# ARTICLE PAGES

Benchmark



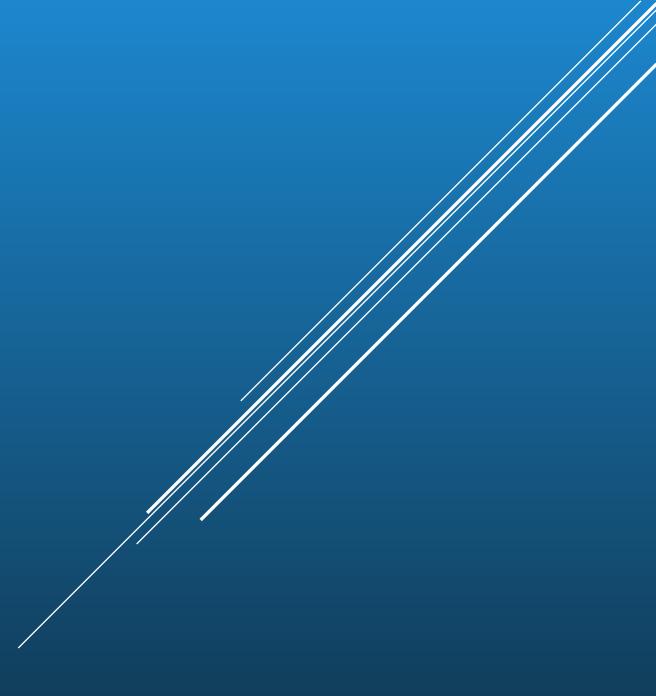
## OBJECTIVES



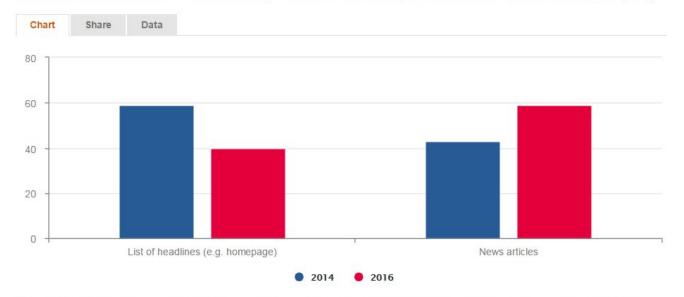
## REQUESTS

- → **Top** article organization : Title first ? Video ?
- → Optimize **social**'s buttons
- → Newsletter access (if possible at the top 20% of the page)
- → Optimize recirculation (tags, related, most viewed etc..). Personnalized ?
- → Examine infinite scroll

# ANALYSIS

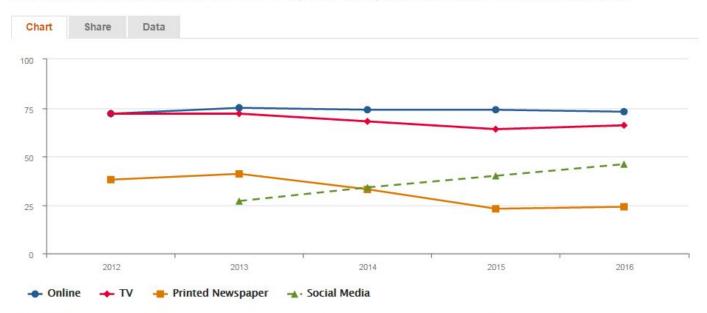


#### HOMEPAGES AND OTHER NEWS LISTS HAVE BECOME LESS IMPORTANT (UK)



Q11. Thinking of the way you looked at news online (via any device) in the last week, which of the following ways of consuming news did you use? Base: Total 2014/2016 sample

## SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS



#### SOURCES OF NEWS 2012-16 - TV, ONLINE, AND PRINT + SOCIAL MEDIA

51%

say they use social media as a source of news each week

59%

Of the links shared on Twitter are left unread

Q3. Which, if any, of the following have you used in the last week as a source of news? *Base:*, US: 845/2028/2197/2295/2197

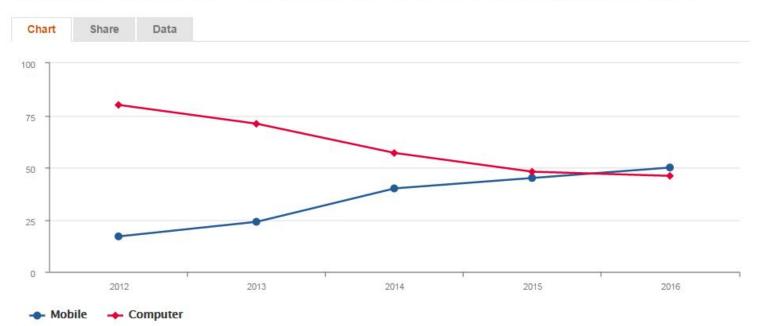
Note: 2014 data has been estimated because of an issue with randomisation of news sources in the questionnaire.

http://www.digitalnewsreport.org/survey/2016/overview-key-findings-2016/

http://www.slate.fr/story/119811/reseaux-sociaux-lisent-titre

## MOBILE USE

#### CHANGING DEVICE USE IN UK 2012-16 - RISE OF MOBILE (MAIN SOURCE)



QUK8b6\_5. You've said you use the following devices to access news in the last week, which is your MAIN way of accessing online news?

Base: All in 2013-2016 who used a digital device to access news in the last week: UK = 1638/1598/1795/1691 Note: Mobile refers to combined figures for tablet and smartphone.

70%

**BBC** reporting that around 70% of traffic now comes from mobile devices.



# 78%

Of the users say they still mostly rely on the text, and not on the video

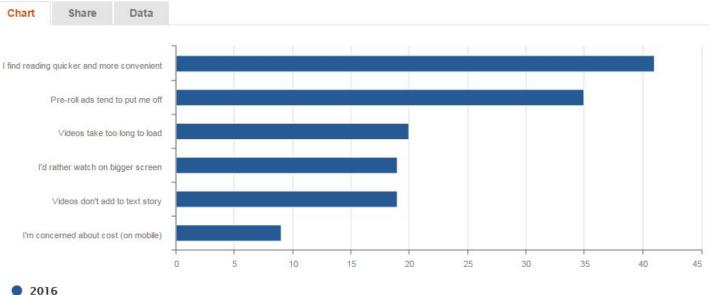
WHY?

41% 35% Because it's quicker and more

convenient

Because of the annoyance of pre-roll advertisments

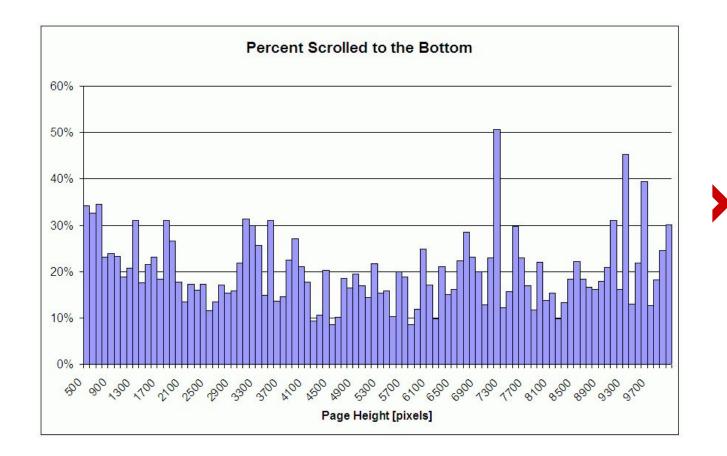
#### MAIN BARRIERS TO USING NEWS VIDEO (ALL COUNTRIES)



Q11ai. You said that you don't usually watch news videos online. Why not?

Base: All who did not watch an online news video in the last week: All countries = 40582

## SCROLLING



Visitors are equally **likely** to scan the entire page **no matter the page size**.

Https://www.Clicktale.Com/academy/blog/clicktale-scrolling-research-report-v20-part-1-visibility-and-scroll-reach/

## **INFINITE SCROLLING**

#### PROS

better chance of **retaining** the user, next article easier to acces especially on mobile

The reading style/**habit** of the user will likely be compatible with Infinite Scroll.

More page views

#### CONS

can cause page **performance and referencing issues**, if you're loading more and more content into memory.

> see

https://www.seolius.com/dossiers/20150303-272-scroll-infini-les-r ecommandations-de-google

trying to **return** to the same point on the originating page is very often a **frustrating experience** 

The **footer disappears** > frustrating. Or sticky but but that gobbles up screen space

Analytics will be much more difficult to implement.

The user can't choose the next article > More passive than engaging

https://www.sitepoint.com/ux-infinite-scroll-good-bad-maybe/



#### **NBC News**

After the **redesign of NBC News** to infinite scroll, **mobile page views** in June were up 130%

over the previous 12-month average, according to an NBC News spokesperson.

Article pages transition into related stories, not top stories.

On average, NBC News readers on desktop and mobile are seeing nearly 20% more pages per visit than before the site's February redesign.

https://www.poynter.org/2014/time-coms-bounce-rate-down-15-percentage-points-since-adopting-continuous-scroll/257466/

## PERSONNALIZATION

#### I AM HAPPY FOR NEWS TO BE SELECTED FOR ME...





Automatically based on what I've read before Judgement of editors or journalists



22%

Automatically based on what my friends have consumed One way to interpret this is that, in the end, people think **they** are the best judge of what they want.

# Competitors practices

# SUMMARY

## of the benchmark's competitors practice

- → UX grades
- → Structure
- $\rightarrow$  Recirculation
- → Advertising
- → Services

## 12 competitors presentation

6 with normal articles pages



The New York Times



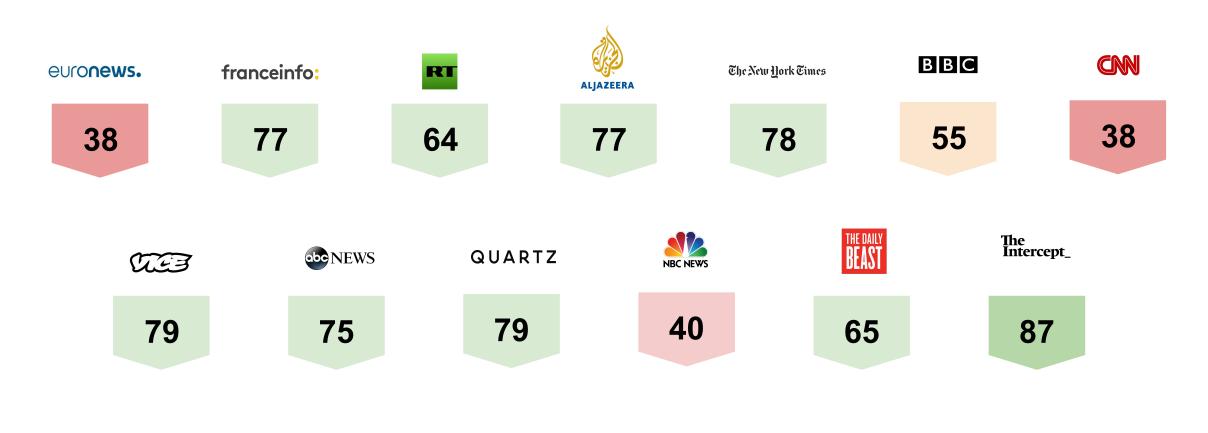


6 with infinite scroll articles pages



> CF competitors comparison

## UX grades /100



> CF UX Note table



### Why is UX important?

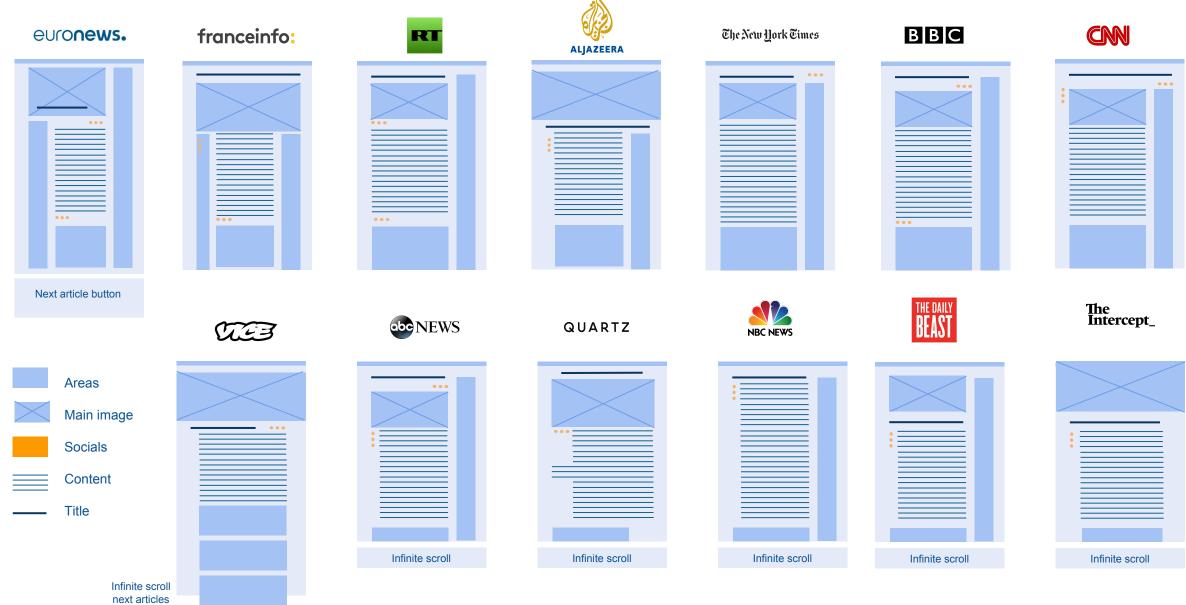


Visitors are **no longer inclined** to **come back** on the web site after a **bad User Experience** 

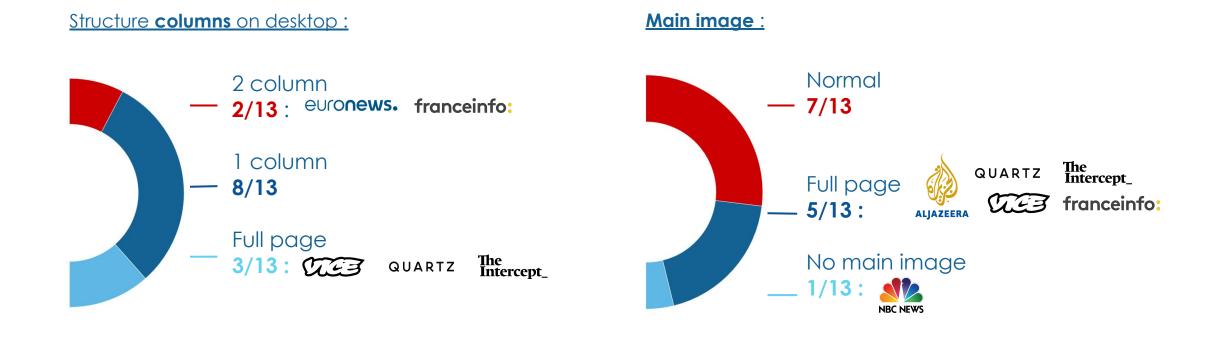


Of the interviewed assert that the **design graphic** of a website is the **number one factor** for a **brand credibility** 

## Structure

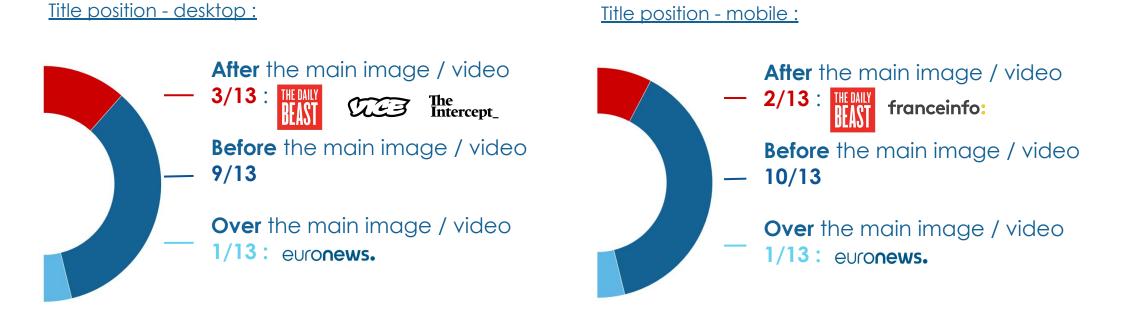


## Structure : columns & main image



- → The 2 columns considered like old fashion on web design are still used by France info and euronews
- → The full page images, a web design trends is used by 5 news website who develops modern approaches. (including 60% infinite scroll websites)

## Structure : Title



- Euronews is the only one to place the title over the image / video > It disappear when the video is played
- → The title **before** the main image / video, at the top of the article is the most common practice.

## Structure : Title

10

121



The competitors who put the title after the main image mostly use a full-page layout > (On mobile mostly come back to a title + image layout)

#### ARKANSAS FIGHTS TO EXECUTE TWO MEN WITHOUT TESTING DNA EVIDENCE THAT COULD EXONERATE THEM

Liliana Segura April 20 2017, 10:54 p.m.

**DAMIEN ECHOLS NEVER** planned to come back to Arkansas. "These days, I try to look forward," he wrote in his 2012 memoir, Life After Death. "I'm tired of looking back." After spending half his life on Arkansas's death row – he was finally released in 2011 – Echols was "sick to death" of his claim to fame as one of the West Memphis Three. "It's a title I'd prefer never to hear again," he wrote. "It does nothing but remind me of hell."

Echols was wrongfully accused of murdering three 8-year-old boys whose bodies were discovered in the woods in rural Arkansas in 1993. It was the tail end of a bizarre era in American criminal justice, a wave of public hysteria

#### ARKANSAS FIGHTS TO EXECUTE TWO MEN WITHOUT TESTING DNA EVIDENCE THAT COULD EXONERATE THEM

Liliana Segura

April 20 2017, 10:54 p.m.

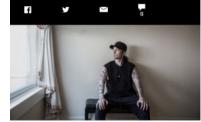


Photo: Tamir Kalifa/The New York Times/Redux

**DAMIEN ECHOLS NEVER** planned to come back to Arkansas. "These days, I try to look forward," he wrote in his 2012 memoir, Life After Death. "I'm tired of looking back." After spending half his life on Arkansas's death row – he was finally released in 2011 – Echols was "sick to death" of his claim to fame as one of the West Memphis Three. "It's a title I'd prefer never to hear again," he wrote. "It does nothing but remind me of hell."

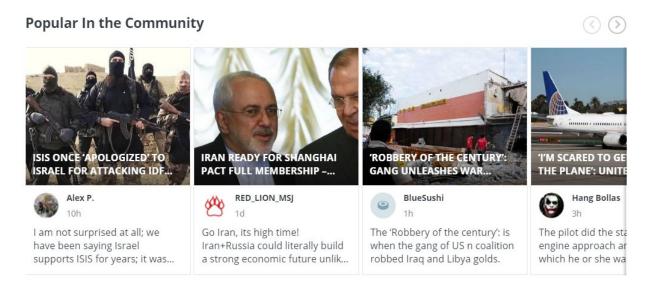
## Recirculation components

							Infinite scroll						
	euro <b>news.</b>	franceinfo:	RT	ALJAZEERA	The New York Times	BBC	CNN	TEE	obcNEWS	QUARTZ		THE DAILY BEAST	The Intercept_
Related					Ē			≣					
Tags			X		X		X		X	X	Х	X	X
Featured / ed choice	•	Х	X	Х	X	≣•	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X
Popular; most viewed, Trending	≣•		Х		E	≣	X	≣ '	X		Х	X	X
(Associate d) program	X		.≣•		X	Х	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X
Last main articles	≣∎	=	X		X	Х	X		=	X	Х		X
related theme(s)'s last art	Х	Х	<b>I</b>	Х				Х	X	Х	X	X	X
Next article		X	X	Х	• 🗏 •	Х	•	Х					
	+ Ads +Editor's choice + Flashback		+ Ads + Popular in the community !	+ Ads	+ Ads +Recomme nded for you !		+ Ads + News & buzz	+ Ad +Recomme nded	+ Ads	+ Ad	+ Ads	+ Ads	

## **Recirculation components**

#### ANALYSIS :

- → "Related" is used by everyone
- → Links include in the text are important, they can convert +238% of the visits
- → Only BBC use a '**features**' section and nobody use '**editor's choice**' except euronews.
- → Nobody use '**flashback**' section except euronews.
- Two interesting and original sections : 'Popular in the community' (RT) and 'Recommended for you' (Vice and NY times) (Not a Taboola).
- → Site with infinite scroll don't use many recirculation. Only related in the text and show which articles come next



## Recirculation : infinite scroll - 6 of our competitors use it



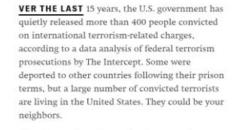


> Classical approach of infinite scroll go from one article to another





#### > Shows just the main covers of the upcoming articles



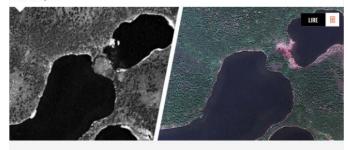
The release of people convicted on terrorismrelated charges with little if any monitoring by law enforcement might suggest U.S. government officials believe they can be fully rehabilitated following minor prison terms. A more likely explanation is that many of these so-called terrorists weren't particularly dangerous in the first place.



#### The Intercept\_

> Shows just the beginning of the articles. Have to clic on "read more" to see in full.

Comment de vieilles photos d'espions permettent d'étudier le changement climatique ? Deux scientifiques de l'université de Virginie ont déterré un trésor de données inestimable : des photographies prises par des espions durant la Guerre froide.

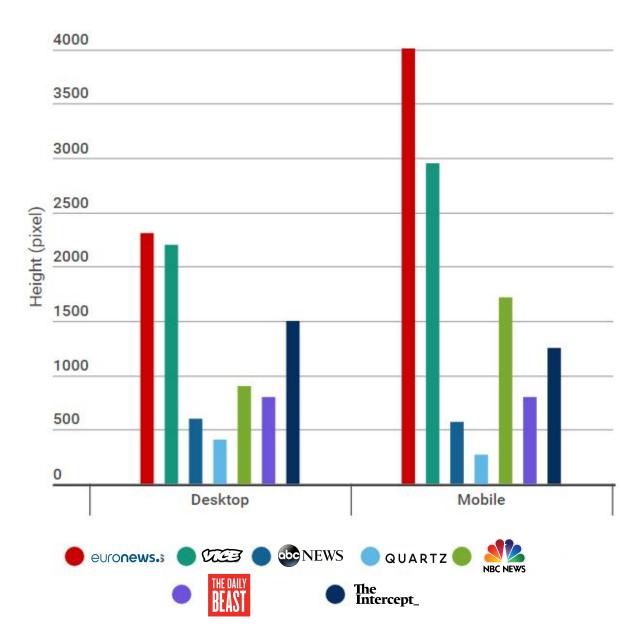


Pourquoi les élus polynésiens soutiennent massivement Marine Le Pen La candidate frontiste a recueilli son plus grand total de parrainages dans l'archipel, devant le Nord-Pas-de-Calais et l'Aisne.



Gap between the end of the first article and the next

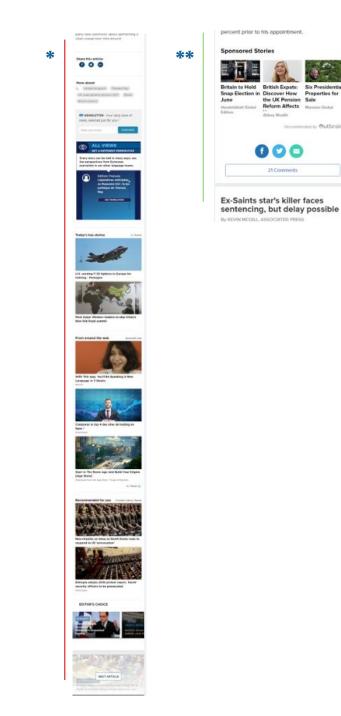
from the end of the text to the title's or main image's next article



	euronews.	С	overall average	obc NEWS			
Desktop	2308 px	>	1068 px	>	<b>600</b> px		
Mobile	4006 px*	>	1250 px	>	570 px**		

#### **ANALYSIS** :

If euronews wants to follow good practices for infinite scroll articles we need  $\rightarrow$ to reduce the gap between two articles at least by half on desktop and by 4 on mobile.



**British Expats** Discover How Properties f the UK Pension Sale Reform Affects Mansion

000 21 Comments

identiv Outbrain

WHY IS THE GAP SO TALL ON EURONEWS COMPARE TO THE OTHERS? (especially on mobile):

### Because of All views module

#### **ALL VIEWS** GET A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE Every story can be told in many ways: see CONON **300**px the perspectives from Euronews journalists in our other language teams. Hollande's unwanted **510**px legacy **Edition: Français** Législatives anticipées\_ au Royaume-Uni : le jeu politique de Theresa May SEE TRANSLATION

does not exist elsewhere

### Editor's choice module



does not exist elsewhere

#### Taboolas

From around the web

**2400**px





With This App, You'll Be Speaking A New Language In 3 Weeks Babbel





much taller than anyone else

The Intercept\_ WHAT DOES COMPETITOR'S TABOOLA / OUTBRAIN LOOK LIKE ? ( on mobile): 🗱 QUARTZ \* 523 X



## h : **350**px





CEO of Mitu **Explain How Snapchat Was** Able To Help ... - . Absolute Critic

Strange Investment Video Could Make You **Banyan Hill** 

Publishing



NBA Star **Stephen Curry** Selling \$3.7

Million Bay Mansion Global

Recommended by Outbrain



h : 670px

#### More to Explore



How to Write The Perfect 101 ikes Boomerang

10 Best Smart... Derniers Modèles + Forfaits dès

> les-promos-dumoment fr

Sponsored Links by Taboola 🕟

SPONSORED CONTENT MORE FROM NBC Stead in Fresno The Extraordinary

Upgrade for... Boomerang

shooting spree; polic ...

Finally You Can Track Aaron Hernandez Found Hanged in ... Your ... Smart Device Trends

The Gmail Trick That Trump set to meet with Google Doe... Boomerang China's president am...

This Is The Trick To Writing The ... Boomerang

The Tool for Gmail that Google Doe... Boomerang

inmates charged with... Teen Makes Teddy Bears From Fallen ... 🕬

Two South Carolina

Promoted Links by Taboola D



#### Sponsored Stories







The most addictive game of the year! Play with 15 million... FORGE OF EMPIRES

The Four Pillar Success in Wo and Life OPTIMOVE

Reci



Woman Whose Husband Disappeared 20 Years Ann TREND CHASER



in love with this

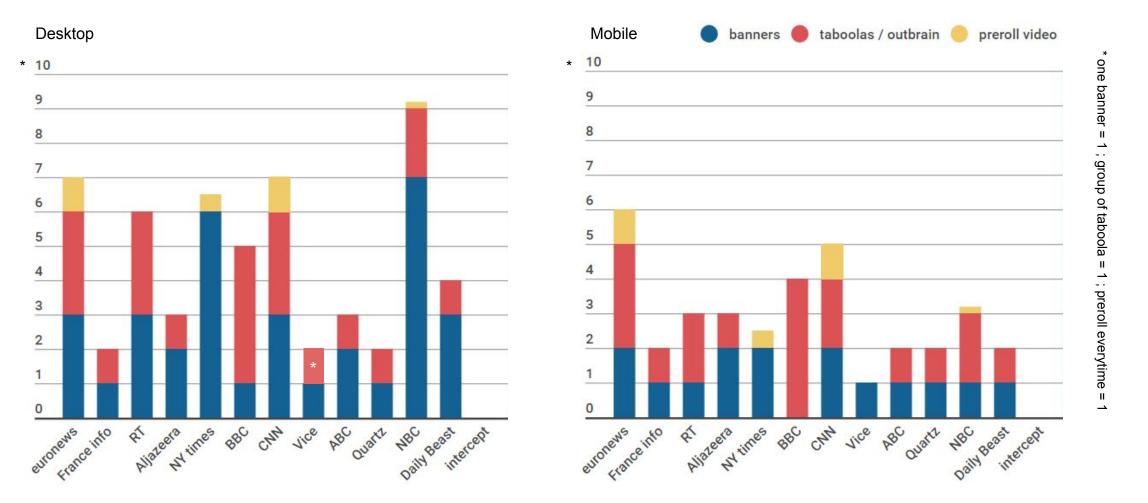
language

BABBEL



DES

## Advertising - amount of ads



- → euronews is the only one (with CNN) to always display the preroll video : The New York Times half the time beginning
- → euronews is the one with the **highest number of ads on mobile** (and one of them on desktop)
- → euronews is the only one to display ads a **big advertising video** into the main body of the article

\* Vice : Doesn't display taboola on the first article visited

NBC NEWS

**Solution just once** at the

## Advertising - Interesting practices



#### → Sticky banner on the right





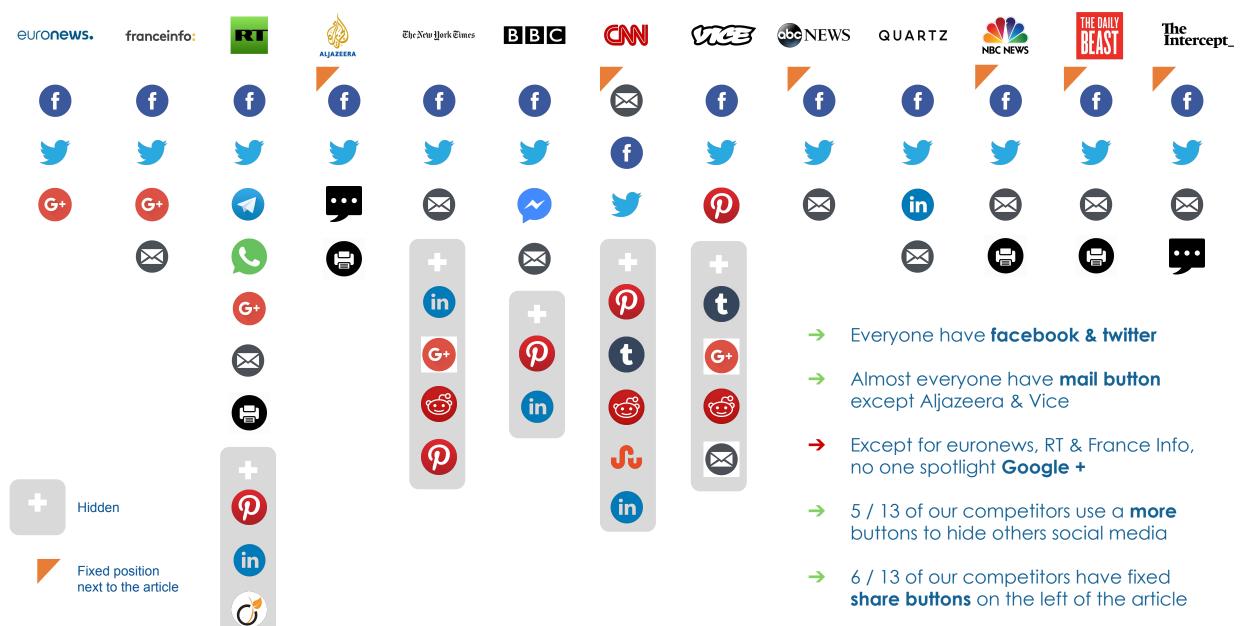
Indians are eating more chocolate than ever before because they think it is healthy





→ **Big banner** instead of many little banners, include between two articles during the infinite scroll

Services - share



## Services - share



Mobile : the same

The New York	Times			
	SHARE Email		ikedin nogle+	
	<ul><li>Tweet</li><li>Pin</li></ul>		ddit	0
	Permalink	https://nyti.ms/2qr/	XC7K	
	TOOLS	E Rep	rints	
	<b>CNN</b> Fixed			bbel Hezbollah are head g war in the Middle

Mobile : pop up

Image: Share

Image: S

Weeks Babbel

Israel and Hezbollah are headin

devastating war in the Middle E

Israel and Hezbollah are headin

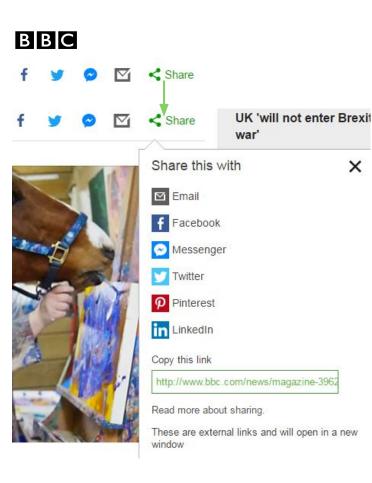
devastating war in the Middle E

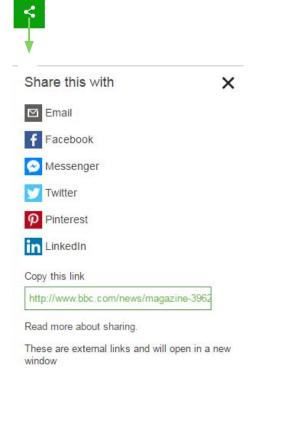
Israel and Hezbollah are headin

Israel and Hezbollah are h

Mobile : the same but not fixed, embedded at the top of the article

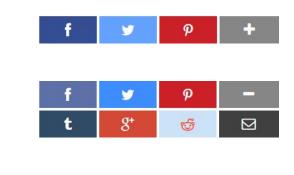
## Services - share





Mobile : pop up

### TEE



Good practice : calls-to-action



 $\sim$ 

Send

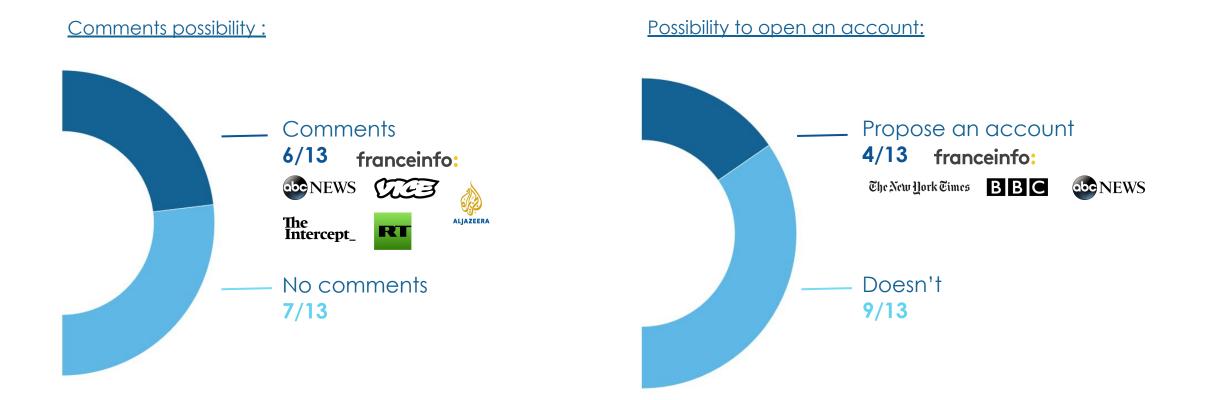
SHARE

Bottom article :



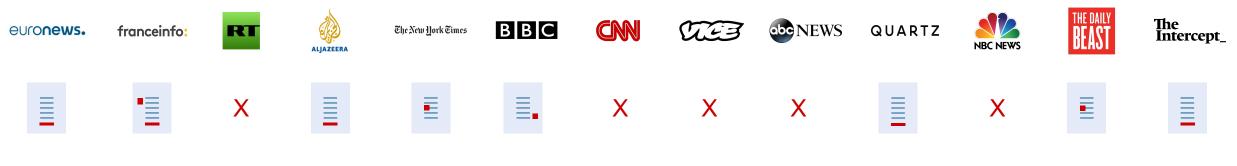
http://www.wordstream.com/blog/ws/2015/04/23/social-media-buttons

## Services - Comments & account



→ Allowing comments or to open an account can increase the engagement

Services - Newsletter

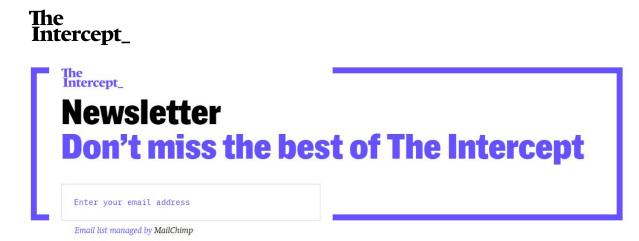


\* NY Times : Newsletter bloc personnalized with the section of the article

\* Quartz : Newsletter bloc appear only on the second article

- → The half of our competitors have a **newsletter**
- → Bloc newsletter generally at the **bottom** of the article
- → Two interesting practices :
  - \* France info & NY Times : Newsletter personalized according to the section of the article
  - \*\* Quartz : The newsletter bloc appears **only on the second** article of the infinite scroll

## Services - Newsletter exemples



### QUARTZ

### Get the Quartz Daily Brief in your inbox:

 Enter email address
 Subscribe

 Image: Please also keep me updated about new Quartz products and events.



In Nigeria, whoever works in the name of ISIS answers to al-Barnawi.

#### **GET THE BEAST IN YOUR INBOX!**



By clicking "Subscribe," you agree to have read the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy The five men officials picked up have their base in Nigeria's northcentral region where there are also active militants from Ansaru, another terror group, which broke away from Boko Haram in 2012

and is best known for targeting foreigners. It is suspected of being behind the <u>kidnapping of an American missionary in 2015</u>. And its <u>founders are accused</u> by the government of being behind the 2011 bombing of a UN building in Abuja where at least 24 people were killed.

# ISSUES

## → Structure

- Give up the **two column** structure
- Highlight the **title**

### → Switch to an infinite scroll system

 Reduce the gap between two articles especially on mobile

## → Recirculation

- Give up components which nobody uses and takes lot of spaces (Flashback, editor's...)
- Use useful components to attract
- Optimize the **infinite scroll**

### → Advertising

- **Reduce the amount of ads** to a clever use
- Increase the control of the user over the ads
- Optimize **preroll** video, less aggressive

### → Services

- Optimize **social** access
- Instal comments ? account ?
- Find a good position for the **newsletter** proposal bloc

# Yandex results

## Conclusions of the analysis of Yandex

- → Editor's choice and flashback are never used
- → Today top stories and most viewed are used sometimes
- → Ads banners are almost never clicked
- → The newsletter box is never used
- → Taboolas are clicked sometimes

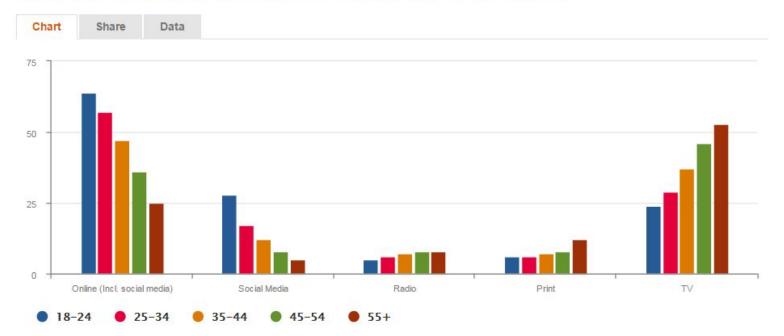
- → Related and links include in the text are often used
- → The **player** video button is **often** clicked
- → The next article button is often used
- → The links in the footer are often used

- → Generally, we can see that people are interested on articles related to the article (on related bloc, tags, taboola...)
- → They scroll to the end of the page and clic on next article button and footer but NOT on irrelevant content like taboolas, newsletter etc..

# ANNEXES

## MAIN NEWS SOURCES

#### MAIN NEWS SOURCES SPLIT BY AGE (ALL 26 COUNTRIES)

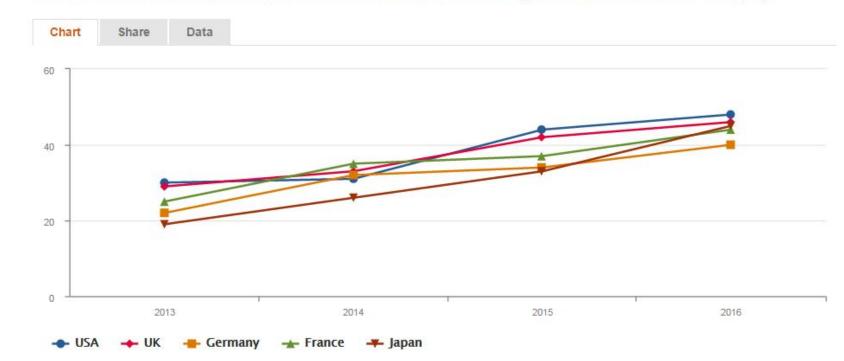


Q4. You say you've used these sources of news in the last week, which would you say is your MAIN source of news? Base: All 18-24s/25-34s/35-44s/45-54s/55+ who have used a news source in the last week: All countries = 5598/9187/9686/9383/18371

## MOBILE USE

Across our entire sample over half (53%) now say they use a smartphone to access news, with some of the highest levels in three of our new countries, Sweden (69%), Korea (66%), and Switzerland (61%).

#### **GROWTH OF SMARTPHONE FOR NEWS 2013–16 (SELECTED COUNTRIES)**

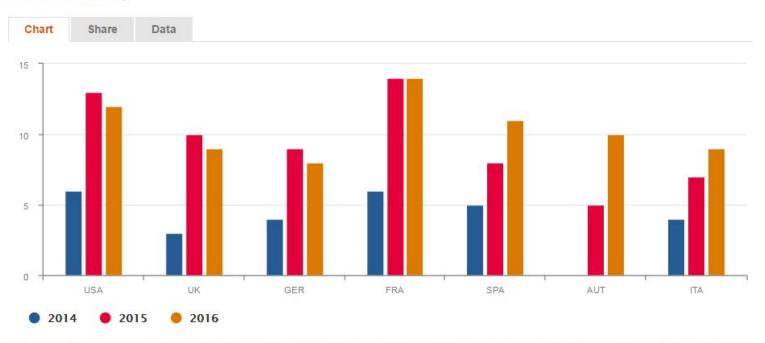


**Q8b. Which, if any, of the following devices have you used to access news in the last week?** *Base: Total 2013-2016 sample in each country* 

## MOBILE USE

we find that heavy smartphone users tend to access the news more frequently than people who mainly use computers or tablets.

## % USING PUSH ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS FOR NEWS (SELECTED COUNTRIES)



Q10. Thinking about how you got news online (via computer, mobile or any device) in the last week, which were the ways in which you came across news stories? Base: Total 2014-2016 sample in each country.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS

Around a quarter of internet news users (24%) share news via social media during the average week;

## TABOOLA'S CATALOGUE - infinite scroll websites

A game that changes the way you look a

U Own a Computer You Must Try This

Community

Login

**Sponsored Stories** 

Comments

Login

Recommended by Outbrain



COMMENTS



If You Own a Computer You Must 15 Astuces de grand-mère pour perdre du poids chaque jour

Try This Game



you look at strategy!



0 Comments Vice News

#### Sponsored Stories



Ivanka Trump Cuts Asking Rent for Manhattan Condo to ...

MANSION GLOBAL



Israel and Hezbollah are Air Berlin in Rapid heading for a new, Descent devastating war in the... INDEPENDENT VOICES

HANDELSBLATT GLOBAL EDITION



Chelsea Clinton's \$6M

Former Condo in

Manhattan Finds A...



If you own a computer

you must try this game

VIKINGS

Les menhirs vous intriquent ? Venez les voir de plus près ! VOYAGES-SNCF.COM ABBEY WEALTH



Are Israel and Hezbollah

Preparing for War?

THAT THIS | THE NATION

British Expats: Discover How the UK Pension **Reform Affects You** 



Ivanka Trump

for Manhattan

MANSION GLOBAL

Condo to...

Cuts Asking Rent

Israel and Hezbollah are heading for a new, devastating war INDEPENDENT VOICES



Descent HANDELSBLATT GLOBAL EDITION



\$6M Former

Manhattan Finds

MANSION GLOBAL

Condo in

Air Berlin in Rapid Les menhirs yous

Venez les voir de nlus nrès l VOYAGES-SNCE.COM

Chelsea Clinton's If you own a

computer you

must try this

intriquent?

dame

VIKINGS



Recomm

**abc** NEWS

Sponsored Stories

Abbey Wealth

If you own a computer you must try this game Vikings

Six Presidential Properties for Sale Mansion Global

**Sponsored Stories** 



British Expats: If you own a Six Presidentia Discover How computer you the UK Pension must try this Reform Affects game Vikings Abbey Wealth

**Properties for** Sale Mansion Global

Recommended by Outbrain

Recommended by Outbrain

NBC NEWS

More to Explore



The Extraordinary Upgrade for Gmail That Everyone Is Talking ... Boomerang

#### SPONSORED CONTENT

The Data-Backed Email Writing Trick Google Doesn't Want You t... Boomerand

Tiny Device Allows You To Track Anything (it's Genius) TrackR Bravo

The Gmail Trick That Google Doesn't Talk About Boomerang

Finally You Can Track Your Car Using Your Smartphone Smart Device Trends

10 Best Smart Home Tech 10Likes





#### MORE FROM NBC NEWS

SCOTUS Takes On Critical Separation of Church and State Case

Trump to U.N. Security Council Diplomats: Remove 'Blindfolds' o...

Sex Offender Faces 19 New Charges While Being Held Sister of teen girl's accused kidnapper:

North Korea's Kim Jong Un at concert

featuring mock-up attack video

# lap Inc

How to Write

Extraordinary The Perfect... Upgrade for... Boomerand Don't fear the .... Boomerang

USA Today SPONSORED CONTENT MORE FROM NBC SEWSUS Takes On Email Writin... Boomerang Critical Separation of.

Tiny Device Allows You Trump to U.N. Security To Track A... Track Bravo Council Diplomats... The Gmail Trick That Sex Offender Faces 19 New Charges While ...

Finally You Can Track Sister of teen girl's accused kidnapper: '... Your ... Smart Device Trends 10 Best Smart Home North Korea's Kim Jong Tech 10Likes Un at concert feat... 💷

Promoted Links by Taboola þ

Promoted Links by Taboola ▷

More to Explore

Sponsored Links by Taboola 🕟





Wall Street to Millennials:

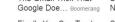
Sponsored Links by Taboola 🔈







'He's done this horrible thing'



The Data-Backed

"We know **engagement is the most important thing**. Who cares about hits? Who cares about page views?"

We consciously didn't go mass, we went niche.

With TV, you can ram things down people's throats. If you put something on at 9 p.m. on a Thursday, people are going to watch it — even if it's a piece of crap. The internet's definitely harsher and people are a lot more honest with their praise and their criticism.