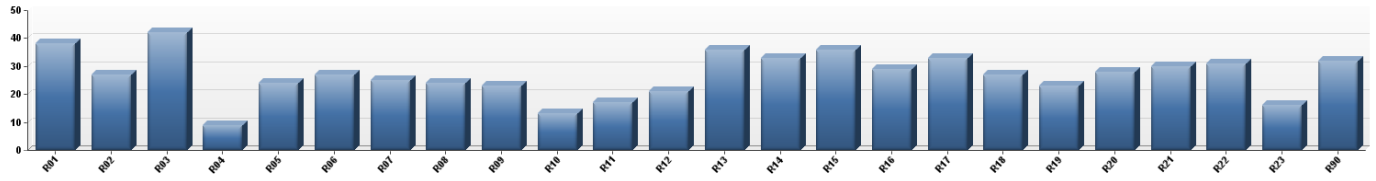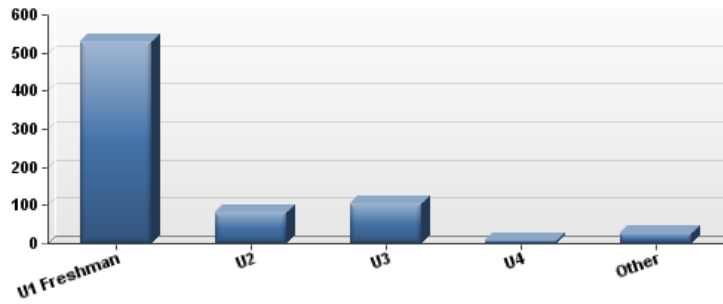**Initial Report**

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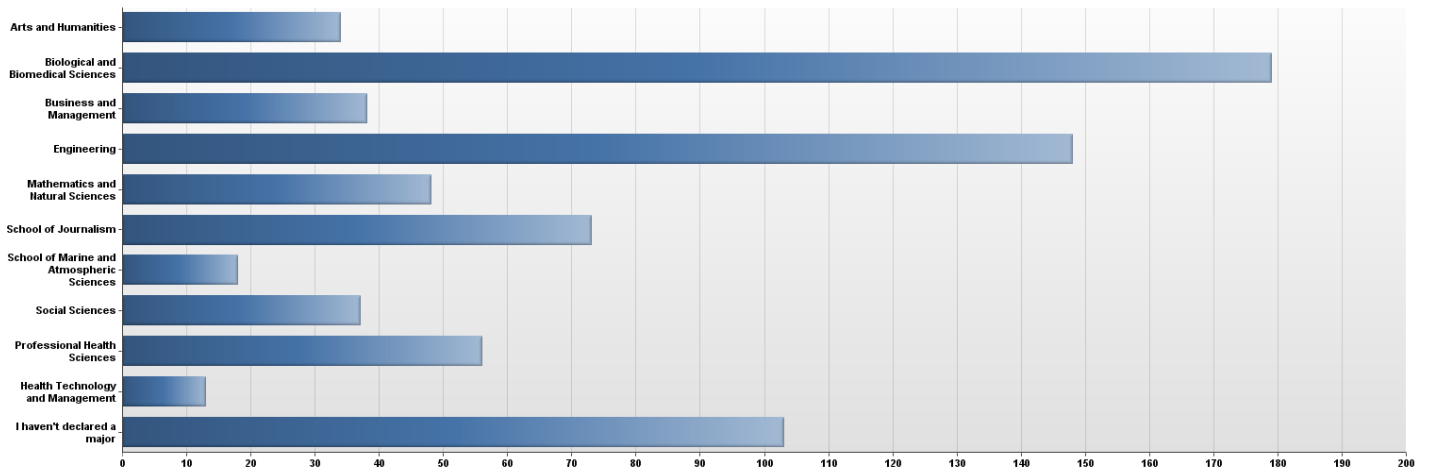
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international student
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Transfer

3. In which school is your major?
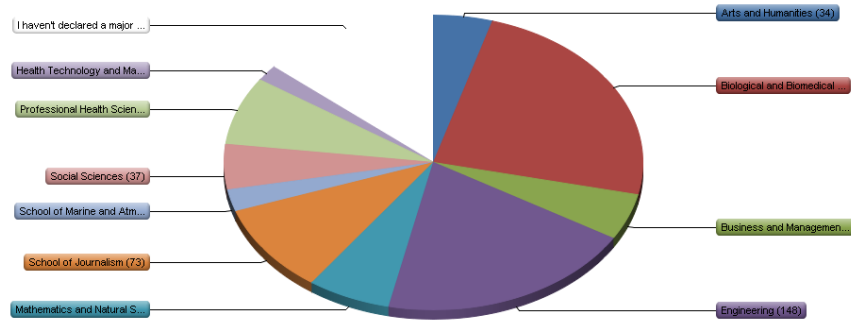
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Arts and Humanities		34	5%
2	Biological and Biomedical Sciences		179	24%
3	Business and Management		38	5%
4	Engineering		148	20%
5	Mathematics and Natural Sciences		48	6%
6	School of Journalism		73	10%
7	School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences		18	2%
8	Social Sciences		37	5%
9	Professional Health Sciences		56	7%
10	Health Technology and Management		13	2%
11	I haven't declared a major		103	14%
	Total		747	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	11
Mean	5.31
Variance	10.44
Standard Deviation	3.23
Total Responses	747

4. Why did you take this course? (check all that apply)
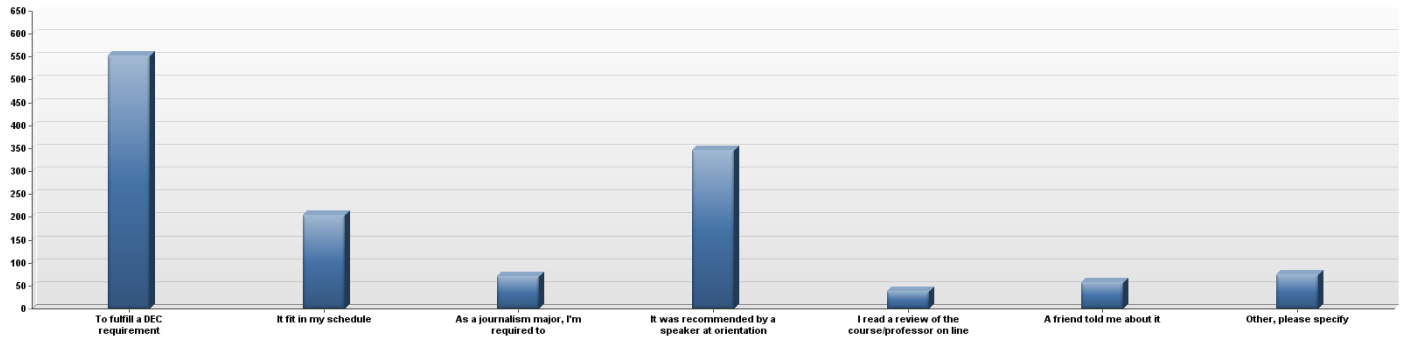
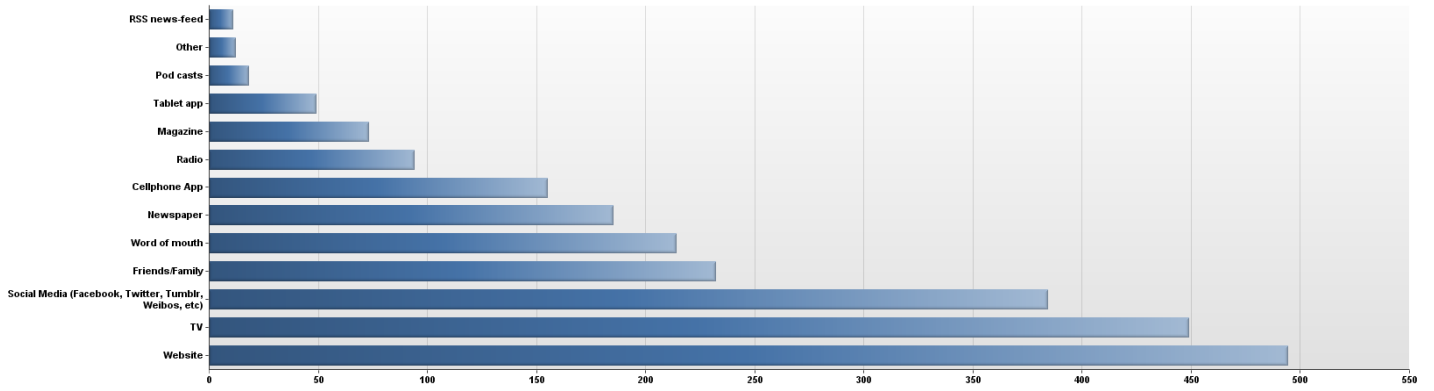| Other, please specify |
|---|
| WRT102 was unavailable |
| I enjoy the subject |
| Necessary for my major |
| I'm interested in politics and news |
| I like journalism |
| I like the news |
| It sounds interesting |
| Seemed interesting |
| Seemed interesting |
| It seemed pretty interesting and useful in every day life |
| I previously wanted to study Journalism |
| my sister recommended it |
| Possible Major Switch to Journalism |
| I took journalism in high school and this class really peaked my interest |
| writing 102 was full |
| Intrest in becoming more educated in news |
| My major has present day issues involved, so I thought News Literacy would help me in my major. |
| interest in politics |
| Im interested in journalism |
| News & Political Interest |
| during orientation, the people there told me i need to have 12 credits. they didn't have room for my major class so they told me they were going to add it on later by themselves. i did not have enough credits then so they told me to pick a random filler class. i picked this class but am too lazy to drop it because i don't know how. |
| To learn to see through the media's mask of biases and alignment to the undistorted truth below |
| Not many DEC B classes left because late orientation date |
| I just felt like it's a class that will help me in the future. Instincts. |
| The course sounded interesting. |
| I wanted to see what a class in Journalism would be like |
| Like journalism |
| An interest in the subject |
| Chance to win Tuition |
| it was given to me |
| I am interested in possibly majoring in journalism |
| I am considering majoring in journalism |
| An orientation leader recommended it. |
| seems interesting |
| I declared journalism as my minor |
| It looks interesting |
| I have taken it in high school for two years and really enjoyed it. |
| Seems fun! |
| It is a subject that interests me. |
| It really interests me, and I want to make sure I generally like journalism before declaring it as a major. |
| Was interested in minority in journalism |
| Sounds interesting |
| It sounded interesting! |
| i used to be interested in journalism |
| I like to read news and would like to learn about it |
| Possibility of free tuition |
| Curiosity |
| i used to take an interest in journalism |
| Sounded interesting |
| minor |
| Possible free tuition. |
| It has a gigantic scholarship and it goes towards my major |
| minor |
| undecided about major, took radio in high school for four years |
| I like reading the news |
| Journalism is a major that I may pursue. |
| the counselor put it in my schedule |
| Tuition Contest |
| journalism minor |
| I wrote about it for my previous school's newspaper |
| I was interested in minoring in journalism |
| I like to read the news |
| sounded interesting |
| Chance of free tuition |
| was introduced at orientation |
| interesting |
| It sounded interesting |
| seems useful in life |
| want to learn more about the news! |
| It seemed very interesting and eye opening |

I found interest towards this subject.

Heard a description of it during orientation

i am interested in journalism

interesting, useful tool in life

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Total Responses	752

5. When you do access the news, what is your primary source of news?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Newspaper		185	25%
2	TV		449	60%
3	Radio		94	13%
4	Website		494	66%
5	Friends/Family		232	31%
6	Cellphone App		155	21%
7	Tablet app		49	7%
8	Magazine		73	10%
9	Word of mouth		214	28%
10	Pod casts		18	2%
11	RSS news-feed		11	1%
12	Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Weibos, etc)		384	51%
13	Other		12	2%

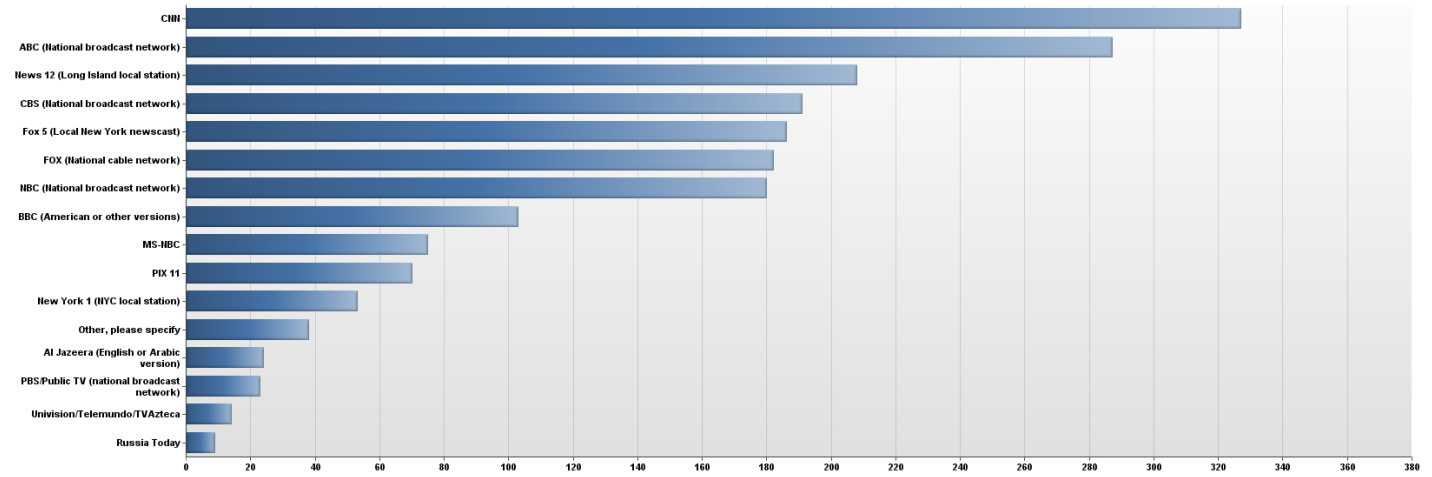| Other |
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| youtube (phillipdefranco) |
| Reddit |
| youtube |
| reddit |
| Reddit |
| Reddit |
| Hearing it mentioned on Late Night shows |
| Email |
| Upworthy |
| Daily Show/Colbert Report |
| In class |

6. Which papers? (check all that you read with any regularity)
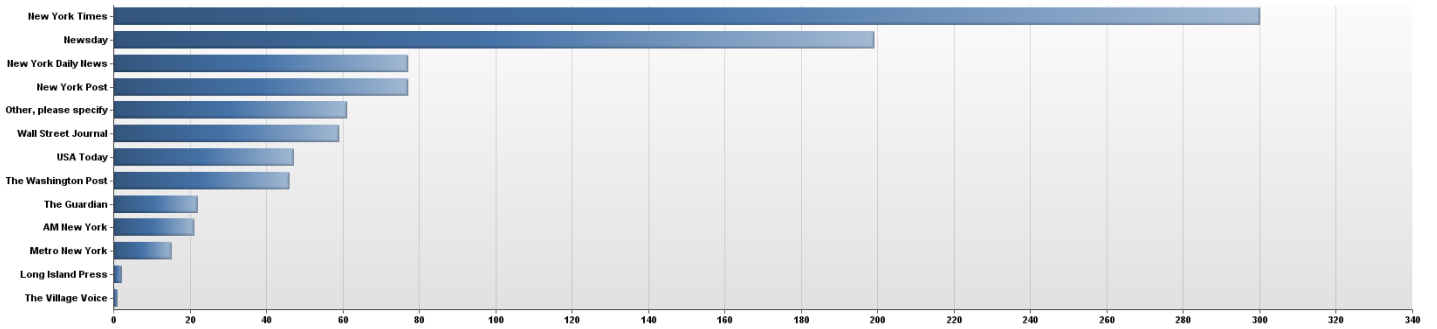
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	AM New York		21	4%
2	The Guardian		22	4%
3	Long Island Press		2	0%
4	Metro New York		15	3%
5	Newsday		199	38%
6	New York Daily News		77	15%
7	New York Post		77	15%
8	New York Times		300	57%
9	USA Today		47	9%
10	The Village Voice		1	0%
11	Wall Street Journal		59	11%
12	The Washington Post		46	9%
13	Other, please specify		61	12%

Other, please specify

none
yahoo news
Newsday
none
CT Post
Charlotte Observer, South Charlotte Weekly
Los Angeles Times
Times Herald Record
Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, NY)
The Boston Globe
Richmond Times Dispatch
Huffington Post
Telegram & Gazette
algezera
Huffington Post
CNN
NPR
Democrat andChronicle (based inRochester,NY)
Independent
Yahoo news
Daily Jang, Dawn
Dailymail
CT Post
none
BBC
Democrat and Chronicle
Connecticut Post
none
New Yorker
Associated Press, Daily Mail
Providence Journal
The Economist
Infowars.com news letter
The Telegraph, The Independent
Long Island Herald
Providence Journal
The Buffalo News
Time Magazine, The Economist
Any Swiss papers
Times of India
New Yorker
Time magazine
RT, pressTV
Le Monde
Singtao Newspaper
Tampa Bay Times
NPR
S.I. Advance
Mainly papers in London
Burlington Free Press
None.
Suffolk Times
santa cruz sentinel, and the valley times
none
Time magazine
none
Staten Island Advance

7. Which TV stations?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	ABC (National broadcast network)		287	43%
2	Al Jazeera (English or Arabic version)		24	4%
3	BBC (American or other versions)		103	15%
4	CBS (National broadcast network)		191	29%
5	CNN		327	49%
6	FOX (National cable network)		182	27%
7	Fox 5 (Local New York newscast)		186	28%
8	MS-NBC		75	11%
9	NBC (National broadcast network)		180	27%
10	News 12 (Long Island local station)		208	31%
11	New York 1 (NYC local station)		53	8%
12	PBS/Public TV (national broadcast network)		23	3%
13	PIX 11		70	11%
14	Russia Today		9	1%
15	Univision/Telemundo/TVAzteca		14	2%
16	Other, please specify		38	6%

Other, please specify

Channel 3 Eyewitness News

Fox 5 News for DC

Daily Show

Daily show, colbert report

Daily Show

Daily Show, Colbert Report.

CCTV

Daily Show on Comedy Central

the daily show with jon stewart and the colbert report

online

Geo News, ARY News, Samaa Tv, Express News, Aaj News

Comedy Central (The Daily Show/Colbert Report)

ESPN

Swiss stations

ESPN

News 12 the Bronx (local news)

Comedy Central - The Daily Show

None

YNN

Dont know which to trust so i stick with bill maher and john stewart

Sinovision

Comedy Central

Comedy Central

E! news

BBC

Comedy Central

WNBC, WCBS

None.

Eyewitness News

Bloomberg

ESPN

Daily Show/Colbert Report

daily show/colbert report

Comedy Central (The Daily show)

The Blaze

8. Which radio stations?
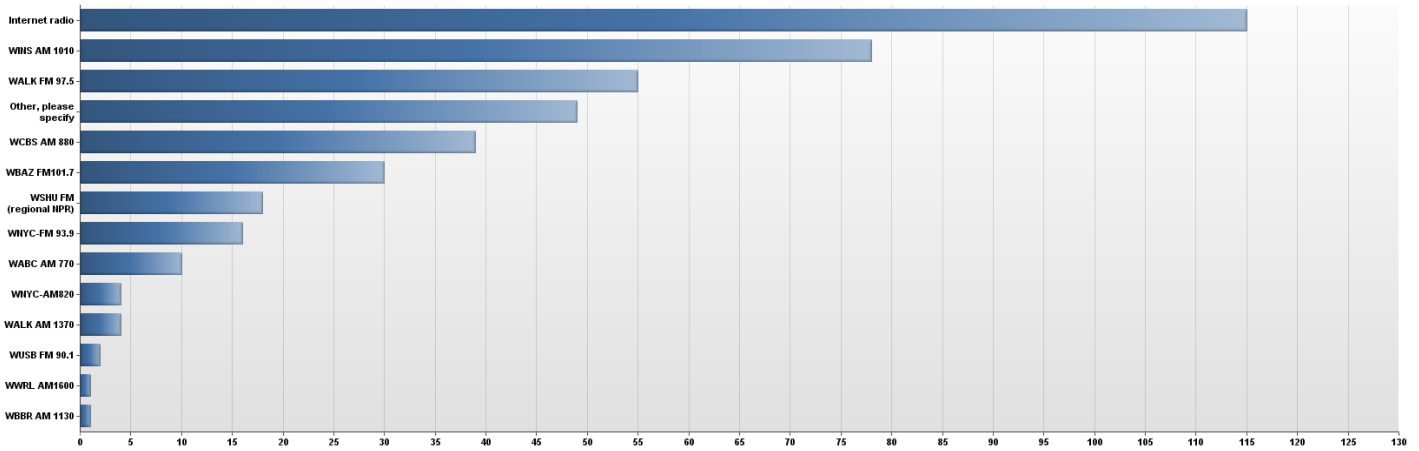
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
13	Internet radio		115	32%
5	WINS AM 1010		78	22%
8	WALK FM 97.5		55	15%
14	Other, please specify		49	14%
4	WCBS AM 880		39	11%
9	WBAZ FM101.7		30	8%
11	WSHU FM (regional NPR)		18	5%
10	WNYC-FM 93.9		16	4%
1	WABC AM 770		10	3%
6	WNYC-AM820		4	1%
2	WALK AM 1370		4	1%
12	WUSB FM 90.1		2	1%
7	WWRL AM1600		1	0%
3	WBBR AM 1130		1	0%

Other, please specify
100.3, 106.1, 92.3, 97.1
none
none
xm
none
90.7
Hot 97.1
WFAE Charlotte, BBC World News
WHAM 1180
Boston Local
none
WFAN 660
NPR
WBAB FM 102.3
106.1
NPR
KFBK (That's what it is in Sac, CA)
Wgbh
NPR
WFUV FM 90.7
WFAN 660 AM
106.1
KC 101.3 FM
none
ESPN FM 98.7
I don't listen to the news on the radio
AM 680 Boston WRKO
NPR
none
NPR
Not to sure not from around here
none
WBAI
93.3 flvs
none
none
Rarely listen to the radio.
London ones
WBLI
WBLI
Random talk radio such as Sean Hannity.
None
AM 660 (sports news)
88.1 KZSC
none
None
n/a
howard stern show

9. Which websites?
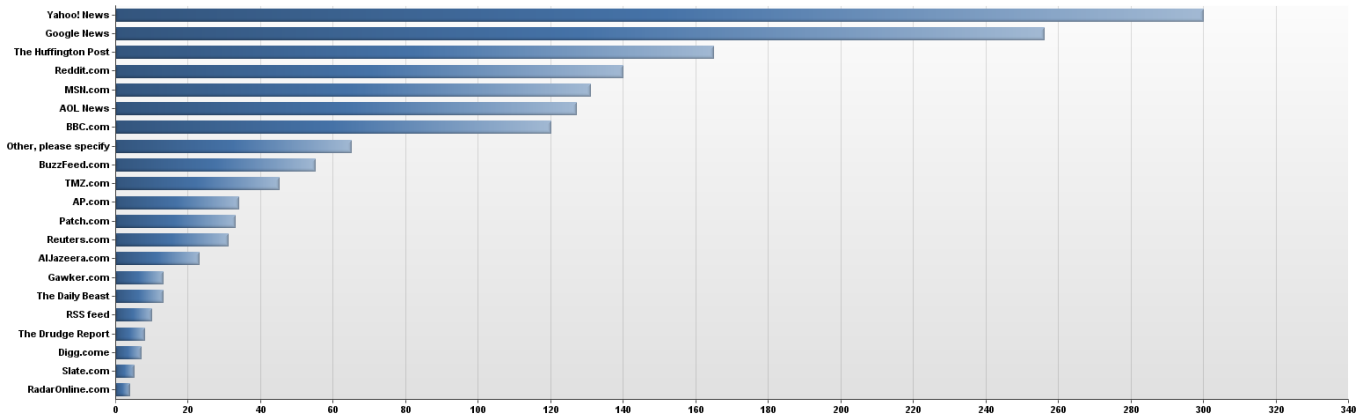
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
19	Yahoo! News		300	44%
10	Google News		256	38%
11	The Huffington Post		165	24%
16	Reddit.com		140	21%
12	MSN.com		131	19%
2	AOL News		127	19%
4	BBC.com		120	18%
21	Other, please specify		65	10%
5	BuzzFeed.com		55	8%
18	TMZ.com		45	7%
3	AP.com		34	5%
13	Patch.com		33	5%
15	Reuters.com		31	5%
1	AlJazeera.com		23	3%
9	Gawker.com		13	2%
6	The Daily Beast		13	2%
20	RSS feed		10	1%
8	The Drudge Report		8	1%
7	Digg.come		7	1%
17	Slate.com		5	1%
14	RadarOnline.com		4	1%

Other, please specify
Youtube - SourceFed
cnn.com
US news and report
Escapist Magazine
Twitter.com
www.time.com
Latimes.com, news day.com
USAToday.com
Bing.com (Compilations)
The Washington Post online
ESPN.com
youtube
weibo.com
CNN.com
Windows 8 News App
/pol/
CNN.com
reddit.com
Barstool
New York Times
Cnn.com
Facebook
Wikipedia News
cnn
cnn.com, dailymail.co.uk,
CNN news
teksyndicate.com
There are many
Youtube News Channels (PDS & SourceFed)
nyt
nydailysnews.com
Tumblr
New York Times
lematin.ch
new york times, times of india, wired, popular science, wall street journal
CNN.com
whoever uses tmz should be hit over the head with a bat, i hate that site!!
CNN, New York TImes
CNN
VICE
CNN
RT, democracyNow
cnn.com
TheGrio

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News websites

New York Times

WSJ, nerdist, other non-conventional news

Cnn.com

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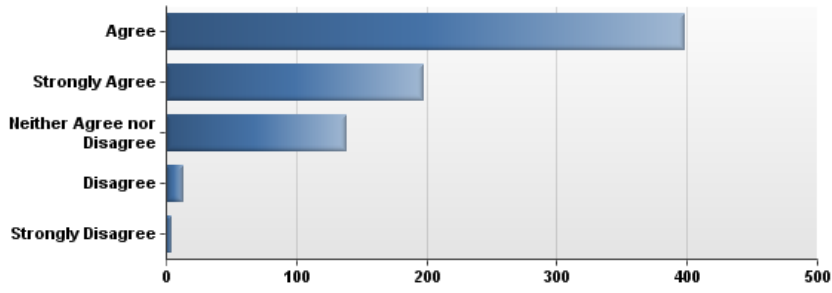bloomberg.com

ESPN

fox news

NY TIMES

Yahoo

www.SourceFed.com

Theblaze.com

democracynow.org

Media Matters, Mother Jonas

ThoughtCatalog.com

10. Rate your opinion of the following statement: "It is important to keep up with the news every day."
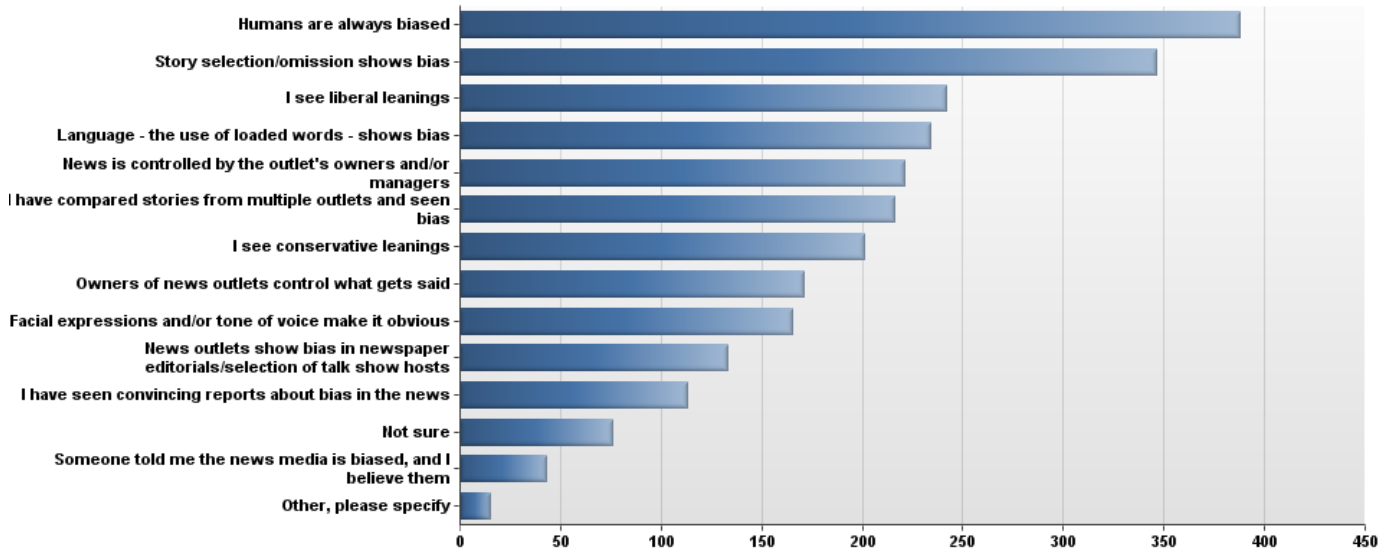

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Agree		197	26%
2	Agree		397	53%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		138	18%
4	Disagree		13	2%
5	Strongly Disagree		3	0%
	Total		748	

11. Rate your opinion of the following statement: "Most news outlets exhibit bias."
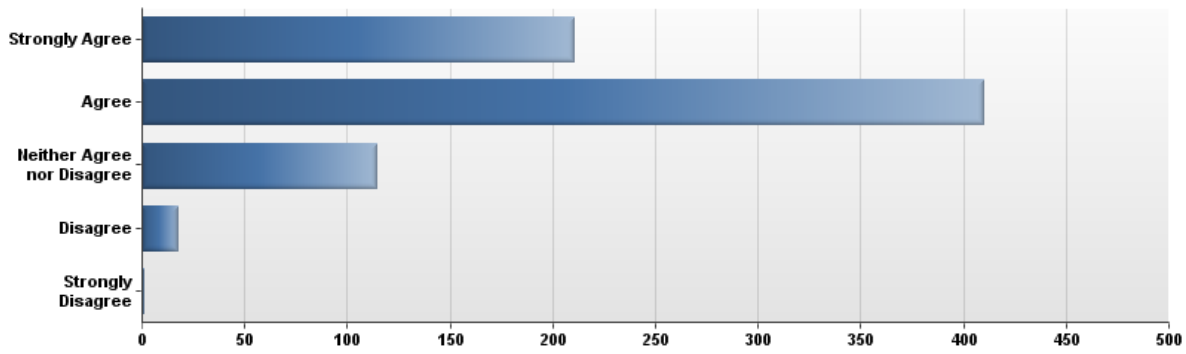
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
2	Agree		410	55%
1	Strongly Agree		210	28%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		114	15%
4	Disagree		17	2%
5	Strongly Disagree		1	0%
	Total		752	

12. What is the basis for your conclusions about news media bias?

#	Answer	Bar	Response ▲	%
4	Humans are always biased		388	52%
6	Story selection/omission shows bias		346	46%
1	I see liberal leanings		242	32%
10	Language - the use of loaded words - shows bias		234	31%
8	News is controlled by the outlet's owners and/or managers		221	30%
11	I have compared stories from multiple outlets and seen bias		216	29%
2	I see conservative leanings		201	27%
9	Owners of news outlets control what gets said		171	23%
5	Facial expressions and/or tone of voice make it obvious		165	22%
7	News outlets show bias in newspaper editorials/selection of talk show hosts		133	18%
3	I have seen convincing reports about bias in the news		113	15%
13	Not sure		76	10%
12	Someone told me the news media is biased, and I believe them		43	6%
14	Other, please specify		15	2%

| Other, please specify |
|---|
| it will always be bias |
| they only tell people what they want to hear so they profit rather than the whole truth |
| Media forms many opinions of the public, not the other way about as they claim |
| FOX news is terrible |
| People who support the networks and fund it tend to have their beliefs backed by the corporation. |
| Factual Investigation |
| I have been fortunate to attend some events which I saw completely manipulated by certain media channels and networks |
| Mostly sensationalist drivel from the major news agencies |
| Most part liberal leanings, but some outlets have conservative bias |
| First hand experience as compared to news broadcast. |
| The news gets out before the facts are straight. |
| Fox 5 News |
| news has become a business of ratings. The only driving force I see behind the news anymore is to get people to but it. |
| News is owned by big players nowadays |
| I think bias exist but for profit and are only on two channels |

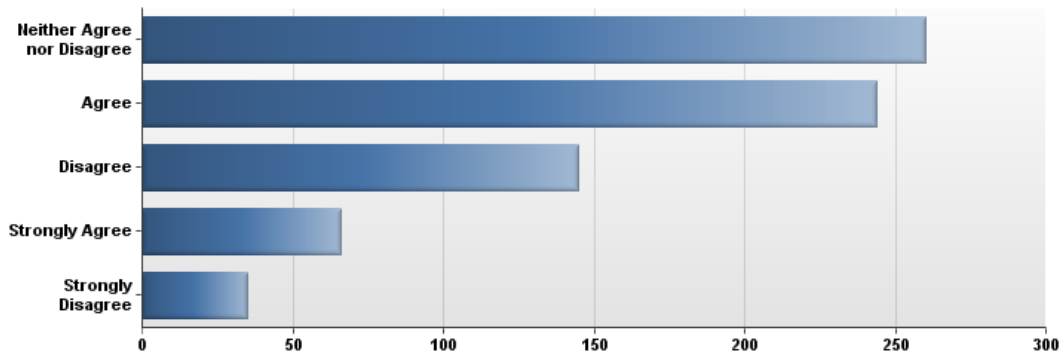| Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	14

| Total Responses | 748 |

13. Rate the following statement: "The news media presents too much trivial news."
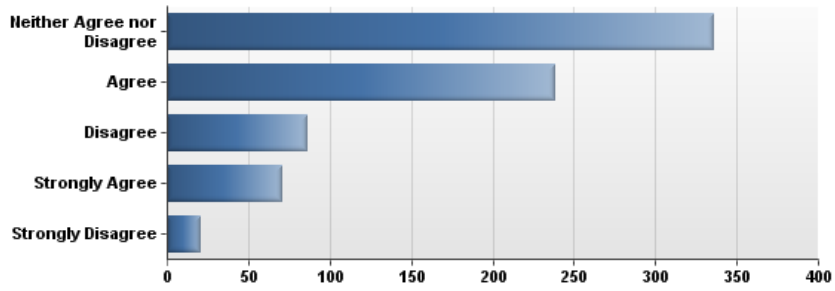
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		20	3%
5	Strongly Agree		70	9%
2	Disagree		86	11%
4	Agree		238	32%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		335	45%
	Total		749	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.34
Variance	0.80
Standard Deviation	0.90
Total Responses	749

14. Rate the following statement: "The news media presents too much bad news."

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		35	5%
2	Disagree		145	19%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		260	35%
4	Agree		244	33%
5	Strongly Agree		66	9%
	Total		750	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.21
Variance	1.01
Standard Deviation	1.01
Total Responses	750

15. If you answered in the question above that you agree or strongly agree that the new s media includes too much bad news, choose all the reasons below that you believe explain that.
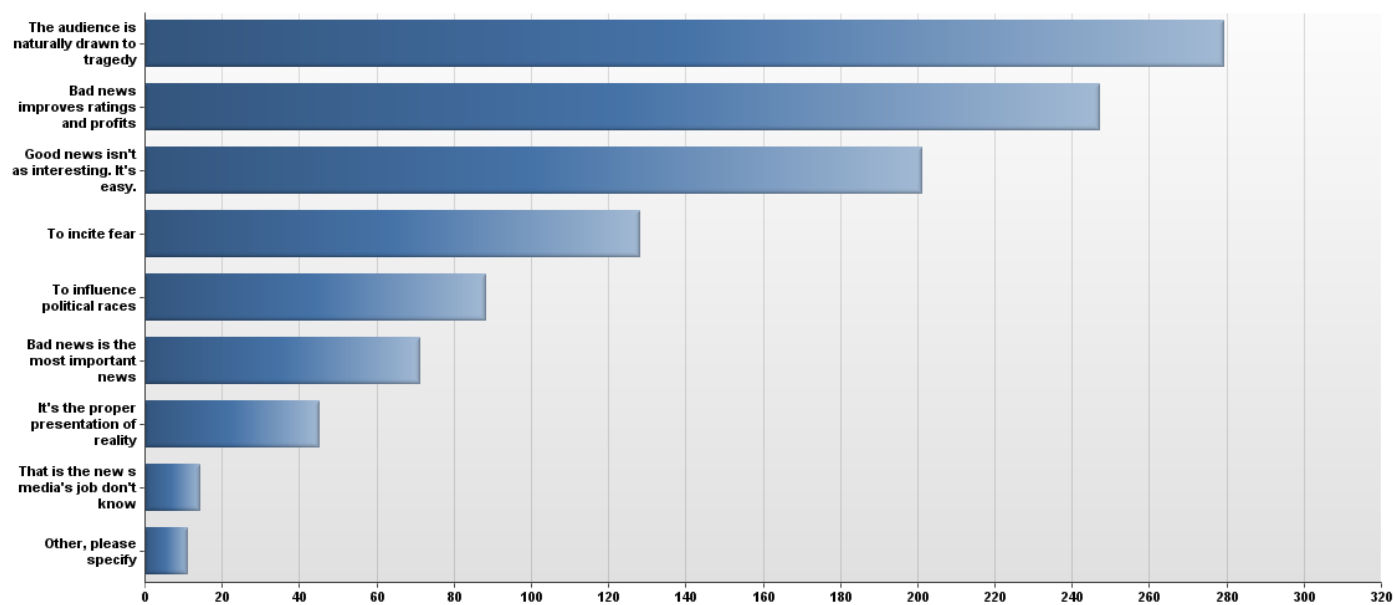
#	Answer	Bar	Response ▲	%
4	The audience is naturally drawn to tragedy		279	69%
2	Bad news improves ratings and profits		247	61%
3	Good news isn't as interesting. It's easy.		201	50%
1	To incite fear		128	32%
5	To influence political races		88	22%
6	Bad news is the most important news		71	18%
7	It's the proper presentation of reality		45	11%
8	That is the new s media's job don't know		14	3%
9	Other, please specify		11	3%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	403

16. Rate this statement: "I generally feel I get accurate and reliable information from newspapers."
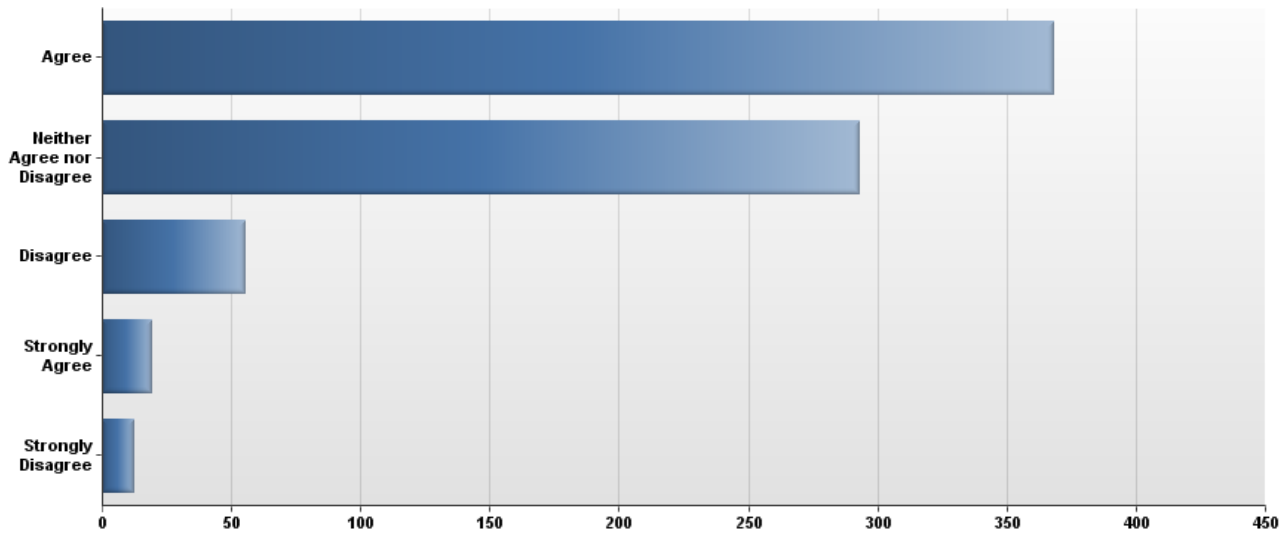
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		12	2%
2	Disagree		55	7%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		293	39%
4	Agree		368	49%
5	Strongly Agree		19	3%
	Total		747	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.44
Variance	0.54
Standard Deviation	0.74
Total Responses	747

17. Rate this statement: "I generally feel I get accurate and reliable information from television news."
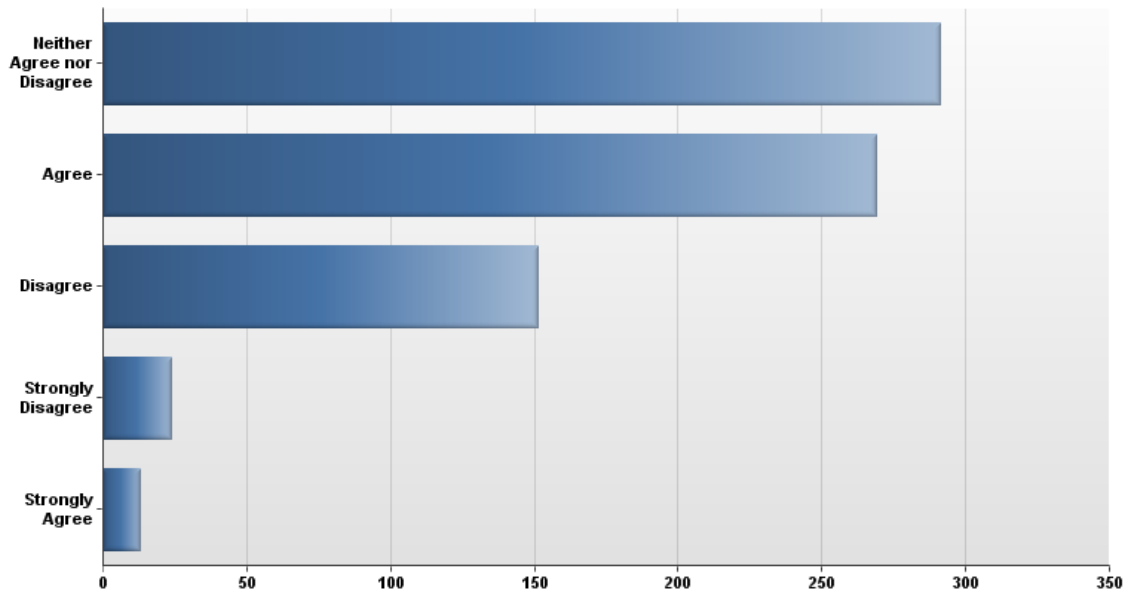
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		24	3%
2	Disagree		151	20%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		291	39%
4	Agree		269	36%
5	Strongly Agree		13	2%
	Total		748	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.13
Variance	0.74
Standard Deviation	0.86
Total Responses	748

18. Rate this statement: "I generally feel I get accurate and reliable information from web-only news outlets."
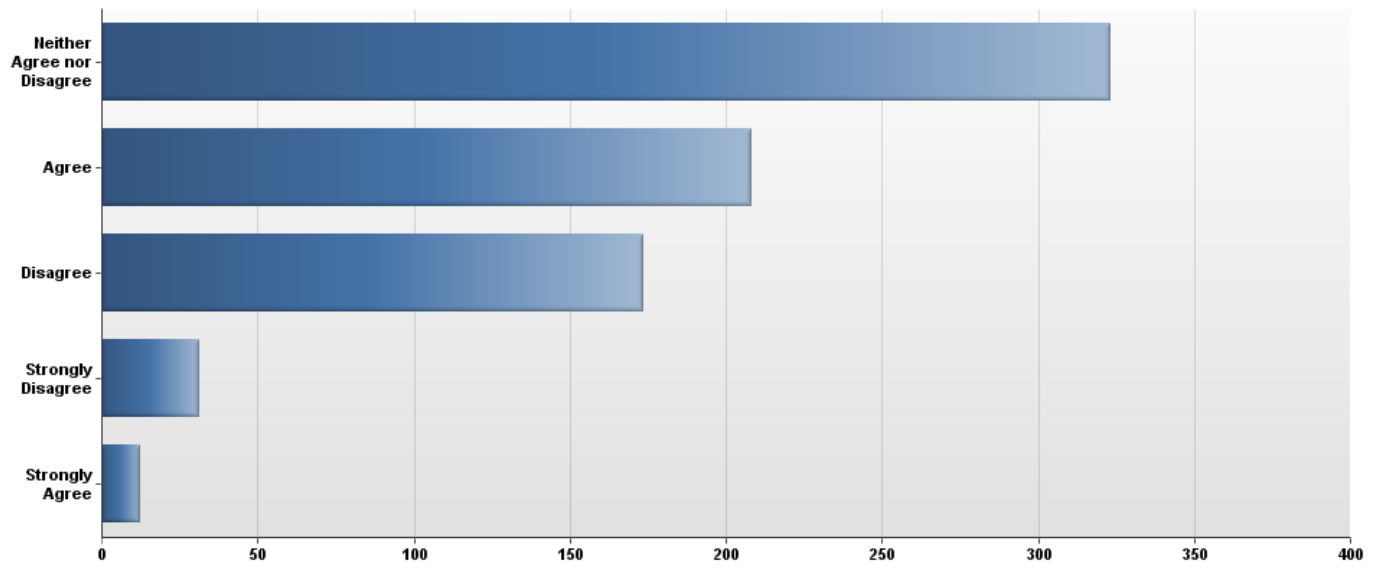
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		31	4%
2	Disagree		173	23%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		323	43%
4	Agree		208	28%
5	Strongly Agree		12	2%
	Total		747	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.00
Variance	0.74
Standard Deviation	0.86
Total Responses	747

19. Rate this statement: "I generally feel I get accurate and reliable information from radio news outlets."
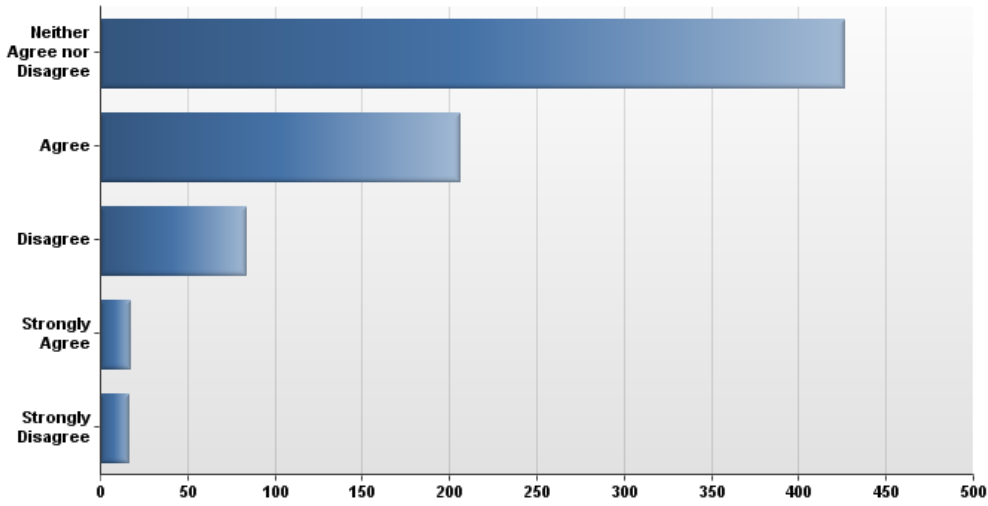
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Strongly Disagree		16	2%
2	Disagree		83	11%
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree		426	57%
4	Agree		206	28%
5	Strongly Agree		17	2%
	Total		748	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.17
Variance	0.54
Standard Deviation	0.73
Total Responses	748

20. In your opinion, does the U.S. news media have too much freedom or too little?
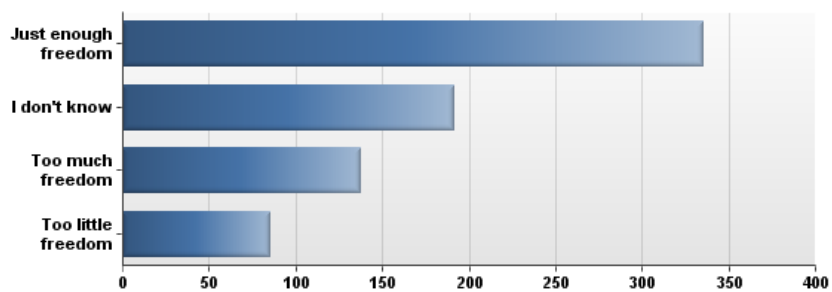
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Too little freedom		85	11%
2	Just enough freedom		335	45%
3	Too much freedom		137	18%
4	I don't know		191	26%
	Total		748	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.58
Variance	0.98
Standard Deviation	0.99
Total Responses	748

21. Have you or anyone close to you (family, classmates, neighbors) been included in a news report?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes		321	43%
2	No		427	57%
	Total		748	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.57
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	748

22. If you answered yes to the above question, how did the experience affect your opinion of the news media?
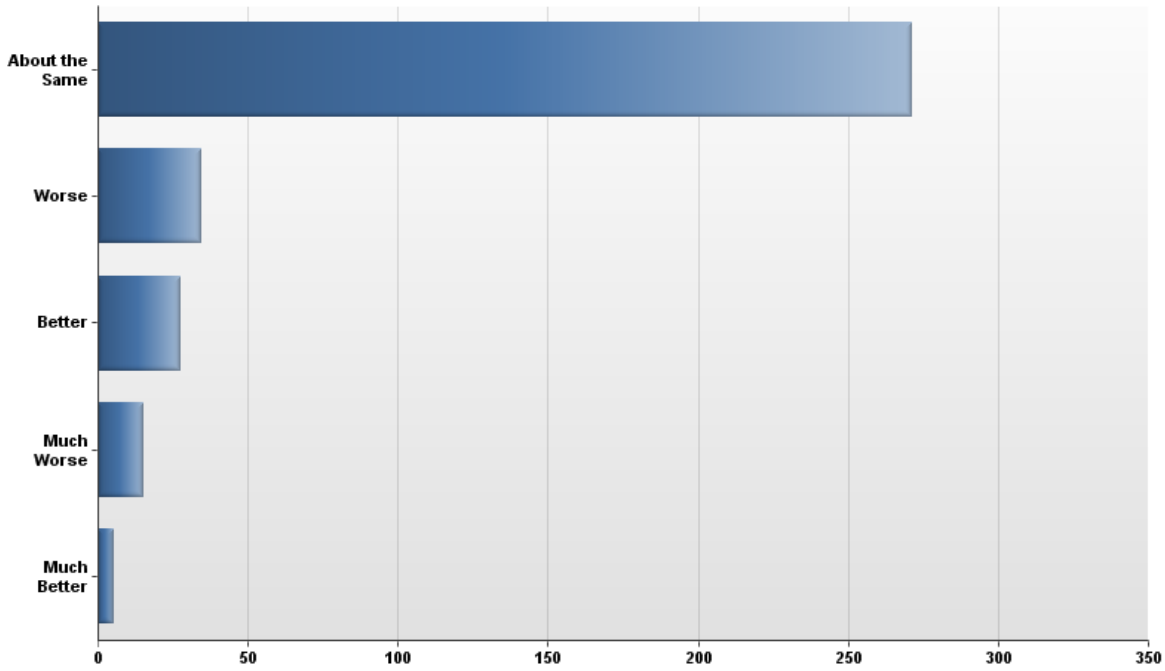
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Much Better		5	1%
2	Better		27	8%
3	About the Same		271	77%
4	Worse		34	10%
5	Much Worse		15	4%
	Total		352	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.08
Variance	0.40
Standard Deviation	0.63
Total Responses	352

23. Which of these is the correct language of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which begins: "Congress shall make no law ..."
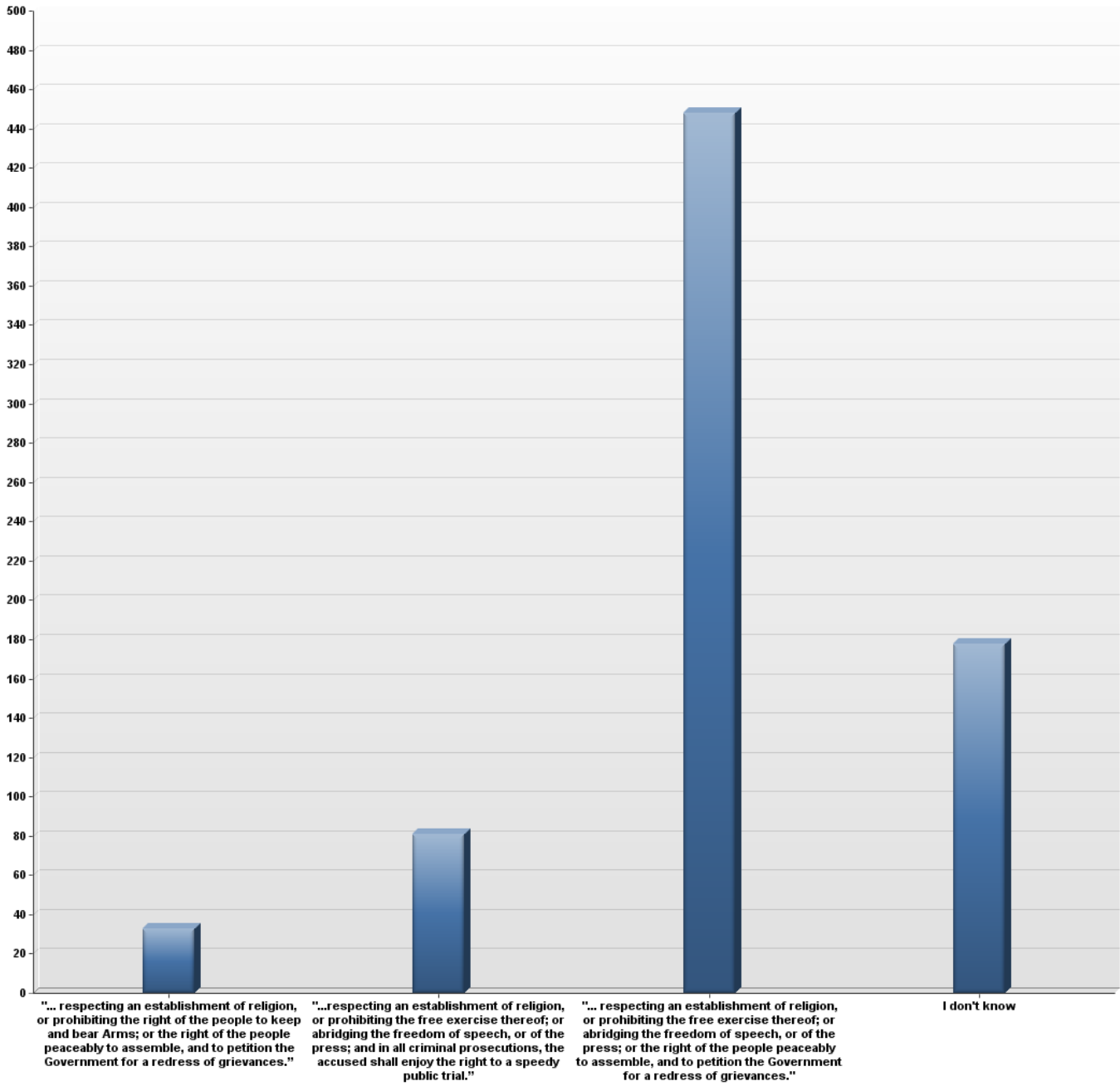
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	"... respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the right of the people to keep and bear Arms; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."		33	4%
2	"...respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; and in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy public trial."		81	11%
3	"... respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."		448	61%
4	I don't know		178	24%
	Total		740	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	3.04
Variance	0.53
Standard Deviation	0.73
Total Responses	740

24. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Between 0 - 6%		25	3%
2	Between 6.1 - 7%		104	14%
3	Between 7.1 - 8%		396	53%
4	Between 8.1 - 9%		119	16%
5	Above 9%		102	14%
	Total		746	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.23
Variance	0.93
Standard Deviation	0.96
Total Responses	746

25. Who is the current governor of New York State?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Andrew Cuomo		694	93%
2	David Paterson		24	3%
3	Samuel Stanley		8	1%
4	Chris Christie		17	2%
5	Kirsten Gillibrand		5	1%
	Total		748	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	1.15
Variance	0.36
Standard Deviation	0.60
Total Responses	748

26. The name of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court is:

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Sonia Sotomayor		107	15%
2	Antonin Scalia		35	5%
3	David Souter		32	4%
4	John Roberts		484	66%
5	Sandra Day O'Connor		48	7%
6	William Rehnquist		23	3%
7	Samon Fish		4	1%
	Total		733	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.57
Variance	1.60
Standard Deviation	1.27
Total Responses	733

27. Who is the U.S. Secretary of State?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Governor of New Jersey Chris Christie		21	3%
2	Former U.S. Senator from Massachusetts John Kerry		460	62%
3	Former U.S. Senator from New York Hillary Rodham Clinton		245	33%
4	U.S. Senator from Arizona John McCain		19	3%
	Total		745	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.35
Variance	0.34
Standard Deviation	0.58
Total Responses	745

28. The U.S. Justice Department has accused Edward Snowden of...

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Smuggling undocumented workers into the U.S.		17	2%
2	Revealing details of a top-secret National Security Agency surveillance program		698	94%
3	Selling contaminated meat products		9	1%
4	Crashing the stock market by peddling junk mortgages as safe investments		15	2%
5	The murder of President John F. Kennedy		3	0%
	Total		742	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.04
Variance	0.15
Standard Deviation	0.39
Total Responses	742

29. On August 5, 2013, the Washington Post:

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Was sold to Amazon.com's founder Jeff Bezos		416	57%
2	Fired editor Martin Baron following an international libel scandal		283	38%
3	Announced it will move its head office to Ankara, Turkey, to focus on Middle East news		37	5%
	Total		736	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.49
Variance	0.35
Standard Deviation	0.59
Total Responses	736

30. Former U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner (who is now running for Mayor of New York) appeared this summer at a press conference with his wife so that she could tell reporters she forgives him for:

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	"Sexting" multiple women: sending them sexual photos of himself and messages of a sexual nature.		702	94%
2	Emptying the family bank account to pay for campaign expenses.		16	2%
3	Speaking out against a US foreign relations policy she supports.		12	2%
4	Telling an inappropriate joke about her uncle.		8	1%
5	Leaving their child all evening in day care while he campaigned on the Upper West Side.		6	1%
	Total		744	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	1.12
Variance	0.30
Standard Deviation	0.55
Total Responses	744