# Radio's Socio-Economic Impact 

(COMMENT: THE DATA BELOW CONFIRMS THE FINDING OF THE 2009 NIELSEN/CRE STUDY THAT SHOWED THAT RADIO USE WAS HIGHER AMONG THOSE WITH MORE EDUCATION AND HIGHER INCOMES, WHEREAS THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE OF TV. RADIO IS ALSO STRONG WITH THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AS THOSE EMPLOYED TYPICALLY DRIVE AND LISTEN AT WORK WHICH LEADS TO MORE RADIO CONSUMPTION)

Radio Usage is Diversified Among Socioeconomic Backgrounds


## Nearly Everyone Uses Radio. In Real Time. Every Week.

Radio reaches over $92 \%$ of virtually every segment of the population. That that has been true year after year and remains true today.


Source: RADAR December 2011

The Nielsen CRE study also shows that broadcast radio retains its unparalleled balance within all socioeconomic segments of the U.S. population. Compare radio's profile vs. television's profile. There are huge disparities between the two. Heavy consumers of TV tend to be less educated and lower income. Radio's profile is virtually the complete opposite. In spite of this study being several years old there is zero reason to believe that the profile of the mediums would change.



Compare TV's profile above to Radio's below


TV's typical viewer is clearly less educated with a lower household income than radio's listener. Individuals with a high school education or less spend significantly more time with TV than any other medium. TV dominates their media day with viewing clocking in at 7.4 hours, almost two full hours more per day than the average and accounting for an amazing 80 percent of their daily media consumption.

The college-educated, however, are much more audio-centric, tuning into broadcast radio for close to two hours a day while viewing almost three hours a day less television than the less-educated viewer. Those with advanced degrees are also fans of radio, with $84 \%$ tuning in daily while viewing nearly three and half hours less of television per day than those with a high school education or less. Those working full time spend almost as much time with radio daily as they do with TV!

The media habits of various income levels also vary dramatically. Households with annual income below $\$ 30,000$ consume less audio and are lighter than average broadcast radio consumers with only 62 percent tuning to broadcast radio daily. Their use of satellite radio, other digital audio options and the Internet is also far below average. But their devotion to television is extraordinary at 478 minutes, or 8 hours, a day.

Meanwhile, households with annual incomes above \$100,000 are heavy consumers of audio, listening about 30 minutes more per day with fully 84 percent tuning to broadcast radio daily. Households with incomes above $\$ 100,000$ spend about the same amount of time with audio as with television-210 minutes with audio compared to 224 minutes with television.

While the upscale individuals increased their use of other digital forms of audio, it's not at the expense of radio. It's a completely different story for television, with high-income households viewing close to 2 hours less television per day than the average household; and 4 1/4 hours less than households with annual income of $\$ 30,000$ or less. This upscale segment also shuns newspapers, spending 25 percent less time with the paper on a typical day.

Employment also plays a key role in media consumption. The employed tend to consume more audio and radio than the norm, are more likely to be online and less likely to read a newspaper. Those who are unemployed, retired or students are extremely televisioncentric and lighter than average consumers of radio and audio. Similar to low-income households, they spend 90 minutes more per day with television ( 7 hrs ) than the average individual, and are onethird less likely to use the Internet. This segment is also 29\% more likely to read a daily newspaper.

