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| Title: | A new study shows many Australians are avoiding the news |
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| Summary: | According to a recent study conducted by the Reuters Institute at Oxford University, which surveyed consumers of news in 36 countries each year, a large number of Australians are avoiding the news. |
| Interviewee(s) | Caroline Fisher, Professor of Journalism, University of Canberra |
| Related Stories: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/media/monitor/2017/june/news-blues-over-half-of-australians-avoid-the-news |

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

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| categorize, describe | |
| crowd, large number of people or things doing the same thing | |
| desert, change sides | |
| influence that contributes to a result | |
| influence, effect | |
| lead, quality which makes something better | |
| main, chief, key | |
| main, very important | |
| mention as an example | |
| move up, down, or across a computer screen | |
| period, time | |
| unchanging, stable | |
| way of getting something | |

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| era (n) |
| label (v) |
| hold steady (adj) |
| primary source (adj) |
| have an edge (n) |
| defect from (v) |
| in droves (n) |
| access news (v) |
| one of the factors (n) |
| negative impact (n) |
| cite a reason (v) |
| key reason (adj) |
| scroll (v) |

SUMMARY

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Do you like listening to or reading the news? How much time do you normally spend consuming news? Where do you get your news from?
- What is 'fake news'? Why did fake news become an issue recently?
- Why do you think a lot of people try to avoid listening to or reading the news?
- How has the way people consume news changed over recent years? How might the habits of younger and older people differ in terms of how they get the news?
- Why might younger people be more confused about the source of the news stories they are consuming?

PRE-LISTENING

Try to complete the following exercise before you listen to the report

- An increasing number of people are getting their news from
- Fewer than half the Australians surveyed the news they have heard, seen or read.
- Which group is more likely to use traditional sources, such as TV, to get their news?
A. Younger people B. Older people
- Which group is more likely to use a much wider range of news sources?
A. Younger people B. Older people
- When it comes to news sources, brand is more important for ...
A. Younger people. B. Older people.

LISTENING

Listen to the report and check your answers

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After listening to the report, try to complete the sentences

1. Finland is the country with
2. Greece is the country with.....
3. 16% of the people surveyed said
4. A quarter of Australians said
5. Just under 40% of 18 to 24 year olds
6. According to Caroline Fisher, the main reason why more than half of Australians avoid news is because
7. Another reason was that they
8. Nearly 20% of men confessed to



CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

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6. In America, the 1960s was andefined by anti-war protests and the civil rights movement.
7. Smart phones have had a bigon people's lives and how they communicate.
8. The man found it hard to hold down ajob and was often unemployed.
9. The national team wasas under-achievers by the media after once again failing to qualify for the World Cup despite having some of the most talented footballers in the world.
10. The number of North Koreanreached its peak in 1998 and 1999 and dropped after that mainly because of stricter border patrols.
11. Thecause of lung cancer is tobacco smoking.
12. The report included a number offindings including the fact sea levels had risen faster than originally projected.
13. The woman became annoyed with her friend when he startedthrough his text messages while they were having dinner.

ANSWERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getting their news online • trust the news they have heard seen or read • Older people • Younger people • Younger people | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. highest trust in the news 2. lowest trust in the news 3. Facebook was the primary source of news 4. TV was their main news destination 5. use social media to get their news 6. because it has a negative impact on their mood 7. they didn't know whether to trust the information 8. using their smart phone on the toilet |
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11. The **primary** cause of lung cancer is tobacco smoking.
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