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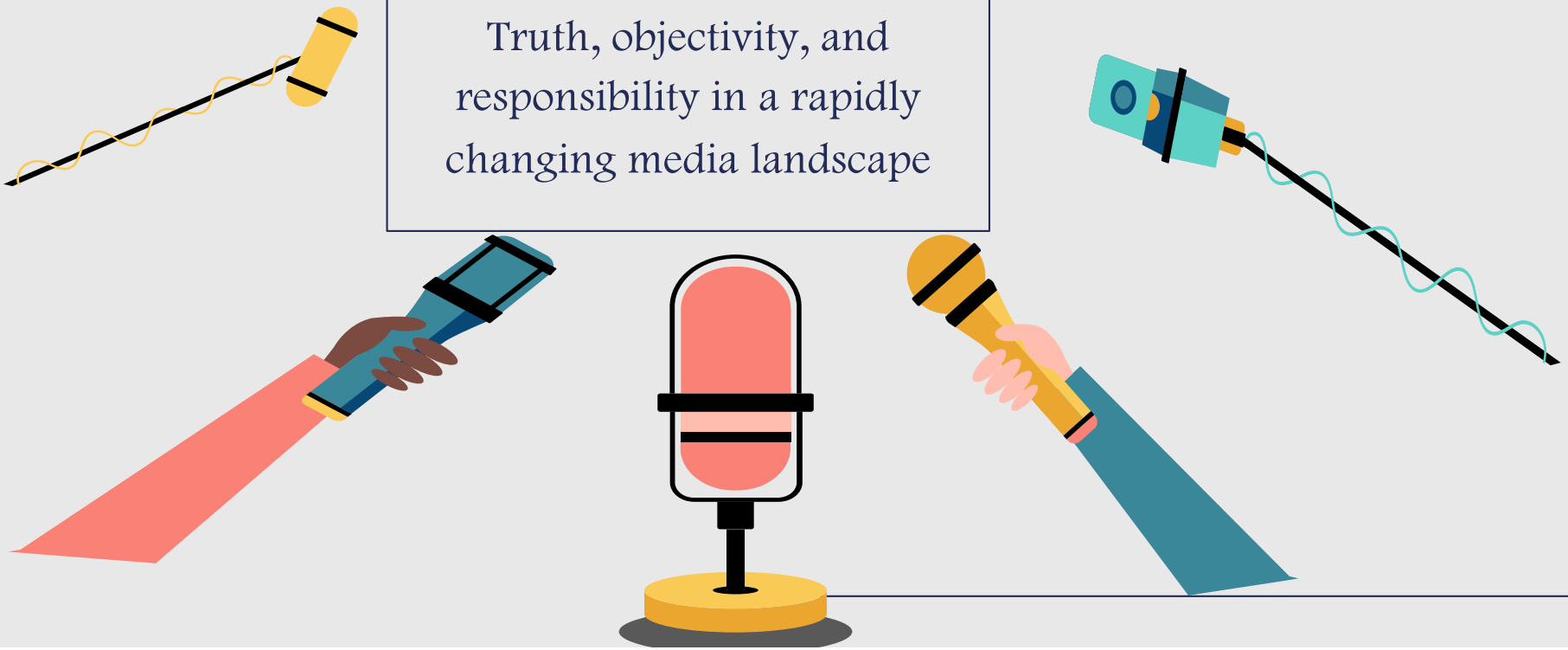
Truth, objectivity, and responsibility in a rapidly changing media landscape



Discussion Topics

Truth

Seeking Truth Rather Than Misinformation or Confirmation Bias

Listening

Resisting Outrage in Reactionary News Cycles

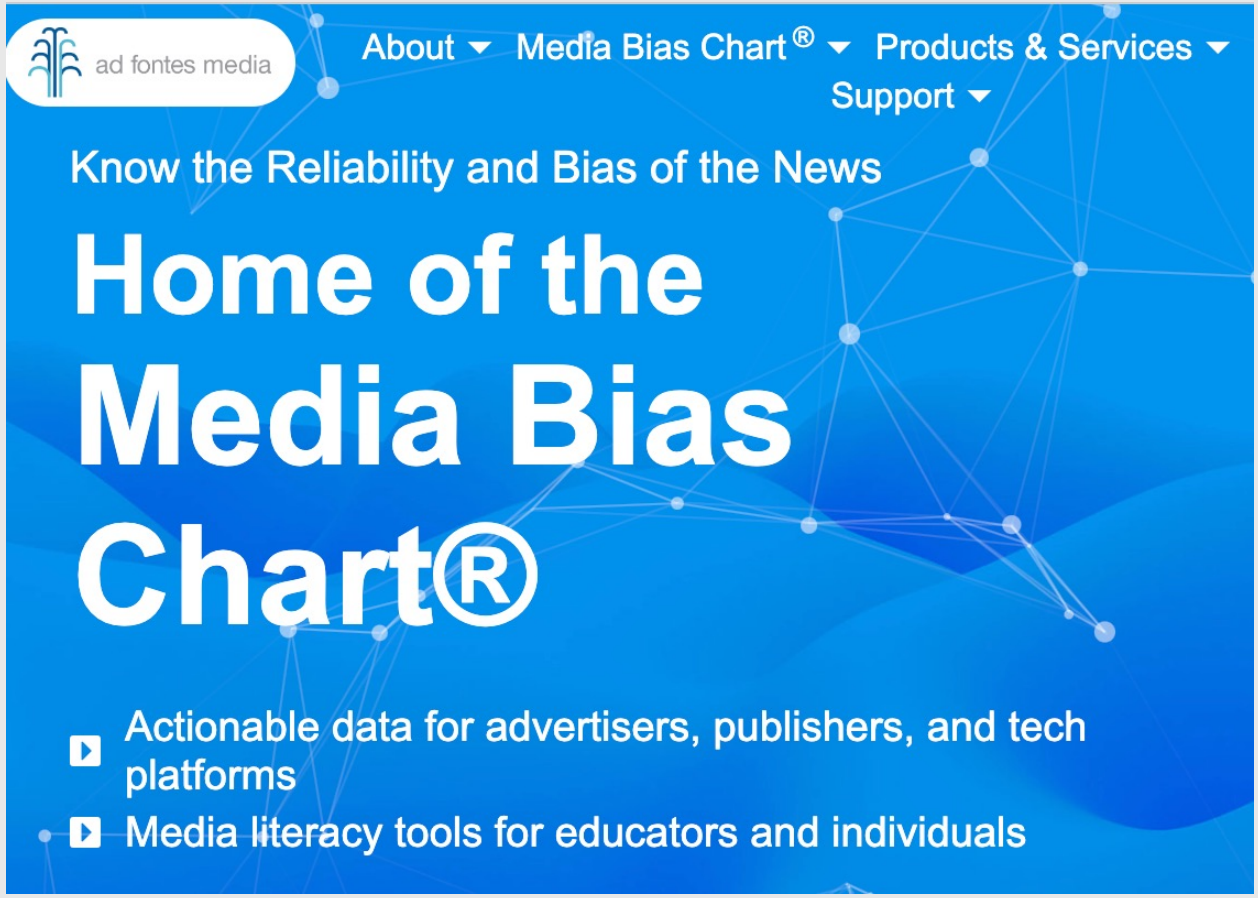
Accountability

Holding Leaders Accountable and Importance of Local News

Seeking Truth

John 8:32 – *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Proverbs 4:7 – *"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."*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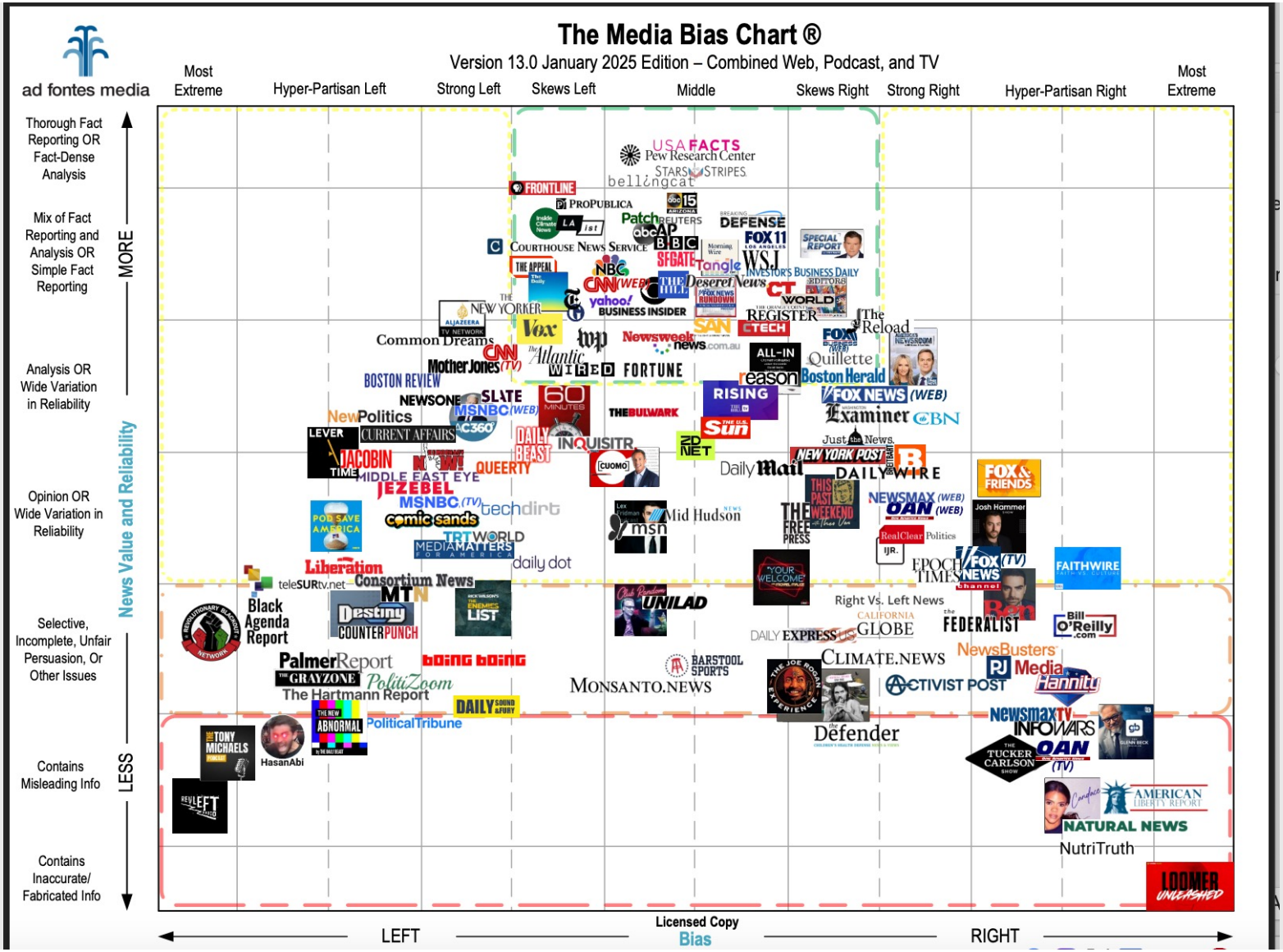
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Most Extreme
Hyper-Partisan Left
Strong Left
Skews Left
Middle
Skews Right
Strong Right
Hyper-Partisan Right
Most Extreme
Thorough Fact Reporting OR Fact-Dense Analysis
Mix of Fact Reporting and Analysis OR Simple Fact Reporting
Analysis OR Wide Variation in Reliability
Opinion OR Wide Variation in Reliability
Selective, Incomplete, Unfair Persuasion, Or Other Issues
Contains Misleading Info
Contains Inaccurate/ Fabricated Info
MORE
LESS
News Value and Reliability
LEFT
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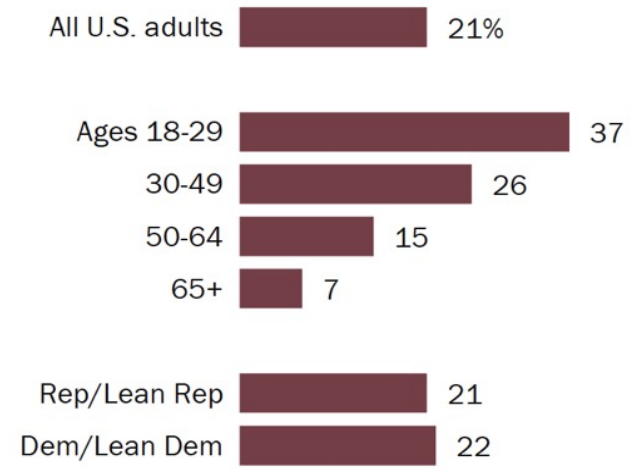
Almost 4 in 10 U.S. adults under 30 get news from news influencers

% of U.S. adults who regularly get news from news influencers on social media



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 15-Aug. 4, 2024.
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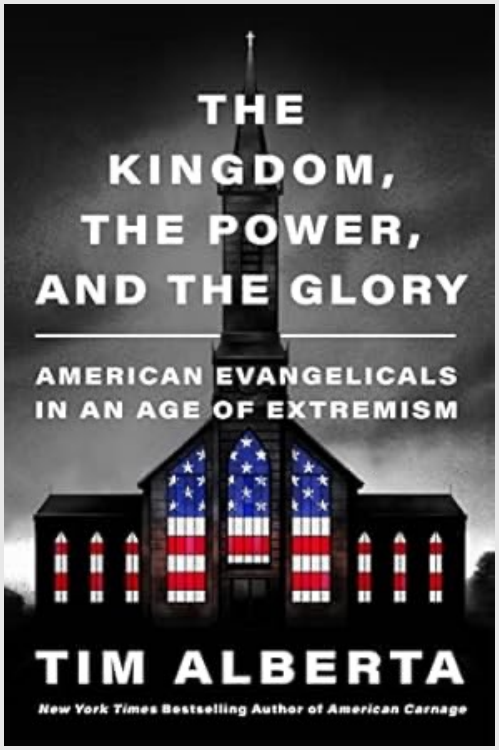
America's News Influencers

The creators and consumers in the world of news and information on social media

News influencers largely offer independent voices from outside the news media. About three-quarters of news influencers (77%) have no past or present affiliation with a news media organization, while 23% have been employed in the news industry in some way.

Resisting Outrage in Reactionary News Cycles

James 1:19-20 *“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”*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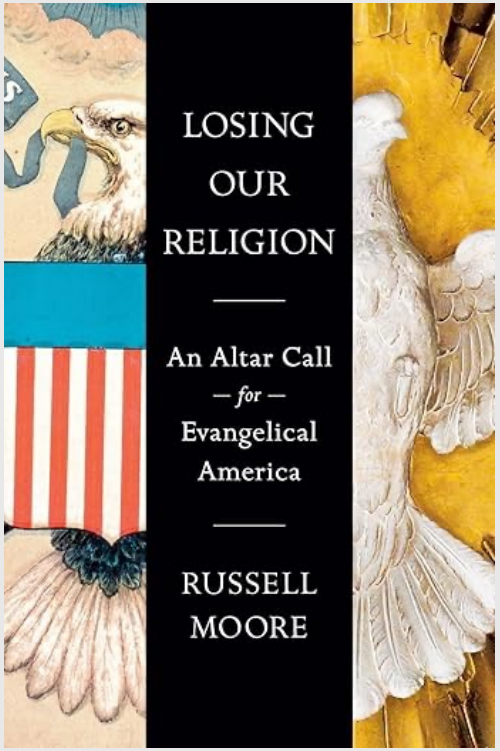
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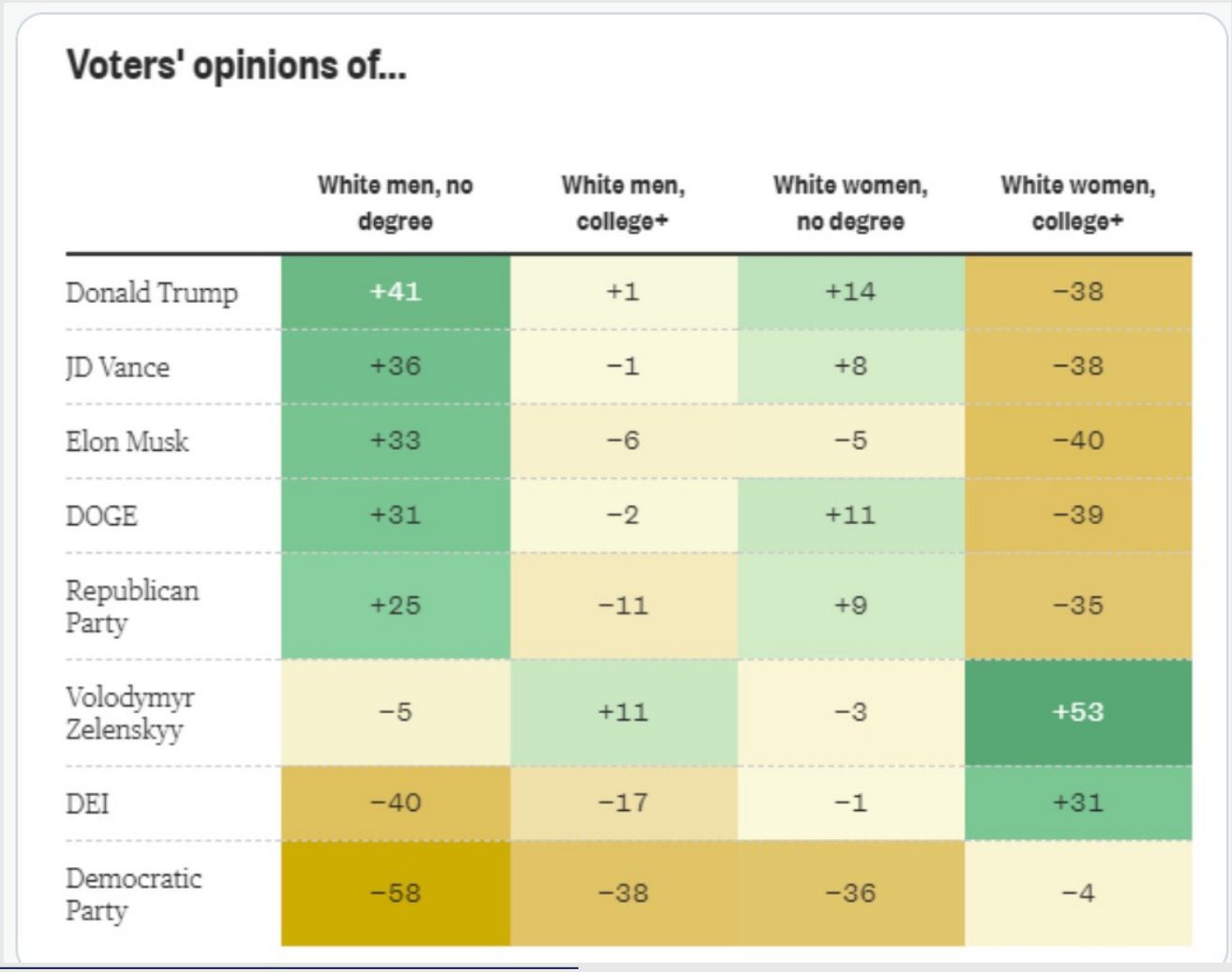
Holding Leaders Accountable

James 3:1 *Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

- Since 2004, over 2,500 newspapers have closed or merged.
- Over 70 million Americans live in a news desert
- The number of newsroom employees has declined 60 percent since 2000



Voters' opinions of...

	White men, no degree	White men, college+	White women, no degree	White women, college+
Donald Trump	+41	+1	+14	−38
JD Vance	+36	−1	+8	−38
Elon Musk	+33	−6	−5	−40
DOGE	+31	−2	+11	−39
Republican Party	+25	−11	+9	−35
Volodymyr Zelenskyy	−5	+11	−3	+53
DEI	−40	−17	−1	+31
Democratic Party	−58	−38	−36	−4

Source: NBC News Poll, March 7-11, 2005