

Senior Media Preferences

2018 Media Habits Study



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Media Logic recently surveyed more than **400 men and women** aged 64 and older on their media habits.

The media habits and preferences of seniors are ever changing. To optimize marketing budgets targeting this segment, it's critical to keep tabs on the current trends. In our latest survey, we sought to understand the media usage habits of seniors, including where and how often they access and consume media for news, entertainment, and everyday needs.

Survey questions included:



Which types of media do you use the most in a typical day?
What is your preferred source for news?
What media do you prefer for entertainment?

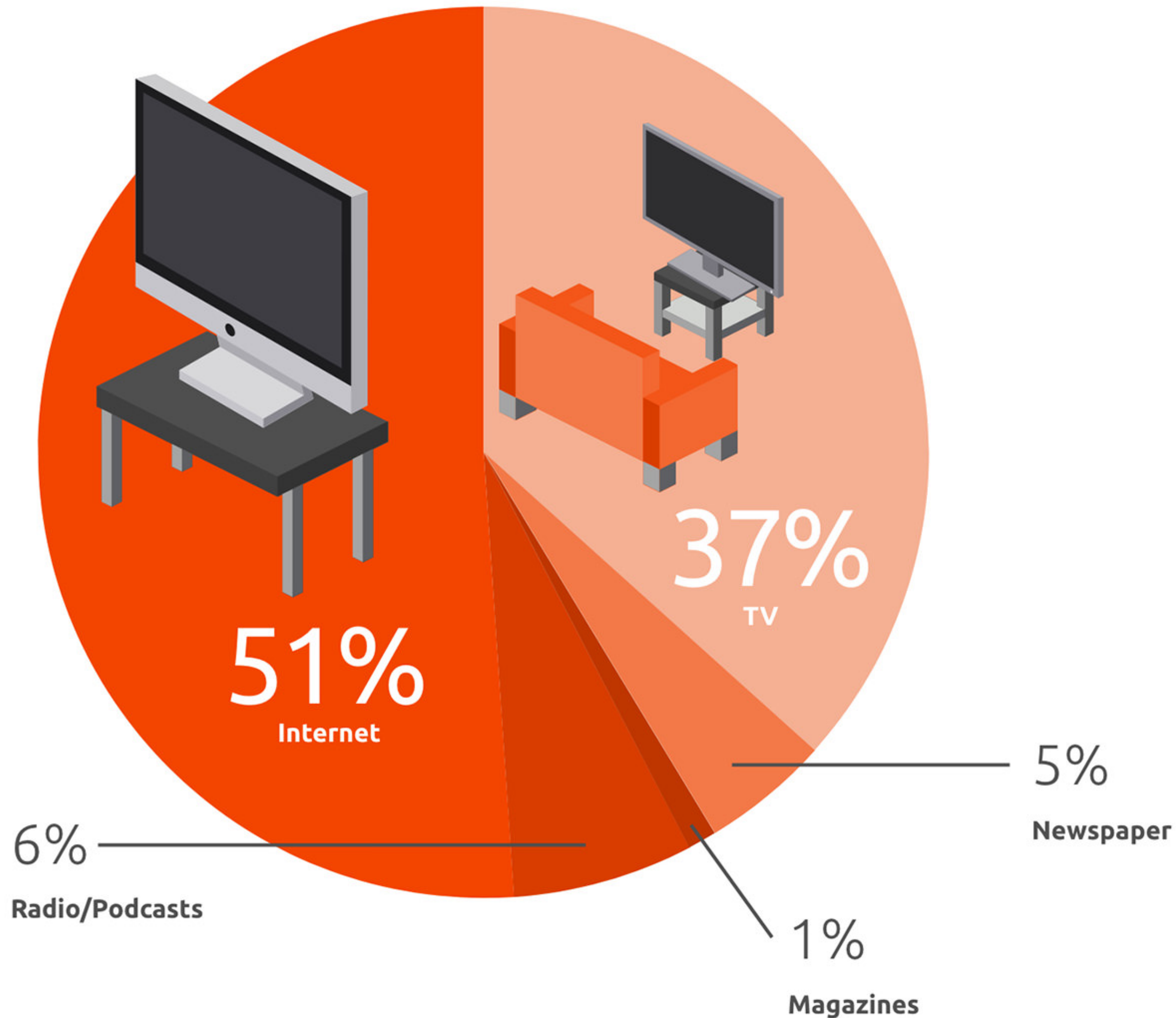


What services do you use the most to view media?

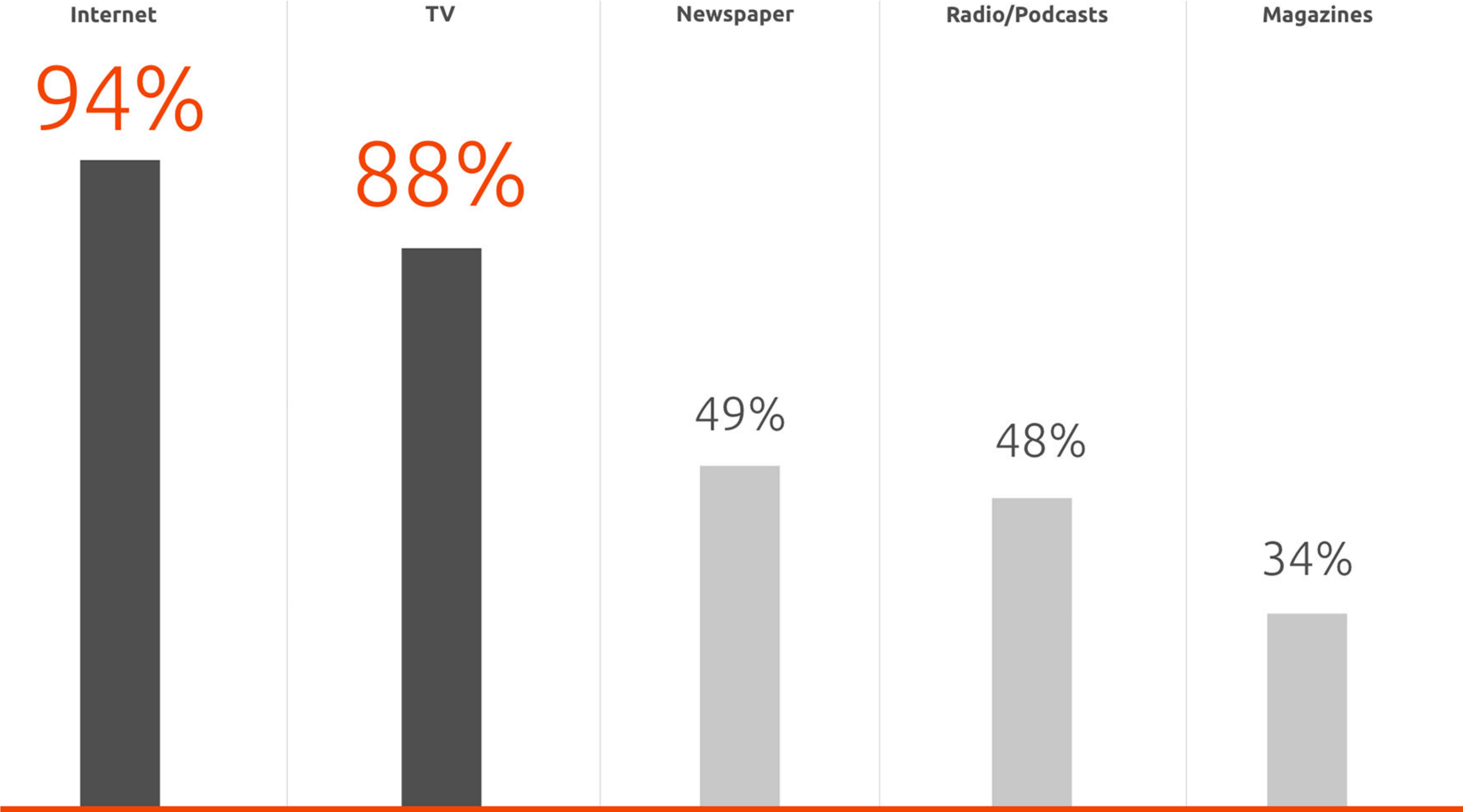


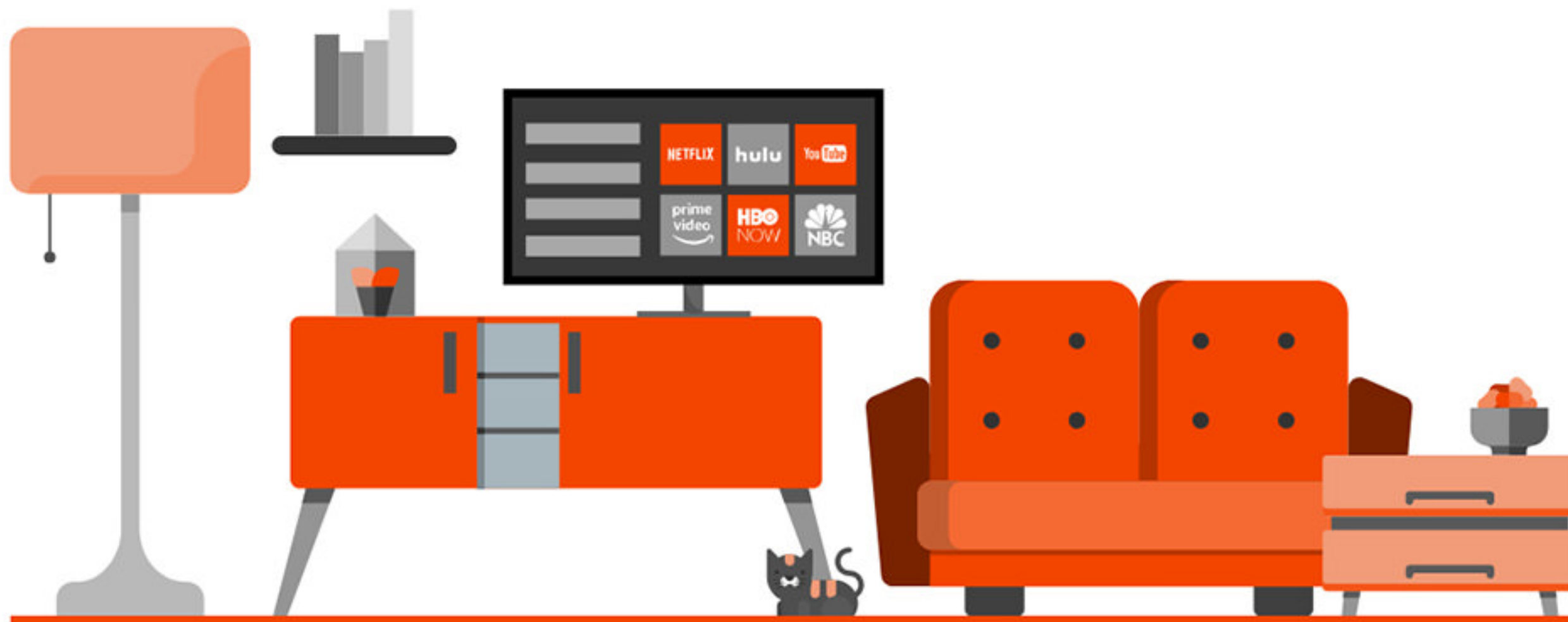
On what devices do you view the most media?

On a typical day, the majority of seniors spend their media time **using the Internet** followed by **watching TV**.



And, the majority of seniors use the Internet and TV every day.





TV

TV remains the number one source for entertainment and news



Entertainment

72%

of seniors say that watching TV is their favorite source of entertainment.



News

46%

of seniors prefer getting the news by watching TV, followed by the Internet at 29%.



TREND TO WATCH: More than 25% of seniors are using a streaming TV service (as compared to 57% of all Americans*).

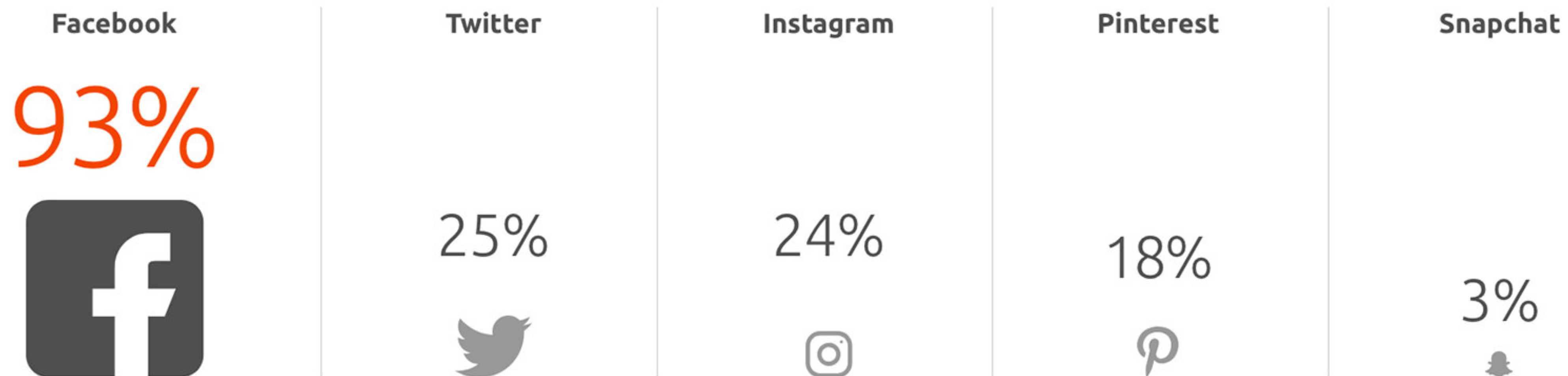
*Source: 2018 CNBC All-American Economic Survey



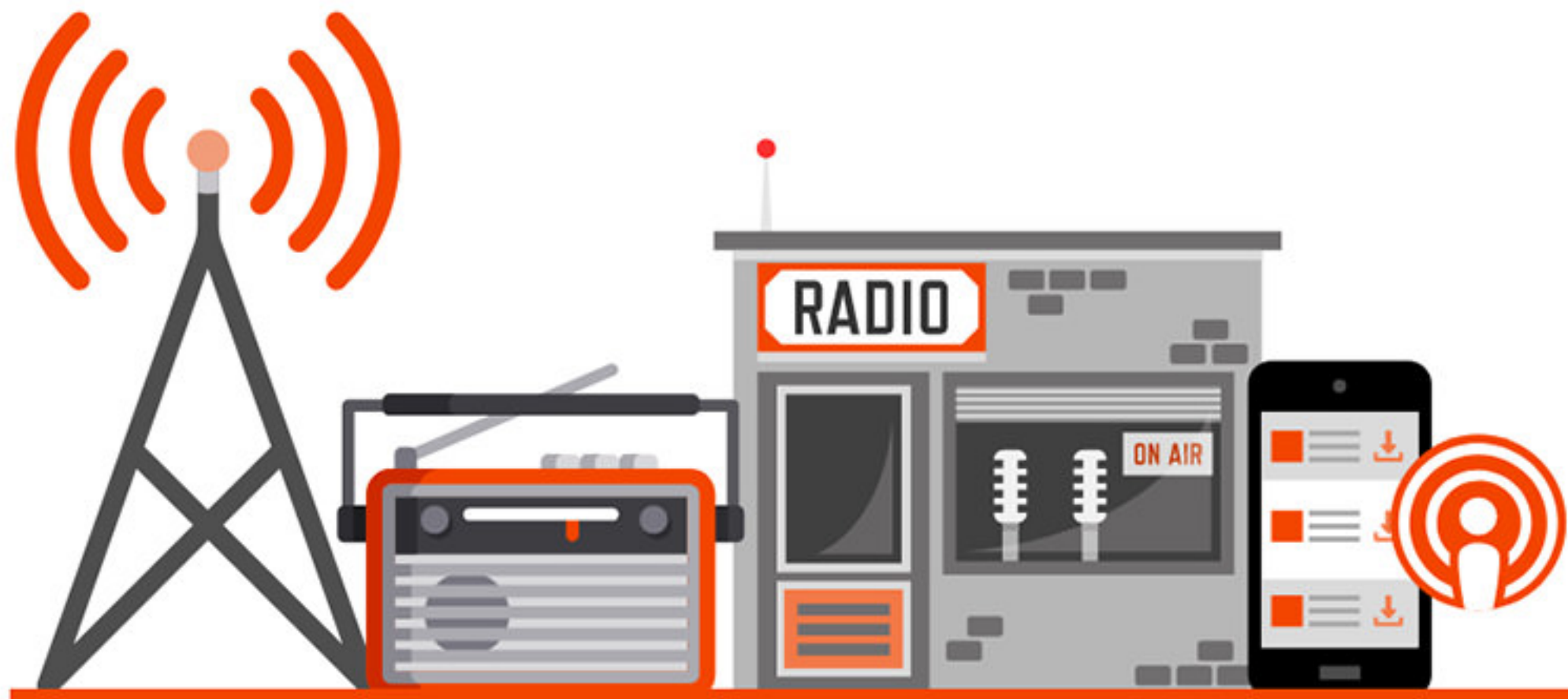
Social Media

Seniors have embraced social media

87% of seniors access social media daily with Facebook being the most popular platform by far.

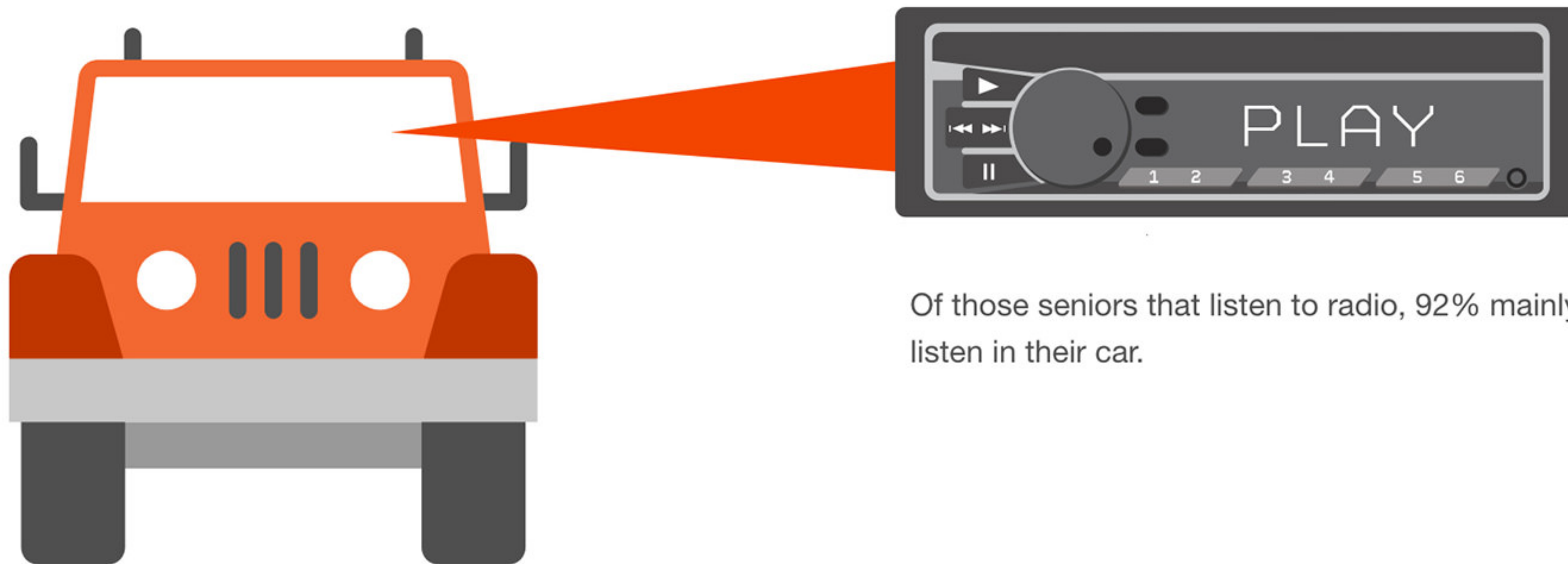


Seniors primarily use social media to connect with friends and family, post photos and videos and to join groups and events.



Radio & Podcast

Radio rules, but streaming has caught on
9 out of 10 seniors said they still listen to AM/FM radio.



Of those seniors that listen to radio, 92% mainly listen in their car.



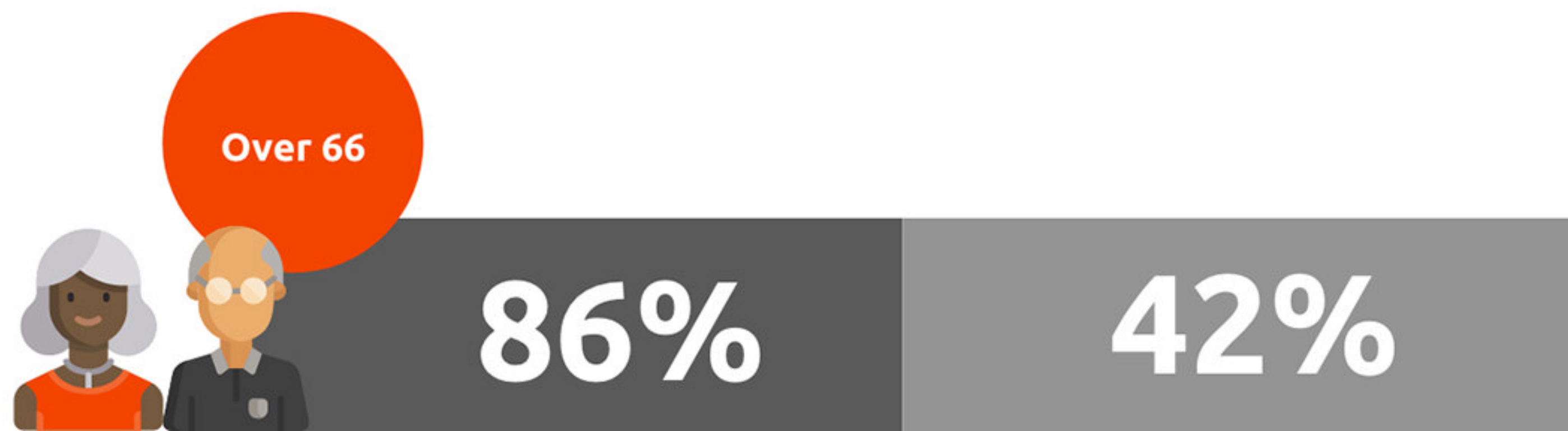
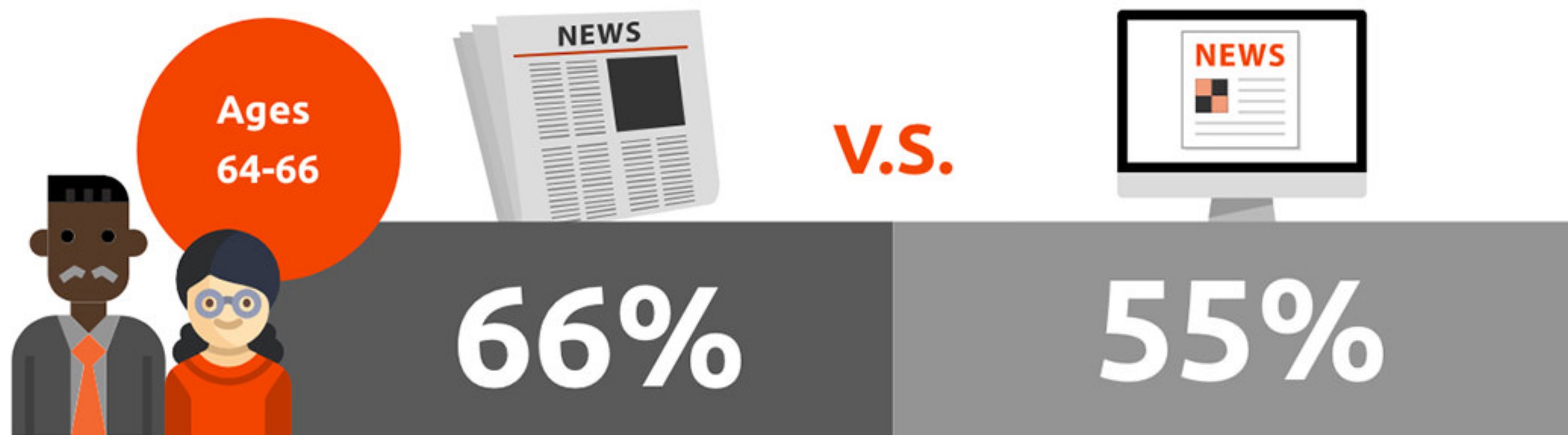
TREND TO WATCH: 25% of seniors responded that they use a streaming service like Pandora or Spotify.




Newspaper

Readership is slowly shifting to digital

Of the 49% of seniors that read the newspaper daily, **younger seniors are almost evenly split** between print and digital preferences, while **older seniors are twice as likely** to read print papers over digital.




1 in 5 women get a local weekly newspaper, compared to 1 in 10 men.

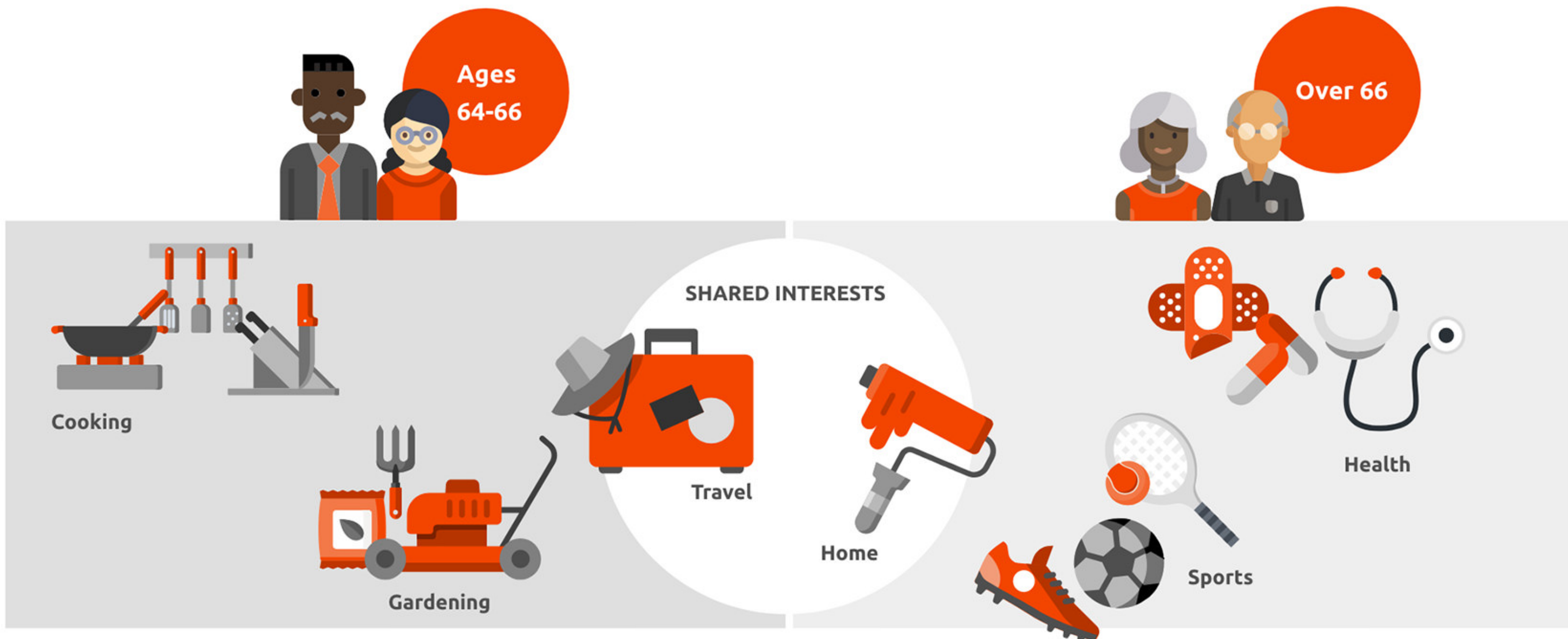


Over 20% of men selected the newspaper as their preferred source of news, compared to 15% of women.



Magazines

Magazine subject preferences differ by age



TREND TO WATCH: 34% of seniors read magazines at least once a day.

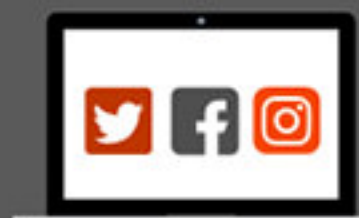
Gender Differences



Statistically Significant Differences by Gender



Watching TV for news



Use the Internet to access social media



Use Facebook, Pinterest and Snapchat



Read home and fashion magazines



Use the Internet for news



Use the Internet to keep up on sports



Use social media for news, sports and entertainment



Read sports magazines

Implications

Targeting the 65+ audience requires an **integrated, diverse media approach.**

This approach should include both traditional and digital tactics. There is no silver bullet. Even a media channel as pervasively used as TV is becoming fragmented, with a portion of the senior population turning to streaming options. However, along with this ever-expanding array of media options, marketers now have greater ability to narrowly target their audience – via demographic, behavioral and/or content-based segmentation.

Assembling the right media mix is dependent on the complexity of the message, as well as the action you are attempting to illicit. When considering new media channels, test them first to confirm their viability before allocating a significant budget toward them. The “right” media mix for this audience will continue evolving over time as new technology/options/channels emerge and more tech-savvy consumers age-into the 65+ segment.

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