Subject: Talk Radio
Posted by Elerie90 on Tue, 27 Mar 2018 18:37:34 GMT
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How popular is talk radio with most people these days? The people I know that listen to it listen exclusively to NPR. What about you all? Do you listen to any other talk radio programs?

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Ouroboros on Wed, 28 Mar 2018 02:32:32 GMT
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I never listen to talk radio. I used to occasionally listen to certain segments (on NPR, of course). Well, I still listen to "A Way with Words" on their podcast. Does that count?

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 28 Mar 2018 14:09:41 GMT
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I listen to talk radio but never to NPR. There are a lot of other shows that discuss a variety of things like DIY home repair, gardening, finances, politics, religion and even the paranormal.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Quest01 on Tue, 03 Apr 2018 18:14:13 GMT
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I'm with Wayne. I listen to talk radio, but never NPR. I listen to it most days when I'm commuting to work. Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of local stations with great talk shows. I've always told myself that it'd be cool to start one myself, but I doubt it will ever happen.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Strum Drum on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 17:16:50 GMT
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I enjoy listening to NPR, but I mostly tune into my local station for quick news updates and plain old gossip. It's become more useful than the local news station and newspaper. Do you all have something like that?

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by lush on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 19:09:35 GMT
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I haven't really come across any local stations like that in my area, Strum Drum. I could also be scanning through stations at the wrong time. I should probably look into that. As far as talk radio goes, I listen to the morning shows on regular music stations during my commute to work. I don't know if they count. They're hardly high-brow.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 21:58:57 GMT
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I never listen to it. It is nearly always biased toward one point or another. I much prefer factual information from which I will draw my own conclusions. This relates to the current issue with Sinclair stations. I am appalled by the concept of them using their network to force announcers to push what IMO amounts to the very thing they claim that other stations are doing. Bashing others for their content while ignoring the fact that they are doing exactly the same thing. I can't say if the other stations are factual or not, but having one network insisting that all others aren't is clearly in error. Cut out the name calling and let folks decide for themselves what is real and not. They may make good or bad choices ...but it is their call. I am fearful of the direction this seems to be taking...it reminds me of some historical events that I don't think we need to repeat. Sorry for the diatribe...this topic gets to me.

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Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Khanman on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 04:28:33 GMT
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I'm appalled by everything that's going on with Sinclair right now. For one, if you're a news source and you claim that you're unbiased by attacking other news sources, that doesn't scream "We have no agenda!" to me. Secondly, is there even such a thing as an unbiased news source? What

company doesn't find out who their audience is and start creating more products that appeal to them? It's sad that we can't just read/hear the news anymore. Everything's an editorial now. Don't tell me what to think. Tell me what's going on and let me think for myself.

As for the original question, no, I don't really listen to talk radio unless absolutely nothing else is on.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Jungle on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 05:47:41 GMT
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I didn't even know there was anything going on with Sinclair stations until I read this. I guess I'm pretty out of the loop. That all sounds really cruddy. I hate it when people claim to be the only truth-tellers. Rarely, if ever, is that the case. Has there ever been such a thing as unbiased news?

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by EParkes on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 18:10:05 GMT
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I listen to talk radio every now and again. Sometimes I listen to NPR, sometimes I listen to other stations. It just depends on my mood and the time of day.

The Sinclair shenanigans are cringe-worthy, but unsurprising in this "fake news" world. All these stations/networks are all basically a bunch of Holden Caulfields running around calling everyone else a "phony" while they unwittingly play the role of the hypocrite.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Elerie90 on Sat, 07 Apr 2018 17:44:47 GMT
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It sounds like more people listen to talk radio than I thought! Wayne, you are one of the few people I know that listen to talk radio and not NPR.

I didn't know about the stuff going down with Sinclair stations. They're sure full of themselves, aren't they? I feel like the answer is going to be something I should know, but which historical events are you talking about, Bruce?

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 07 Apr 2018 21:09:00 GMT
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Hi, Any time a group tries to control the media to influence what "news" is heard by a large

segment of the population it reminds me of Germany in the 1930-1940s and Russia even now. I am not confortable with the direction this seems to be heading.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by audiophil2 on Wed, 09 May 2018 18:47:08 GMT
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I used to listen to talk radio but after a while, the hosts would say the same thing, only using different words. The repetition got to me so I no longer tune it.

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Floyd on Fri, 06 Jul 2018 21:57:32 GMT
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If I want to listen to talk radio, then I listen to BBC Radio 4 (I am in the UK, by the way). Radio 4 is really good for news and analysis, and does some good interviews with politicians and the like.

They also have some good comedy such as "I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue", "Just A Minute" and "Dead Ringers". They even do a News Quiz!

Subject: Re: Talk Radio
Posted by Rusty on Tue, 10 Jul 2018 15:24:17 GMT
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Yes, talk radio, particularly the syndicated kind seems to be merely propaganda for political extremism. Branching out to other media as well. Follow the money is the normal realization.

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Posted by JazzHog on Mon, 16 Jul 2018 21:48:00 GMT
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Yes, I listen to Radio 4 pretty much every day, off and on. I agree that it is good for news and a bit of comedy, but also it can be pretty glum.

Once I have got the news from Radio 4 (early morning), then I tend to move on to some of the

music stations, like Radio 1, Radio 2, and some of the Absolute Radio stations.