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Tune In: Radio

It's never too late to start your New Year's resolutions! This article from Radio Ink highlights several that could make a huge impact for your organization. Aim to enhance the listening experience for the audience, make it better without compromise. Complaining is out; adapting, adjusting, and bringing solutions is in. **Above all, rediscover the joy in media involvement**! [Radio Ink]

Edison Research's Share of Ear study revealed that in 2023, U.S. **listeners spent an average of four hours and 11 minutes daily on audio content**, despite competition from video and changing entertainment habits. Let this be an encouragement to continue to invest in audio! [Edison Research]

Some good news for radio from Fred Jacobs: **AM/FM radio continues to be resilient against digital competition** and holds its ground far better than other media facing storms. The key to withstanding changes? Prioritize personality, local service, and community engagement. [Jacobs Media]

More people are heading back to their daily commutes, and the audiences for outdoor media, including billboards, digital signs, AM/FM radio, and SiriusXM, have gone back to pre-pandemic levels. Recent surveys indicate that 94% of regular Americans are now commuting to work, up from 87% last year. [Inside Radio]

Radio and Technology

Around 72% of radio listeners find technology beneficial but 64% worry about privacy with smart devices and 80% of listeners want transparent data usage. **Be mindful of these concerns and focus on trust and building awareness** to stand out as a valued and personal medium. [Radio Matters] Despite the occasional prediction that mobile apps will fade away, it seems as though they and smartphones are here to stay. Accepting the shift to a digital world, and encouraging app usage is the best way to make sure that your organization stays relevant in the minds of your listeners.

[Jacobs Media]

Marketing Matters

Do You Copy?

Recognizing mediocre copy is easy. Why? Because ineffective copy lacks readability, influence and calls to action. This article outlines **11 expert tips on how to write effective copy**.

<u>High Five!</u>

Media trends are always changing and so should your strategies. Check out these five key trends to consider in marketing and promotional efforts for the year 2024.



For Christian teaching and talk, *radio is #1*.

[Harker Bos Group Christian Teaching and Talk 2023 Listener survey for Salem Media]



Want to **up your social media game in 2024**? Brush up on the basics and keep your focus on the things that really get people engaged on social media. Check out these do's and don'ts for your strategy. [Up Your Game]

Social media algorithms, including those on LinkedIn, now consider everything in a post – text, pictures, your history – not just hashtags. While relevant hashtags can still be helpful for post visibility, it's unclear if adding them is necessary for your LinkedIn account. [#HashtagOrNotToHashtag?]

Your LinkedIn page serves as the digital face of your organization, allowing your listeners to familiarize themselves with who your company is as a whole. This guide provides insights into the effective creation and utilization of LinkedIn company pages. [Lookin' Good]