

ENGAGED READERS AND EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING



**LOCAL NEWSPAPERS:
ENGAGED AND CONNECTED**

2019

BUILDING TRUST AND ENGAGEMENT



How do Canadians engage with news and advertising in traditional and digital media given the current climate of fake news and distrust?

News media build trust and engagement by creating and delivering quality content to provide an effective environment for advertising.



CUT THROUGH THE MEDIA CLUTTER



The sheer volume of media and advertising messages in multiple formats is overwhelming.

Consumers are exposed to thousands of brands/ads daily - less than 100 will create awareness and only about 12 will make an impression and **engage** consumers.



HOW TO GET NOTICED



How can advertisers motivate consumers to research their products, take action and ultimately buy their products and services?

ENGAGEMENT

Increasing engagement helps advertising break through the clutter of not only the hundreds of ad exposures per day, but of the thousands of ad and brand exposures per day.



WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA ENGAGE READERS



**NINE OUT OF TEN
Canadians (88%) read news
media brands each week.**



Community newspapers are the number one source for LOCAL information.



Readers read and rely on newspaper advertising.



News media provide a trusted environment for ads.



News media readers take action after seeing advertising.

DEFINITIONS OF ENGAGEMENT



GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

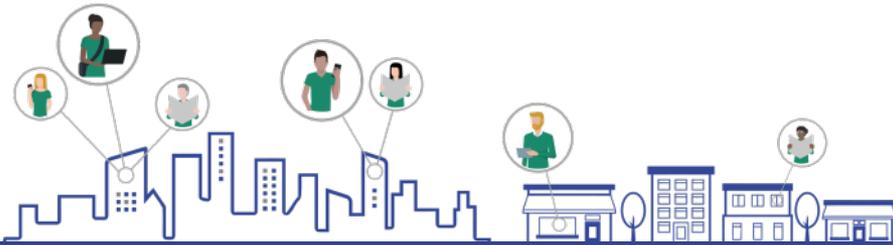
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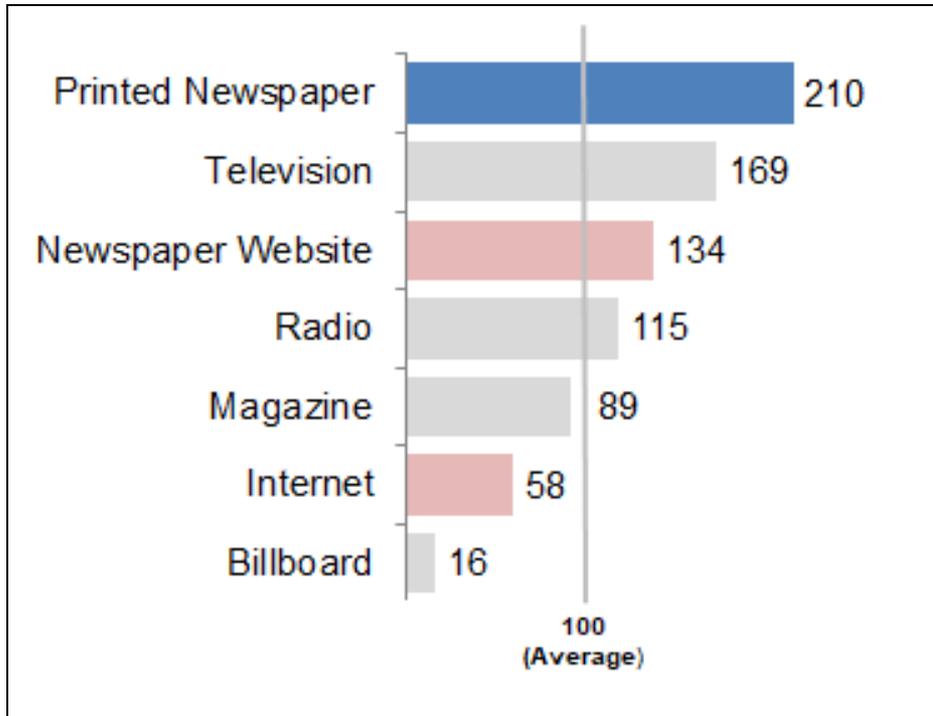
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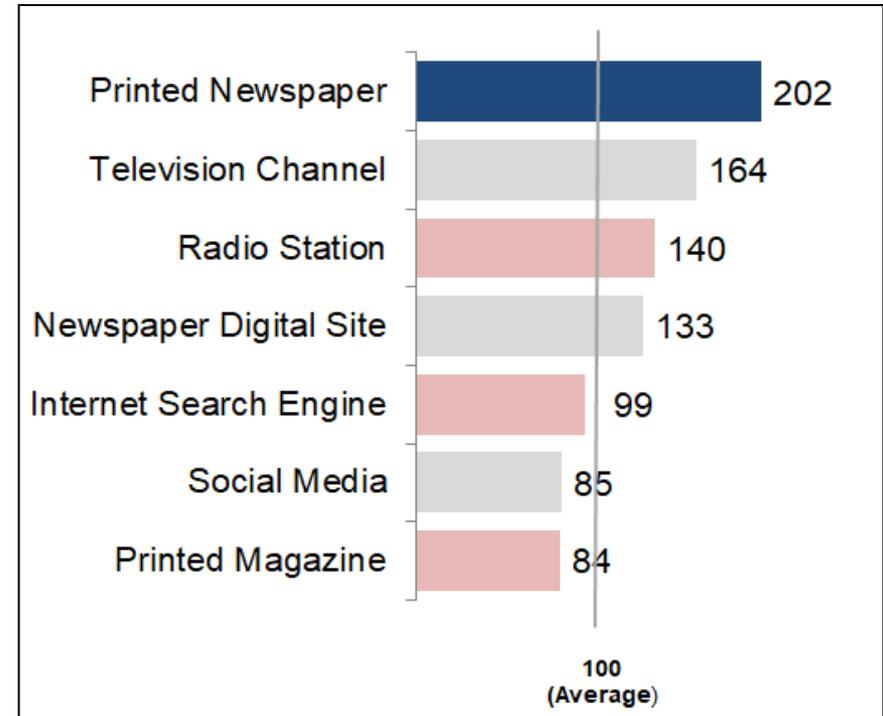
MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



2014



2019



Five years later not much has changed ...
Printed Newspapers still top the list for Media Engagement.

NEW RESEARCH TELLS US NEWS MEDIA ARE ENGAGING



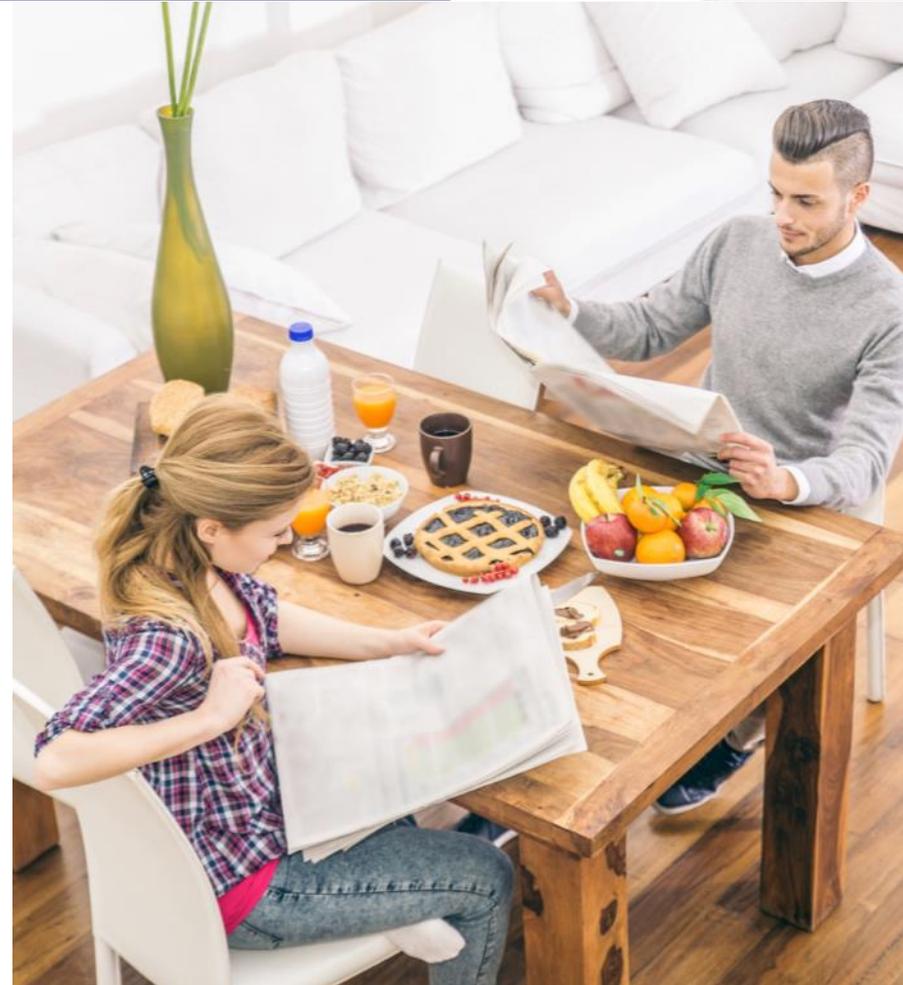
Printed newspapers are the **most engaging** media.

Reading a newspaper requires **full attention**. Consumer attention can be fractured with other media.

Ad engagement for print newspapers is almost 2 times higher than average.*

Canadians want to see the **advertising** in print newspapers; it is expected to be there and is **part of the content**.

Ad blocking software makes it difficult for digital media to engage consumers with advertising despite high levels of general/news engagement.



NEWSPAPERS ARE ENGAGING

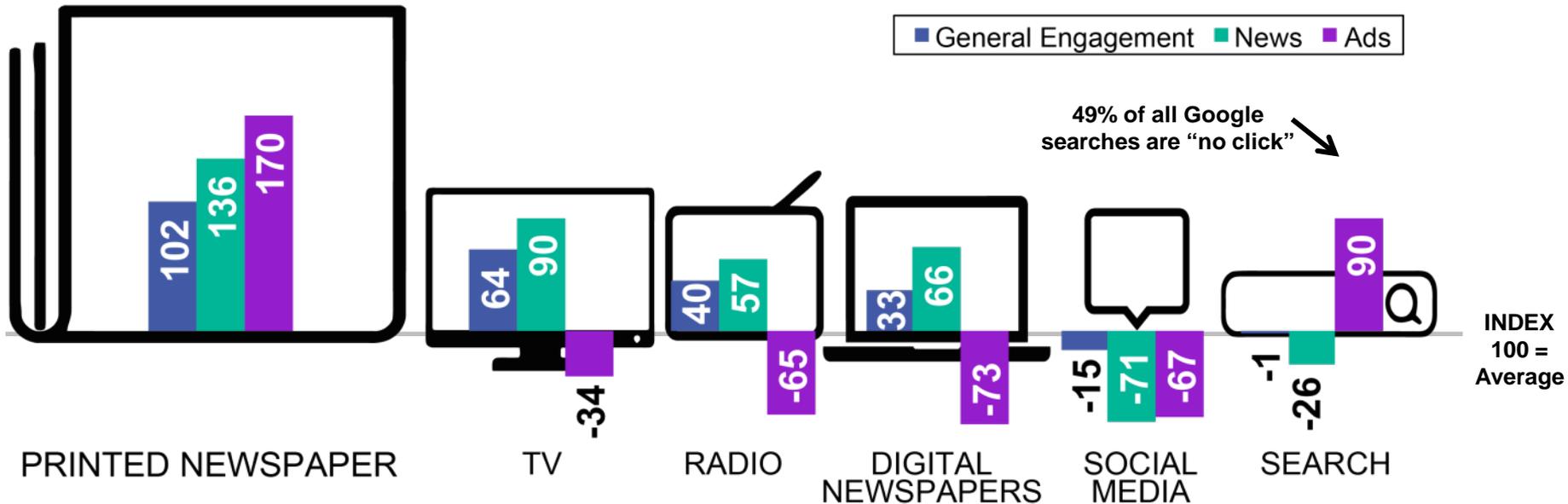


Canadian adults are engaged with **Printed Newspapers** on all engagement measures and are almost twice as likely to be engaged by newspaper ads. The only other positive engagement with advertising is with **Search** ads.

Adults 18+

Top 3 Traditional Media

Top 3 Digital Media



ADVERTISING EFFECTIVENESS: WHERE ARE ADS MOST EFFECTIVE?



Advertisers want their ads to be noticed.

Consumers actively avoid ads because they find them annoying and ads interrupt content.



**CONSUMERS
NOTICE ADS**

*"I usually notice ads
in this medium"*



**ADVERTISING
ANNOYANCE**

*"it contains
annoying ads"*



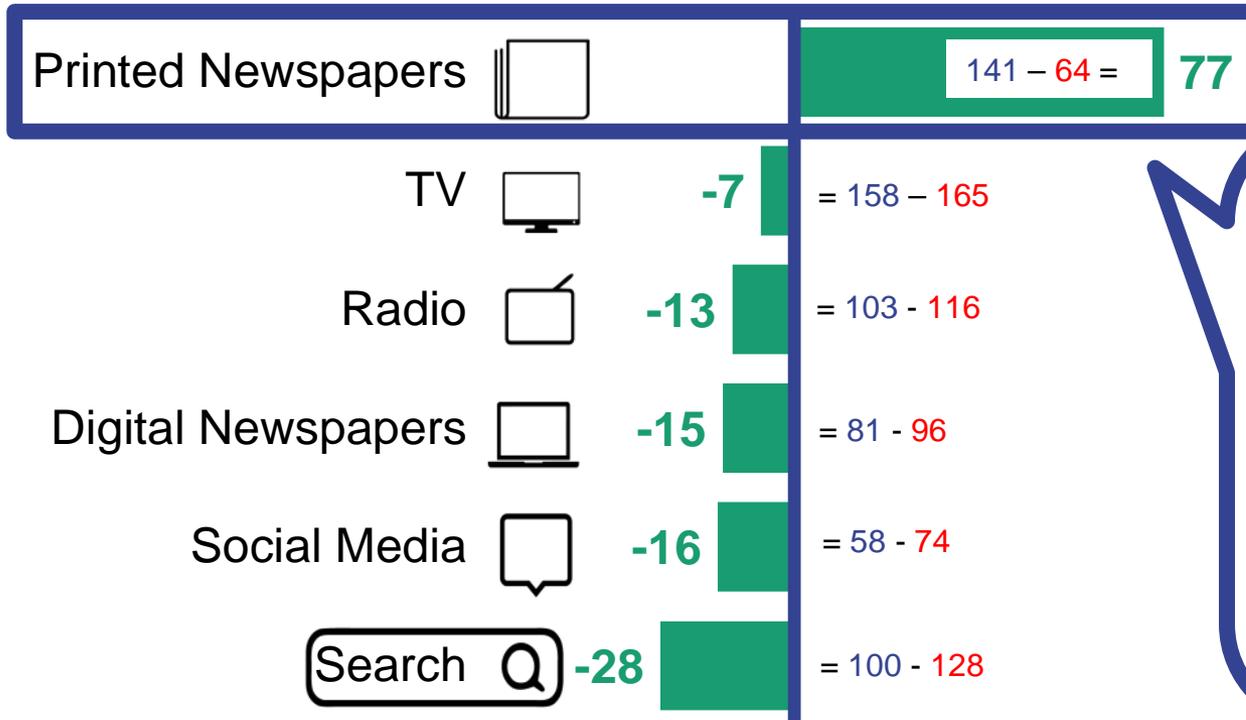
**ADVERTISING
EFFECTIVENESS
SCORE**

ADVERTISING EFFECTIVENESS: WHERE ARE ADS MOST EFFECTIVE?



 NOTICE ADS —
  ANNOYED BY ADS =
  AD EFFECTIVENESS

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Printed newspaper ads have the **highest effectiveness** score of ALL media. Readers **notice** ads and are **less annoyed** by them.

CANADIANS READ NEWS MEDIA BRANDS



News media, no matter the frequency of publication, or the platform, reach 88% of Canadians weekly.

Today, news media readers are able to consume content on digital platforms (computer, phone, tablet) as well as in the printed format.

Local news media engage readers by providing information that meets the needs of the people who live in their communities.



NEWS MEDIA ADS ARE EFFECTIVE



News media ads reach consumers in a **trusted environment**.



Newspaper readers are **engaged and receptive** to content (including ads).



Consumers **notice the ads** in newspapers.



Printed newspaper ads are the **least annoying** resulting in a higher effectiveness score.



News media **consistently out-perform** other media on engagement measures.

APPENDIX



NEWSPAPERS ENGAGE MILLENNIALS

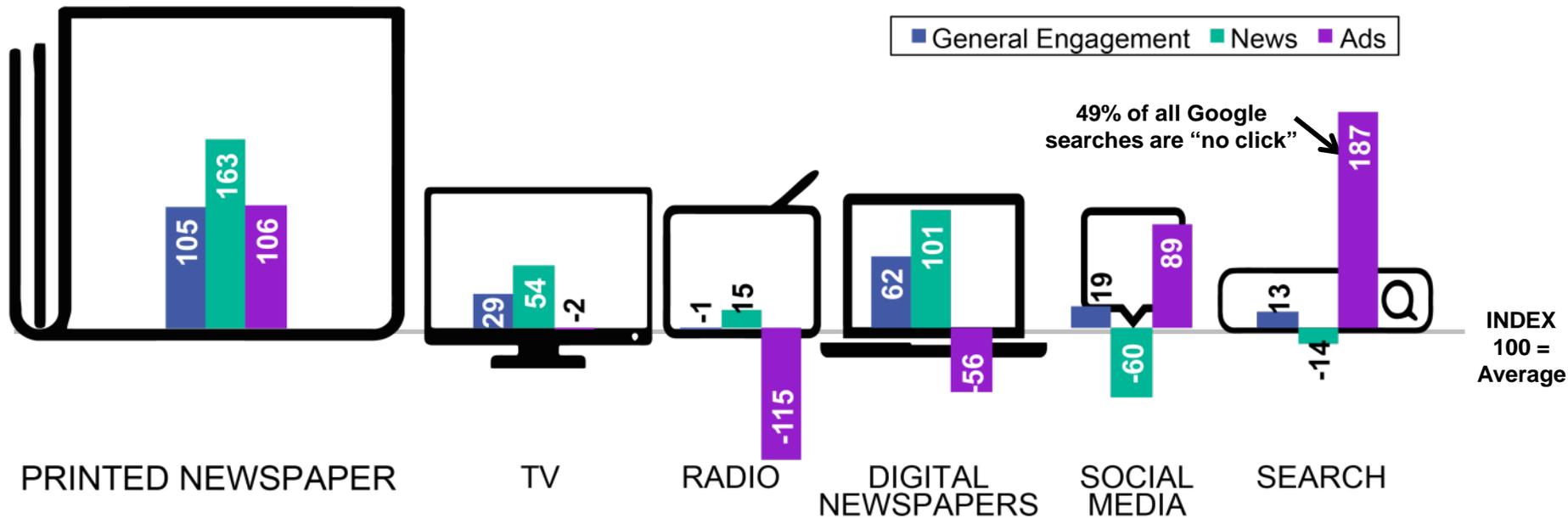


Millennials are most engaged with **Printed Newspapers** on General and News engagement measures. For Advertising, Millennials are most engaged with **Search, Printed Newspapers** and **Social Media** and least engaged with radio.

Millennials

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Top 3 Digital Media

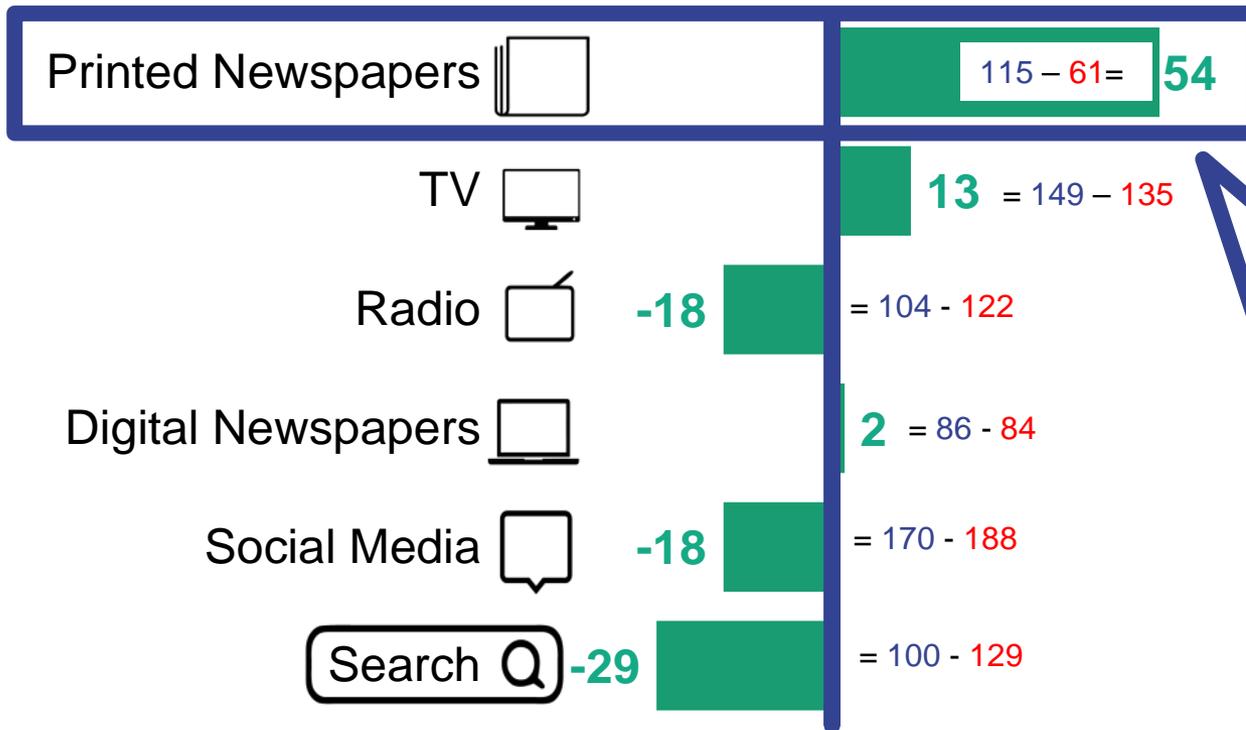


NEWSPAPERS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR MILLENNIALS



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Millennials



Even for Millennials, printed newspaper ads have the highest effectiveness score of all media. Ad blockers provide an easy way to avoid digital ads which reduces effectiveness of social media and search.

NEWSPAPERS ENGAGE BOOMERS

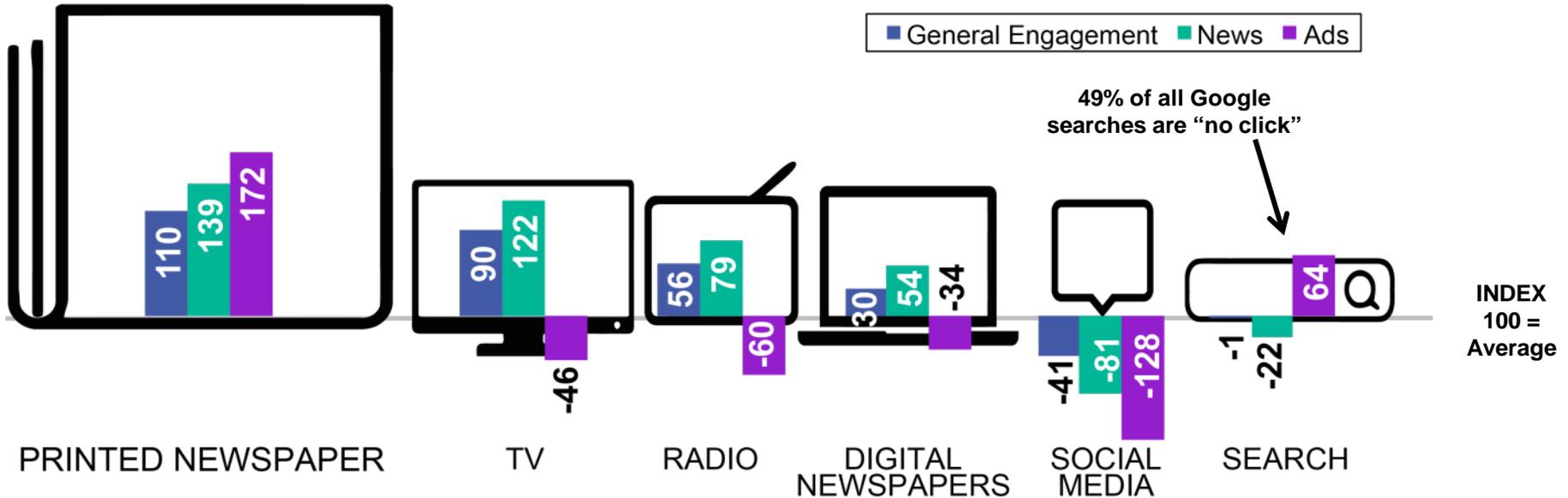


Boomers are most engaged with traditional media. Advertising in **Printed Newspapers** engages Boomers more than any other media.

Boomers

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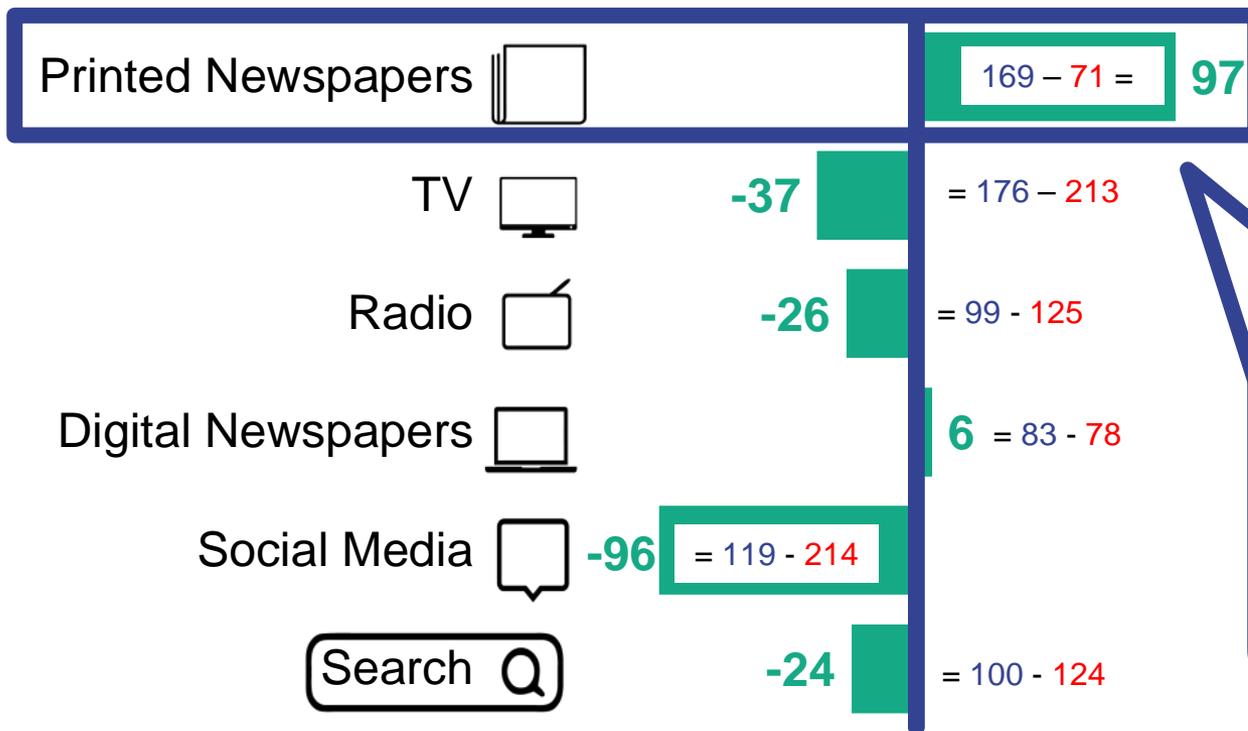


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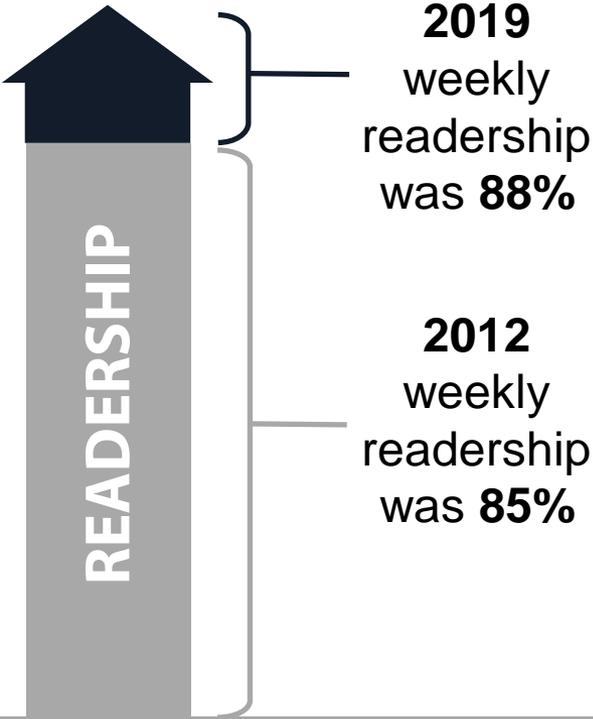


Printed and digital newspaper ads have the only positive effectiveness score for Boomers. Annoyance by ads reduces effectiveness of other media.

GROWTH IN NEWS MEDIA READERSHIP



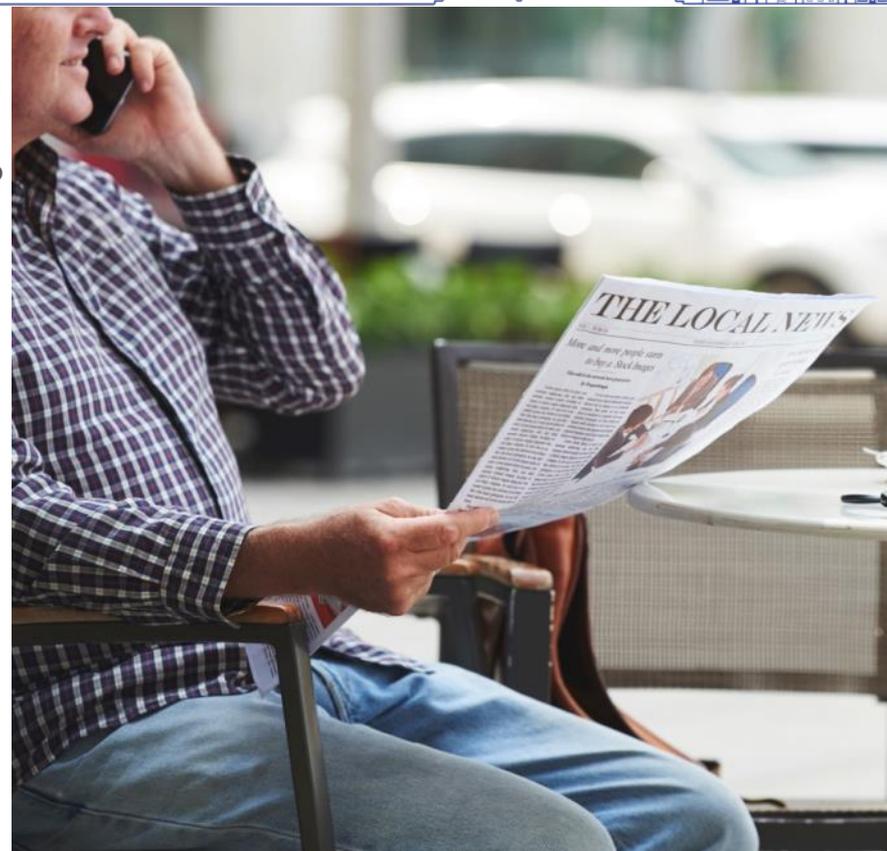
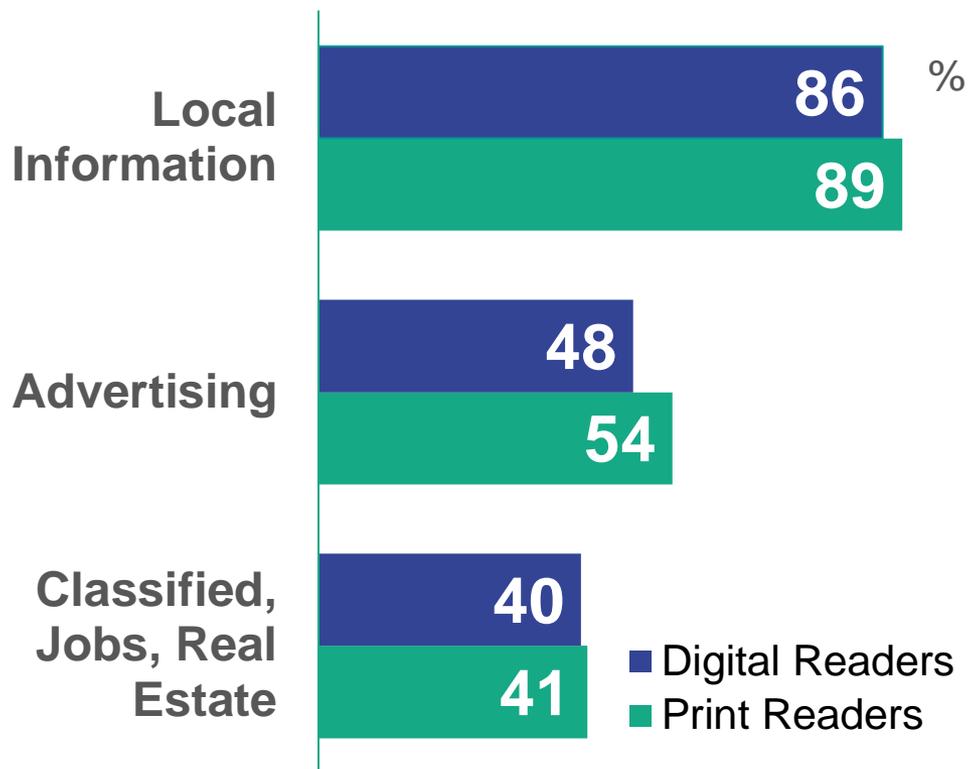
Access to digital news platforms has only increased Canadians' access to news content, and consequently more Canadians than ever are reading news media, in print or digital formats.



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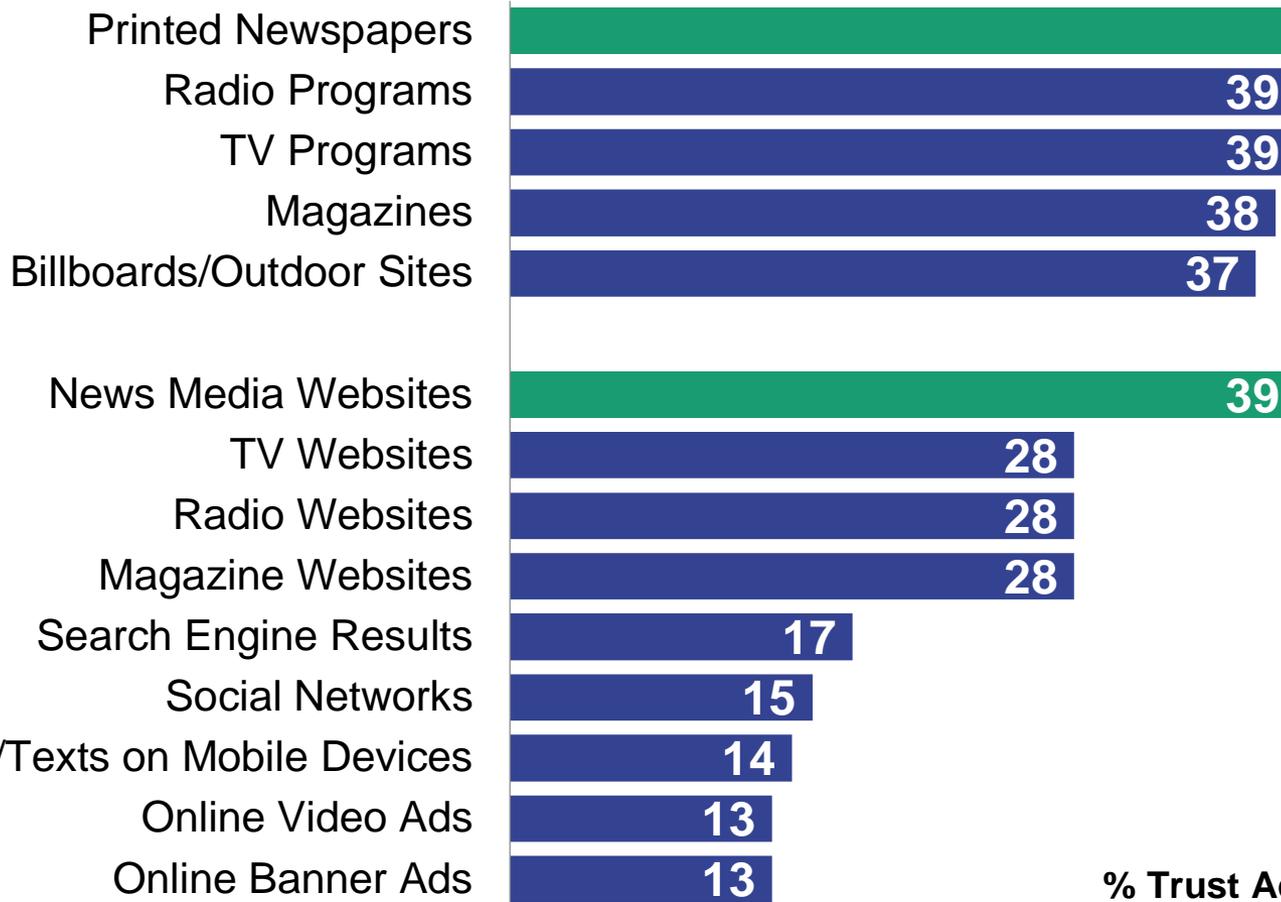


LOCAL INFORMATION IS THE MAIN REASON FOR READING COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



HALF OF READERS ALSO READ FOR THE ADVERTISING.

NEWS MEDIA ADS ARE MOST TRUSTED



Ads in **printed newspapers** are trusted more than any other format.

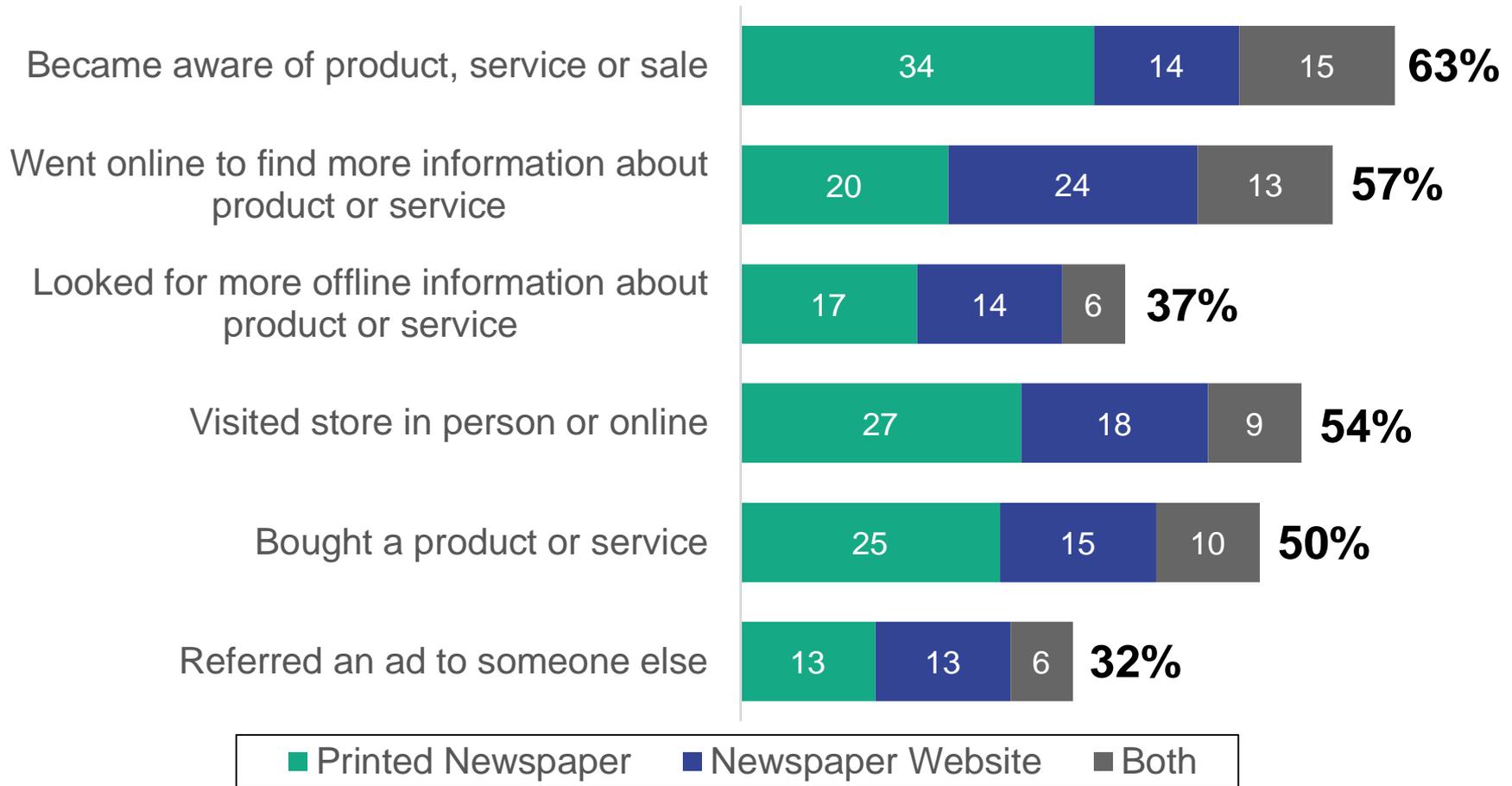
And advertising on **news media websites** is the most trusted digital format.

% Trust Ads Completely/Somewhat

NEWS MEDIA ADS INSPIRE ACTION



Actions Taken From Exposure to News Media Ads



STUDY DESIGN



- Study** 800 Canadians surveyed online by Totum Research
- Timing** February 2019 fieldwork
- Scope** National: English and French Canada
- Targets** Age, gender and regional targets were applied to ensure valid representation.
- Index** Index based on percentages of “A” rating (defined as higher than 7 out of 10) for each characteristic compared to the average for all media tested. Scores >100 are better than average, <100 are worse than average and negative scores are more than 100% worse than average.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY



16 characteristics were tested.

- General Engagement statements (7)
- News Engagement statements (5)
- Advertising Engagement statements (4)

Ten media were measured.

- Newspapers (printed/digital)
- Television (traditional/digital)
- Radio (traditional/digital)
- Magazines (printed/digital)
- Social Media
- Online Search

Ratings Methodology

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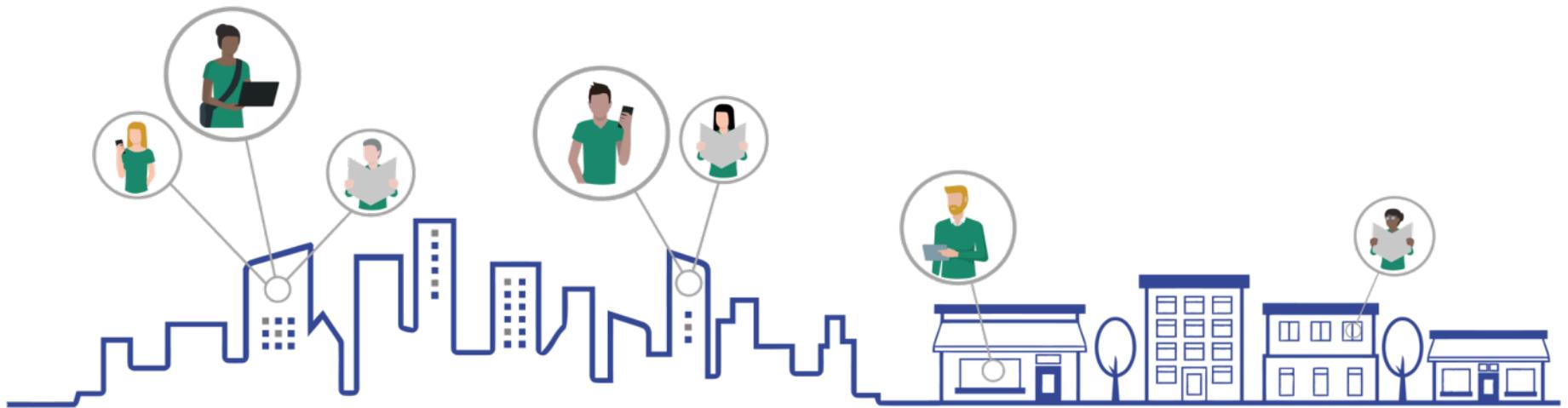
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