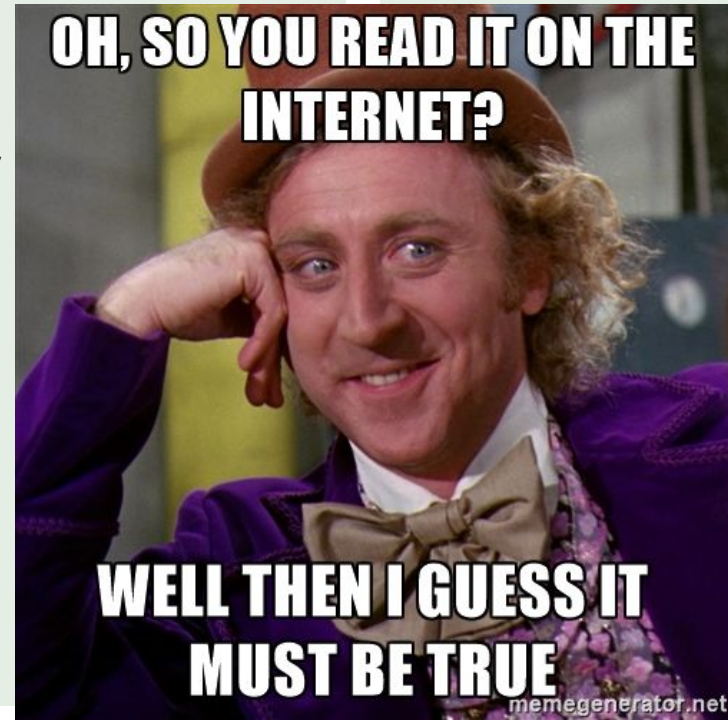


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**Lesson #15**

**Date: 4/10**



**Learning Target: I will evaluate the role of social media in reporting news.**

# Warm Up

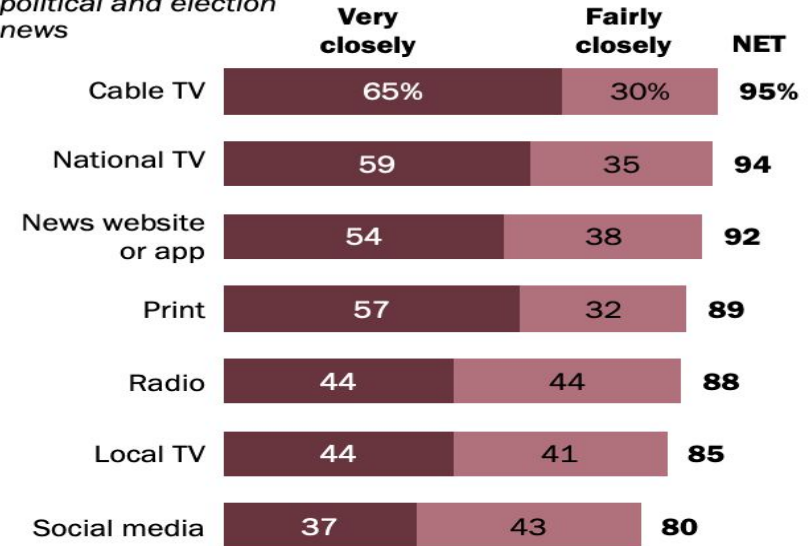
Review the graph on social media and coronavirus news and be prepared to answer the following questions.

1. What news source is the highest viewed for coronavirus news? Which is the lowest?
2. What surprised you?
3. What could explain social media being the lowest source of viewed news on coronavirus?

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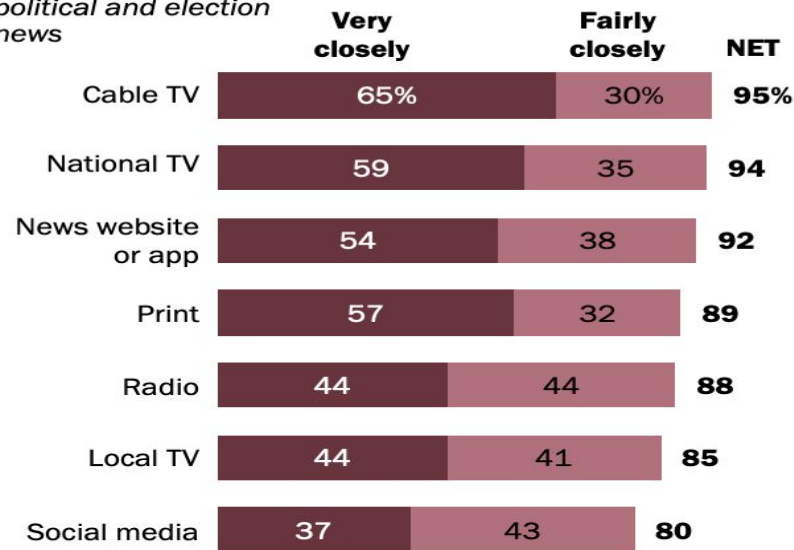
# Wrap Up Answers

1. Cable TV (CNN/FOX NEWS/MSNBC) is leading U.S. Adults to receive news on coronavirus, followed by National TV (NBC/ABC/CBS).
2. Are adults not trusting social media anymore due of “fake news?” Do they not care as much? Remember, first reports on coronavirus lead many to believe younger generations would not be harmed.

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# Lesson Activity

In this lessons, you will watch the video from CNN detailing health care workers using social media to document the coronavirus. As you watch, answer these three questions on the same sheet of paper from the warm up activity.

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<https://www.cnn.com/videos/business/2020/03/29/doctors-nurses-are-alerting-the-public-through-social-media.cnn/video/playlists/business-reliable-sources/>

# Practice Answers

1. What is an advantage and disadvantage of hospitals not sharing pictures/videos/insight into their battle to treat coronavirus?
  - a. Advantages => protect patient's privacy and rights, quell hysteria and panic
  - b. Disadvantages => hide problems, suspiciously quiet
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  - a. Documenting crisis issues and trying to bring change through outrage
3. The term "whistleblower" was used to identify healthcare workers who are posting on their social media. After watching the video, how would you define a whistleblower?
  - a. Someone who informs on their own organization/hospital and brings information on problem.
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  - a. Yes => They're on the front lines and are witnessing the problems with overcrowding
  - b. No => Could be biased and only documenting few problems.

# Reflection

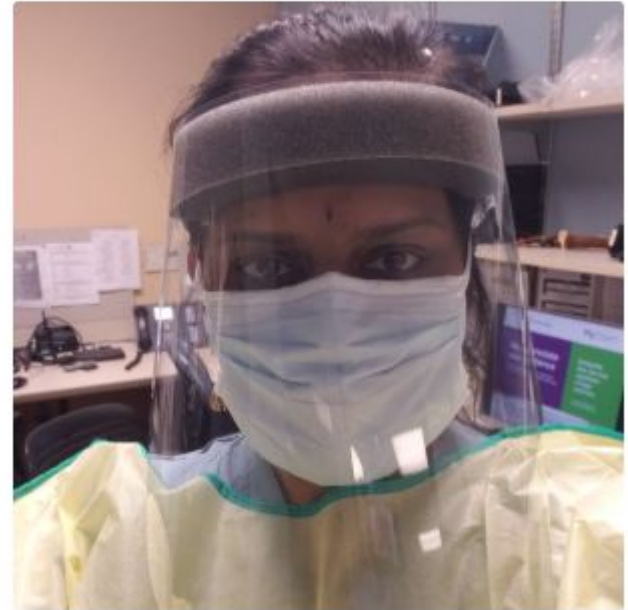
1. Is this tweet a credible piece of news?
  - a. What is the message?
  - b. What is the goal of the post?
  - c. How can social media be used by the news to produce change?



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@SenGaryPeters

Reusing the same mask all day, so I had covid all over my neck (we clean the shield & reuse - it's the only one I get). We're running out of sanitizer wipes for our shields, so people saying we may need to go to soap/water.



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