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Questions?







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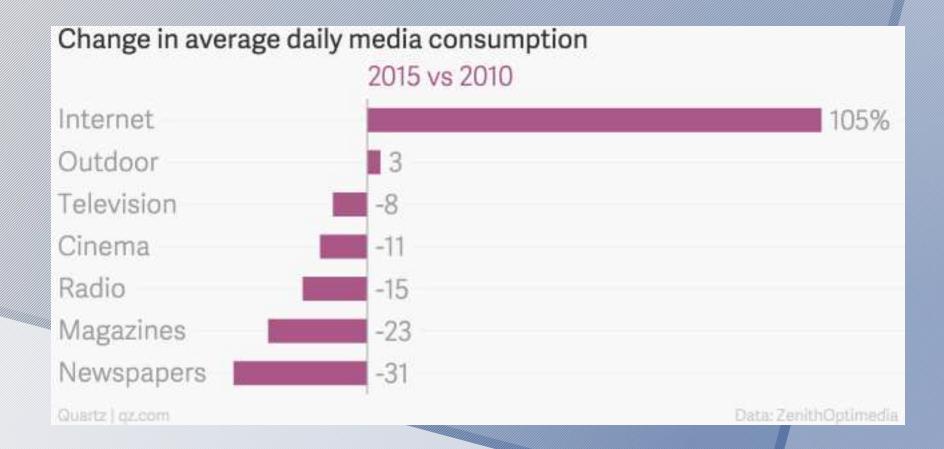
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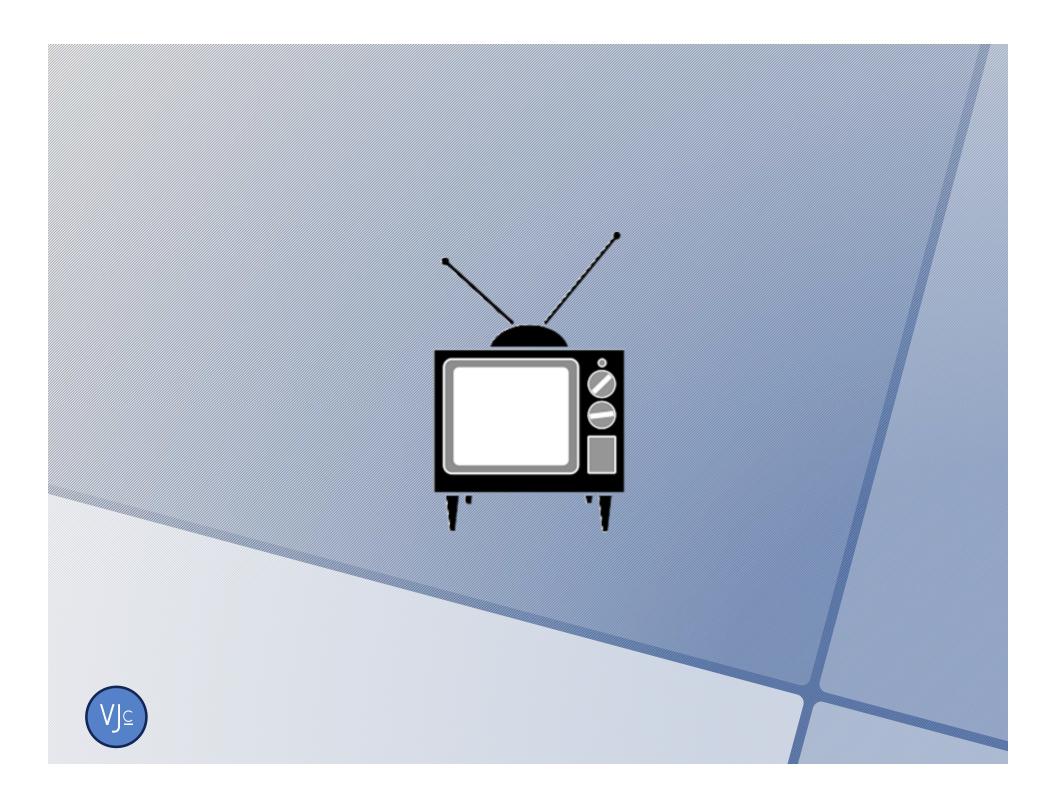














What does this mean?

Opportunities to:

- 1. Deploy more platforms.
- 2. Directly connect with your audience(s).
- 3. Segment your audience(s).
- 4. Screw up.
- 5. Stick your head in the sand.



Goal Setting

- 1. Identifying your audience(s).
- 2. Identifying your best message(s).
- 3. Choosing the best medium/media.
- 4. Take control of your message.



Step #1: Identifying Your Audience(s)

- Demographics
- Geography
- Media habits/tendencies



Step #2: Identifying Your Best Message(s)

- Message(s) must resonate with your audience(s).
- Fit with your medium/media choice(s).

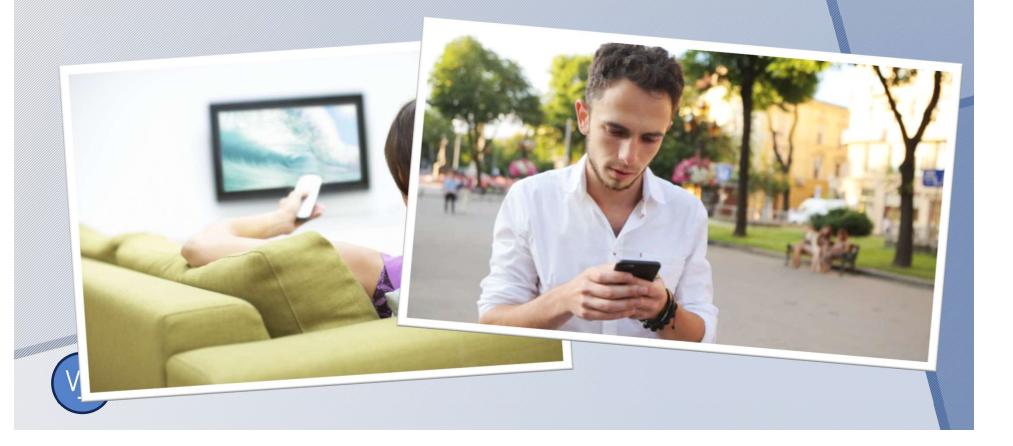
Meet your strategic goals.





Step #3: Choosing the Best Medium/Media

- Where are their eyes?
- Where are their ears?



Step #4: Take Control of **Your**Message

- Directly connect with your audience(s).
- Use the tools available to you.
- Develop a proactive calendar.
- Build relationships with your citizens.



The 4 C's of Basic Messaging

- Clear/Concise
- Contrasting
- Consistent
- Contextual



Review

- Fracturing media means more opportunities to succeed...and screw up. Be careful!
- Set goals:
 - 1. Identify **your** audience(s).
 - 2. Identify your best message(s).
 - 3. Choose the best medium/media.
 - 4. Take control of your message.
- 4 C's of messaging: <u>C</u>lear/Concise,
 <u>C</u>ontrasting, <u>C</u>onsistent, <u>C</u>ontextual



Part 2: Interacting With the Media



Responding to Media Inquiries If it is a positive question:

- 1. Thank/acknowledge the questioner.
- 2. Repeat the question.
- 3. Answer in clear terms.
- 4. Stop talking.



Responding to Media Inquiries If it is a hostile question:

- 1. Listen to the question.
- 2. Thank/acknowledge the questioner
- 3. Bridge with a positive statement or restate the problem.
- 4. Speak on your message on your frame.
- 5. Stop talking.



1. Listen to the Question





2. Thank/Acknowledge Questioner

- "Thank you. I am so glad you brought this up."
- "That's a great question and thanks for asking it."
- "Thank for you for bringing up this very important issue."



3. Positive Bridging

- "What's really important here..."
- "It is critical to remember..."
- "What concerns me is..."
- "We must remember..."



4. Speak on **Your** Message

- Remember the 4 C's.
- Be strategic.
- Be mindful of your objectives.



5. Stop Talking

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Part 3: How it Works



Some Examples

FLC:

- Homestead Exemption
- Home Rule

Local:

- A police shooting.
- A hazardous spill.
- Corruption charges of a commissioner.
- A hostile firing of a city manager.



Part 4: Now It's Your Turn



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