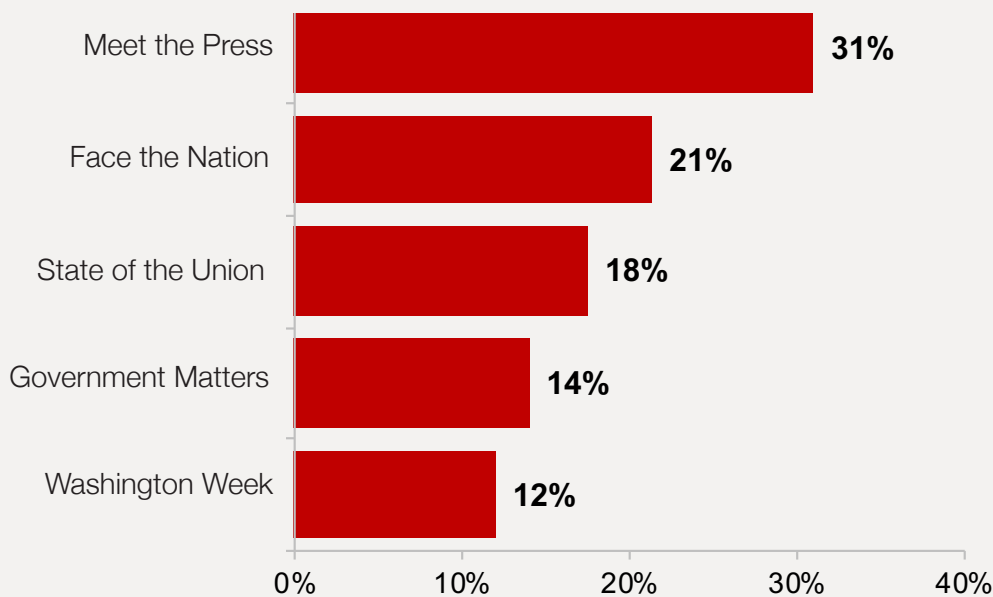
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TV News Channels



News Programs



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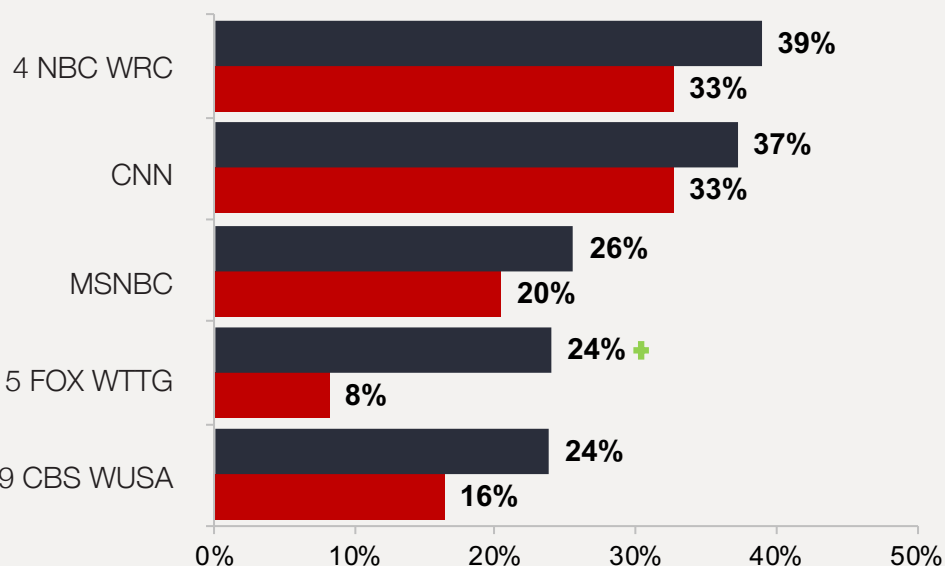


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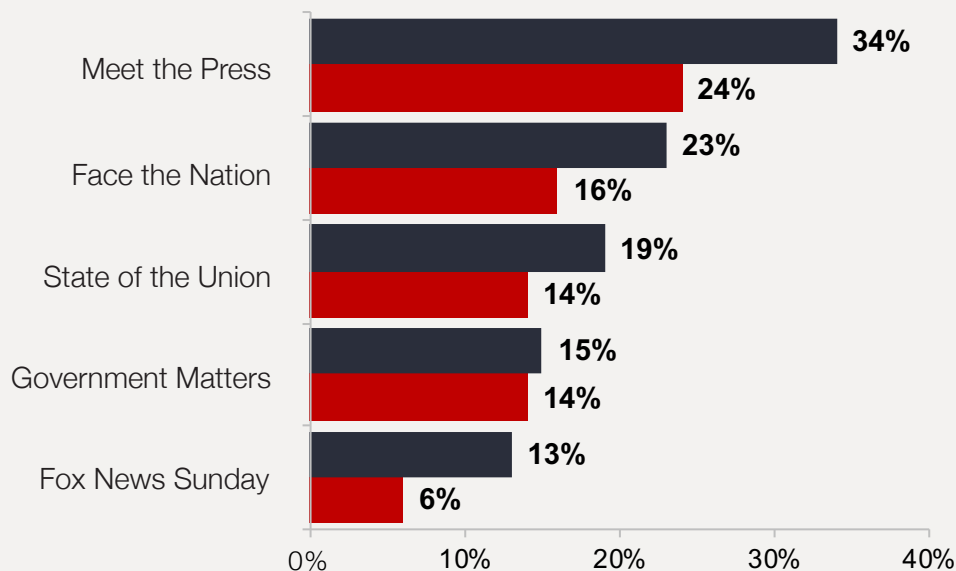
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TV News Channels



News Programs



■ Defense ■ Civilian + Significant difference between segments

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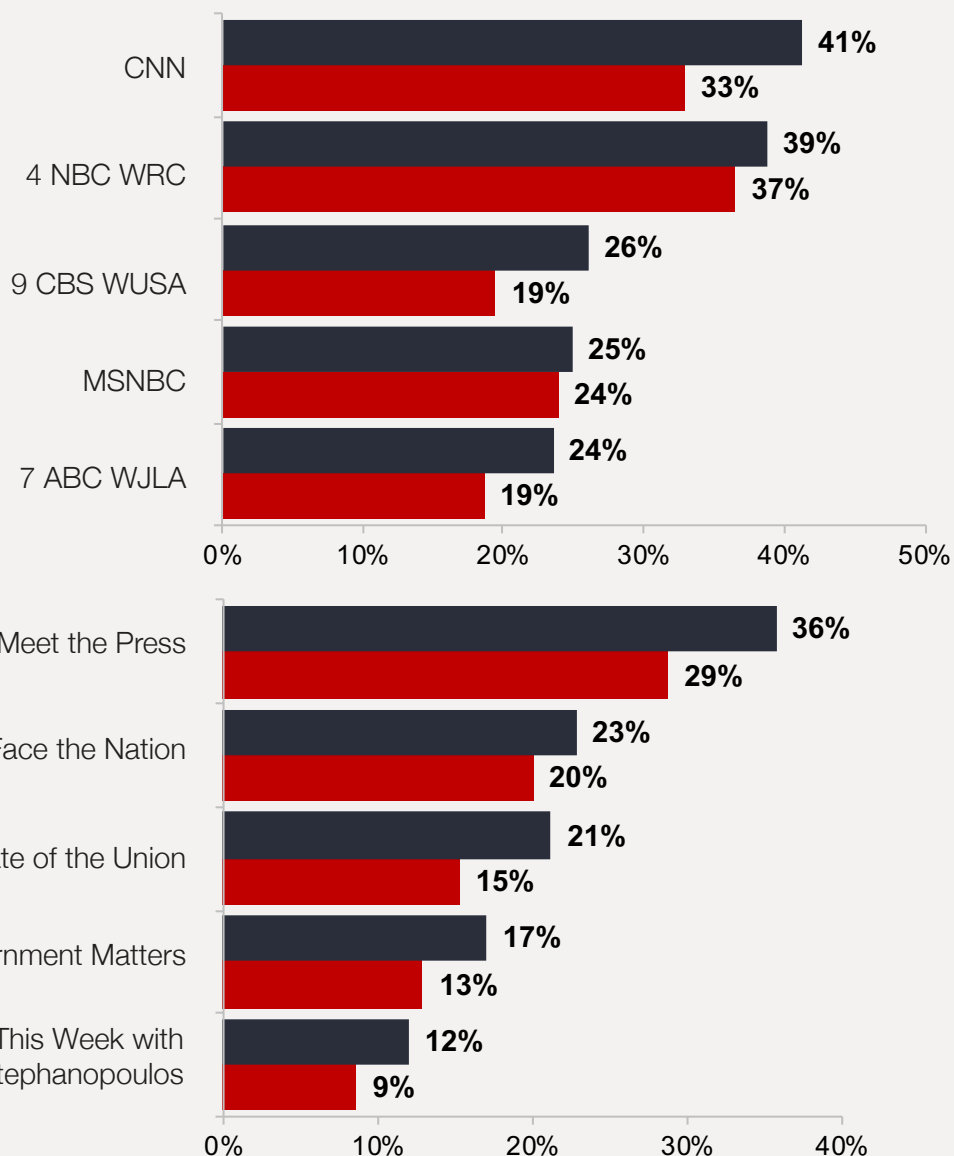
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■ Non-IT ■ IT Buyer

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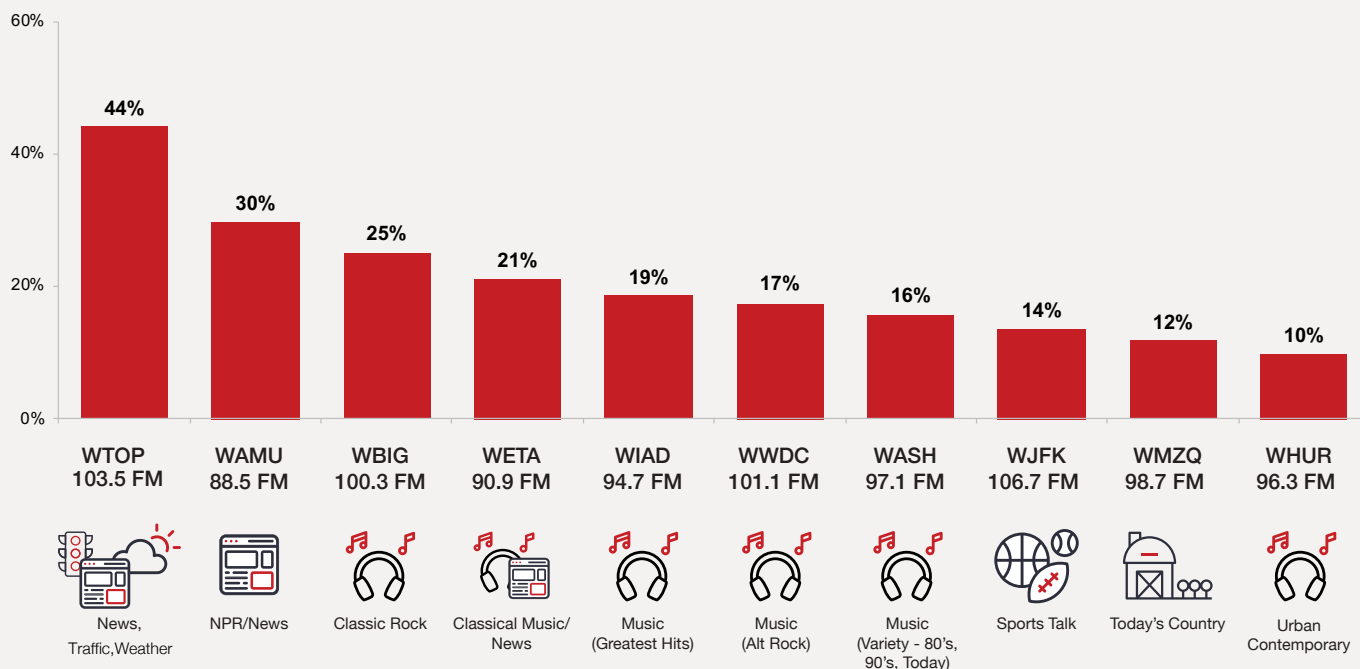
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Federal

DC RADIO



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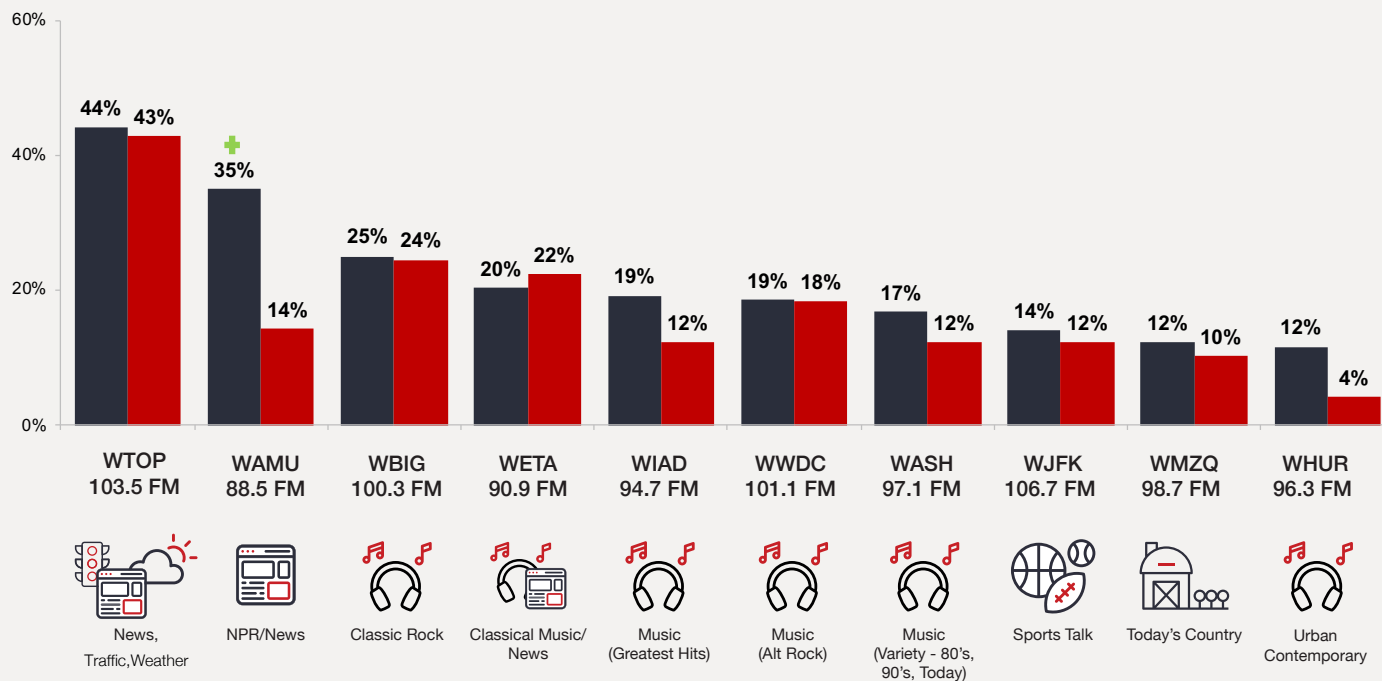
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Civilian vs. Defense

DC RADIO



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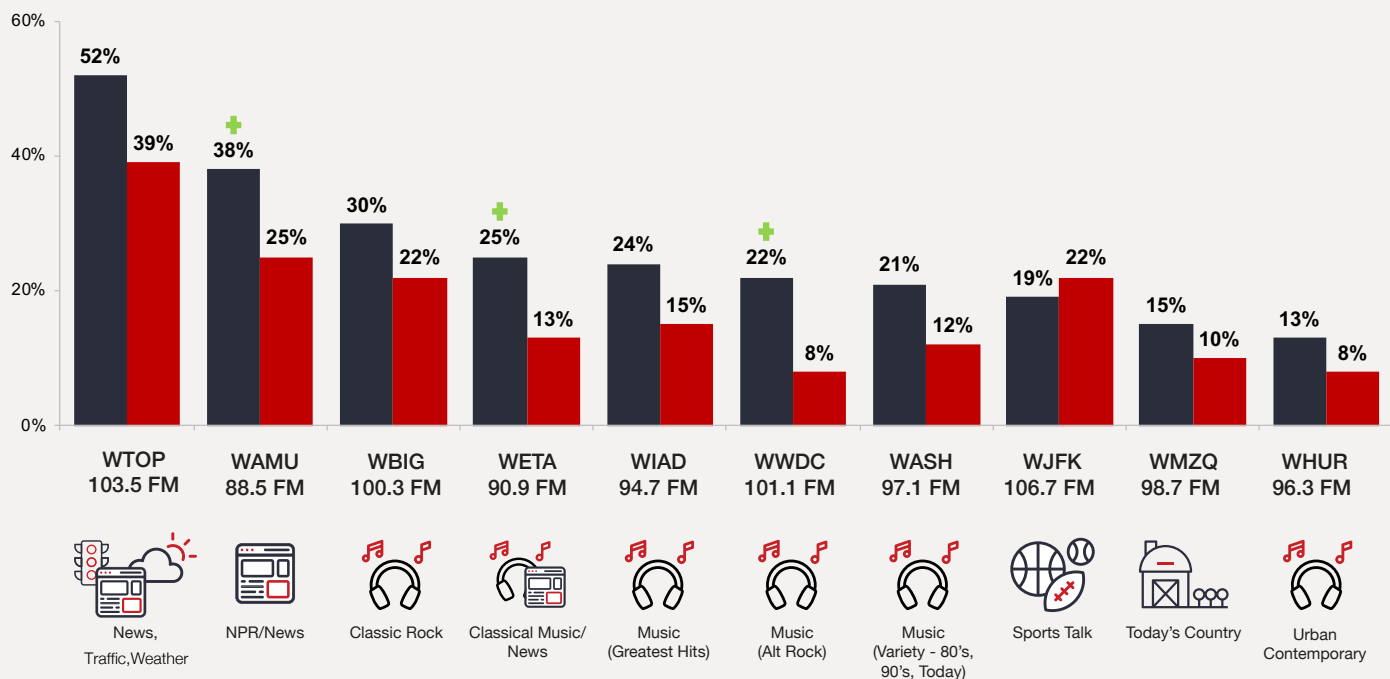
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OBSERVATIONS AND TAKEAWAYS

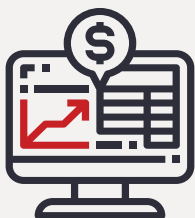


PUTTING A RING ON IT: WHERE ARE YOU ON PATH TO ENGAGEMENT?



Review your Marketing Goals.

Marketing goals may differ dramatically ranging from Introductions and Awareness to Familiarity and Consideration.



Build Your Media Plan According to Your Goals.

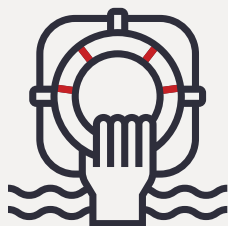
Customization of media and the ability to target is greater than ever. But building a brand name versus introducing a new product/service require different levels of eyeball engagement.



Think About Your Reach and Your Frequency.

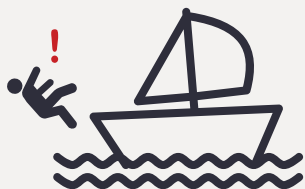
Fill the top of your funnel with broad campaigns to increase reach; engage your prospects with frequency and informative content.

BE A SOCIAL MEDIA LIFEBOAT IN ROCKY SEAS



Buoy Trust Through Information.

High levels of skepticism can undermine a social media strategy. Linking to, sharing, or being a credible, respected source of information can improve connection.



Throw Clickbait Overboard.

Nothing can sink a campaign like a hook that looks fishy. Cautious readers will avoid titles they don't trust.



Set Sail Across the 50+ Seas. Make Sure Your State and Local Social Media Strategy is Seaworthy.

Social media usage is higher among the state and local audience, giving you a way to visit many ports in only one ship.

PODCASTS ARE PERMANENTLY OUT OF WAYNE'S BASEMENT



Podcasts are Continuing to Connect, but like Streaming Services are Built on Reaching Specific People.

The dream of mass consumption was dashed early on. Podcasts must be launched with a specific audience in mind.



Cater to the Distracted Listener.

Commuters are back on the road, and podcasts are going with them. Let the audience know what you're going to tell them, tell them, and then remind them what you told them (all in 15 minutes).



Be Specific in the Content.

Podcasts are a source for news and information. Build your content around current events and recent stories with an eye toward the future.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: IN PERSON EVENTS ARE PART OF 2023

In Person Events are Gaining Steam.



The desire to attend in person events continues to climb, but it's driven as much by networking as it is information. Events early in 2023 can have a heavy networking component, but continue to ensure quality content throughout the year.

Eyes and Ears of Travelers are Open.



Airports are prime real estate as we will continue to see growth in travel of Federal workers. However, economic worries may keep the leisure travelers at bay and limit the State and Local officials.

Keep Hybrid Going.



Almost one-quarter of individuals are still not getting out and about, even for pleasure. They won't for work either. Online events and access will still be needed.

APPENDIX, DEMOGRAPHICS & METHODOLOGY, CONTACT INFORMATION



FULL LIST OF DIGITAL SITES

ABCNews.com	FCW.com	NBCNews.com
AccuWeather.com	FederalNewsNetwork.com	Newsmax.com
AFA.org	FederalSoup.com	Newsweek.com
AirForceMag.com	FederalTimes.com	Newyorker.com
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Bizjournals.com/Washington	Foxnews.com	StateScoop.com
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Engadget.com	NationalDefenseMagazine.org	
ESPN.com	NavyTimes.com	

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M4PS DEMOGRAPHICS & METHODOLOGY

Topics Covered

Demographics



Agency, Location, Age

Job Functions



25+ Job Functions,
Decision Making Status

Purchase Responsibility



Over 40 Product/Service
Purchase Categories

Washington, DC



Digital & Broadcast

Media Usage



Digital & Social Sites

Publications & Digital Sites

Government Media



Over 65 Media Properties,
Federal, State And Local

Business & News Media



Over 30 Media Properties

Technology & Industry



Over 20 Media Properties

Social Media & Lifestyle



Over 20 Sites

Washington DC Metro Area: Local Media - Broadcast & Digital



Over 20 AM/FM Radio
Stations



10 Television News
Networks



7 Early Morning Political
Commentary Programs



Companion Sites

Methodology

Online survey fielded in Summer 2022

Over 200 media outlets

Comprehensive respondent base

Total sample size: 1,222

Market Connections' proprietary
Government Insight Panel, Third-party
databases, Digital sites

Data weighted to ensure agency
types were not over- or under-
represented in sample



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