

# SURVEY DATA ANALYSIS AND INSIGHTS

THE POST

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# WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

1. Experience variable analysis
2. Factor Analysis
3. Linear Regression
4. Additional Analysis



# **THE SURVEY ITSELF**

# **ABOUT OUR RESEARCH**

- Received data from Post, a media company, with information about their consumers and the consumer experience with Post content
- Total of with 69 variables with 739 observations
- Combination of categorical and numeric variables
- Tasked with learning more about which factors may affect the frequency with which consumers interact with Post

# SURVEY PURPOSE

What are we trying to find?

**Managerial decision problem**

How can we increase our reader frequency?

**Marketing research problem**

What causes some people to read the Post more often than other people?

**Research questions**

What factors do readers value in a newspaper?  
What types of consumers value these specific factors?  
How can we increase the presence of these factors in our newspaper content?

# **INITIAL DATA ANALYSIS**

# **WHAT EXPERIENCE VARIABLES MOST IMPACT HOW FREQUENTLY PEOPLE READ THE POST?**

1. UTILITY
2. INFORMATION
3. SOCIAL
4. CIVIC
5. SURPRISE
6. FEEL GOOD
7. FACT BIAS
8. DIVERSITY

# INITIAL EXPERIENCE VARIABLE ANALYSIS

## CORRELATION

Correlation

Data : Post\_market\_survey

Method : Pearson

Variables : freqPost, aveutil, aveinfo, avesocial, avecivic, avesurprise, avefeelgood, avefactbias, avediv

Null hyp. : variables x and y are not correlated

Alt. hyp. : variables x and y are correlated

Correlation matrix:

	freqPost	aveutil	aveinfo	avesocial	avecivic	avesurprise	avefeelgood	avefactbias
aveutil	0.07							
aveinfo	0.06	0.64						
avesocial	0.19	0.44	0.37					
avecivic	0.11	0.53	0.58	0.58				
avesurprise	0.05	0.46	0.38	0.50	0.42			
avefeelgood	0.07	0.57	0.44	0.57	0.56	0.57		
avefactbias	0.08	0.50	0.68	0.37	0.58	0.40	0.43	
avediversity	0.06	0.37	0.43	0.41	0.57	0.45	0.44	0.44

p.values:

	freqPost	aveutil	aveinfo	avesocial	avecivic	avesurprise	avefeelgood	avefactbias
aveutil	0.07							
aveinfo	0.09	0.00						
avesocial	0.00	0.00	0.00					
avecivic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
avesurprise	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
avefeelgood	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
avefactbias	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
avediversity	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

we found that the three most correlated experience variables were “avesocial”, “avecivic”, and “avefactbias”



# LINEAR REGRESSION

## MULTIPLE REGRESSION (OLS)

	coefficient	std.error	t.value	p.value	
(Intercept)	3.337	0.293	11.388	< .001	***
aveeutil	0.006	0.075	0.084	0.933	
aveinfo	-0.033	0.082	-0.397	0.692	
avesocial	0.302	0.068	4.435	< .001	***
avecivic	0.049	0.086	0.577	0.564	
avesurprise	-0.063	0.069	-0.914	0.361	
avefeelgood	-0.074	0.071	-1.050	0.294	
avefactbias	0.066	0.081	0.818	0.414	
avediversity	-0.021	0.064	-0.322	0.747	
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1					
R-squared: 0.04, Adjusted R-squared: 0.029					
F-statistic: 3.797 df(8,730), p.value < .001					
Nr obs: 739					

“avesocial” was the only factor that statistically significantly affected the frequency of reading the Post (“freqPost”)

# FACTOR ANALYSIS

## KMO & BARTLETT

Bartlett test  
Null hyp. : variables are not correlated  
Alt. hyp. : variables are correlated  
Chi-square: 2816.32 df(28), p.value < .001

KMO test: 0.87

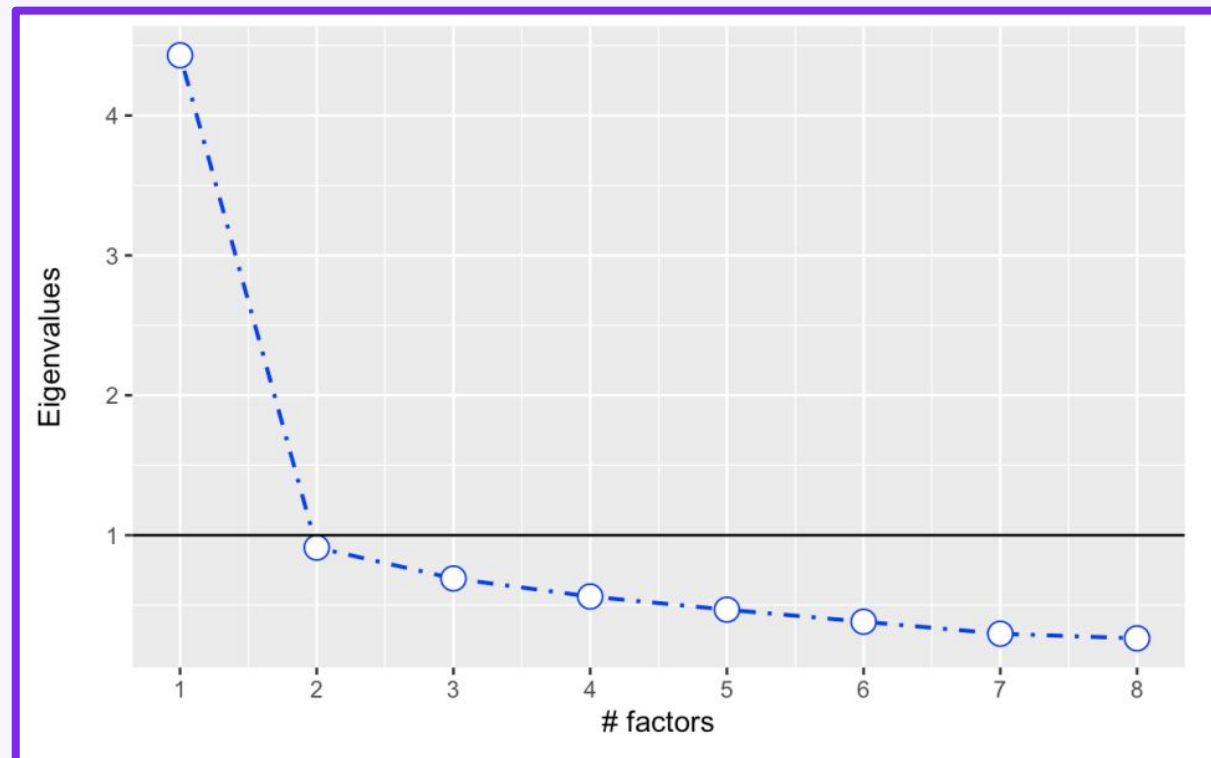
Variable collinearity:

	Rsq	KMO
Ave_Eutil	0.53	0.87
Ave_Einfo	0.60	0.82
Ave_Esocial	0.45	0.88
Ave_Ecivic	0.59	0.87
Ave_Esurprise	0.42	0.88
Ave_Efeelgood	0.53	0.89
Ave_Efactbias	0.53	0.87
Ave_Ediversity	0.39	0.90

**Bartlett** - significant p, we can do  
factor analysis

**KMO** - is between 0.5 and 1,  
factor analysis is appropriate

## SCREE PLOT



Based on the elbow method, we  
decided to test for 2-3 factors

## FACTORS (3):

Factor loadings:

	RC1	RC2	RC3
Ave_Efeelgood	0.79		
Ave_Esurprise	0.76		
Ave_Esocial	0.75		
Ave_Einfo		0.87	
Ave_Efactbias		0.76	
Ave_Eutil	0.51	0.72	
Ave_Ediversity			0.86
Ave_Ecivic	0.4	0.48	0.58

**RC1** - emotional

**RC2** - info

**RC3** - community

# FACTORS: WHAT DO OUR READERS LOOK FOR?



## EMOTIONS

These readers value stories that make them feel good, allow them to connect socially with others, and are surprising - stories that keep them entertained.



## INFORMATION

These readers value stories that give them important information about current events that is useful in their day-to-day life, unbiased, and relevant.



## COMMUNITY

These readers value stories that teach them about the people in their community, celebrate diversity. These readers want to feel connected with those around them.



# REGRESSION RESULTS WITH FACTORS

When condensed, we can see that the emotional variable as a whole has the highest impact on reader frequency.

Linear regression (OLS)  
Data : Post\_market\_survey\_1\_  
Response variable : freqPost  
Explanatory variables: emotional, info, community  
Null hyp.: the effect of x on freqPost is zero  
Alt. hyp.: the effect of x on freqPost is not zero  
\*\*Standardized coefficients shown (2 X SD)\*\*

	coefficient	std.error	t.value	p.value
(Intercept)	0.000	0.018	0.000	1.000
emotional	0.101	0.037	2.768	0.006 **
info	0.035	0.037	0.958	0.338
community	0.066	0.037	1.805	0.071 .

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-squared: 0.016, Adjusted R-squared: 0.012  
F-statistic: 3.946 df(3,735), p.value 0.008  
Nr obs: 739

If you increase the components of an article linked to emotion, that will increase its frequency of being read by 10.1%



# **FOCUS ON SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL ASPECT**

## **Potential Marketing Suggestions**

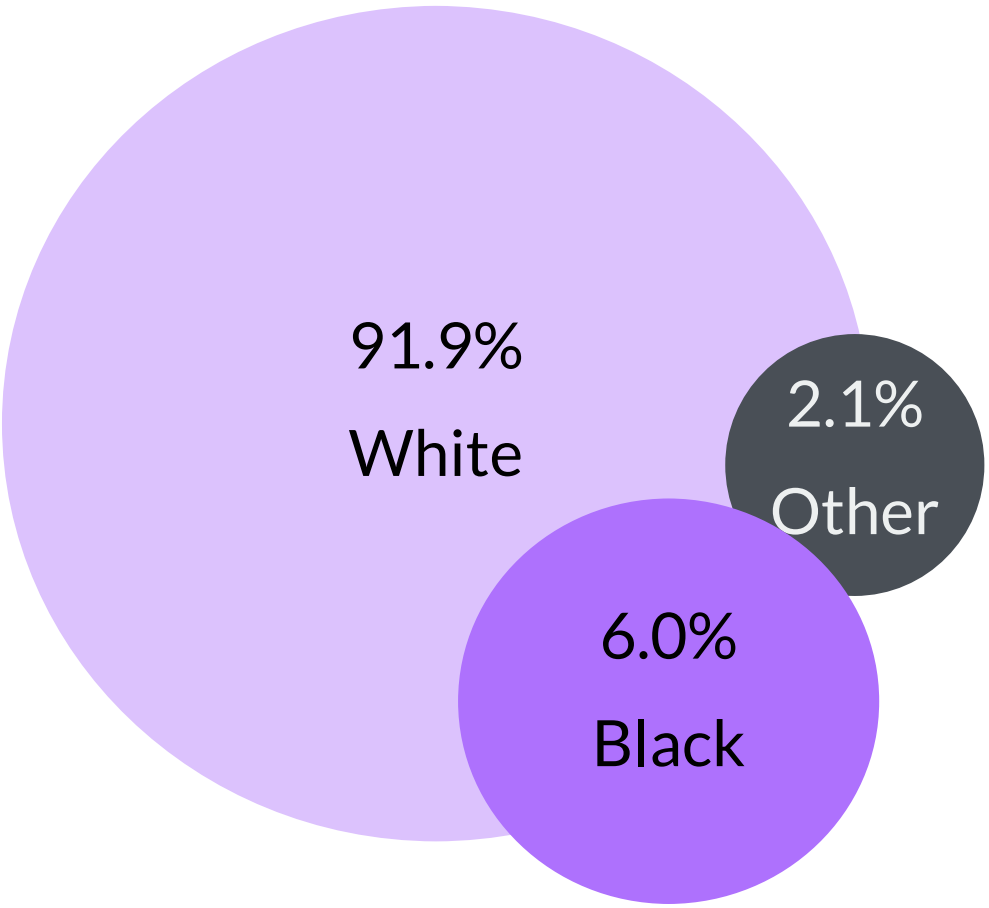
1. Seek out local news stories, or local angles on global stories
2. Publish inspirational stories from readers
3. Add a fun facts section about topics that could change weekly

# **ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS**



# CORRELATION BETWEEN RACE WITH FACTORS

Race Distribution



Regression

	coefficient	std.error	t.value	p.value
(Intercept)	0.000	0.018	0.000	1.000
emotional	-0.004	0.036	-0.109	0.913
info	-0.109	0.036	-3.000	0.003 **
community	0.112	0.036	3.068	0.002 **

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-squared: 0.024, Adjusted R-squared: 0.02  
F-statistic: 6.14 df(3,735), p.value < .001  
Nr obs: 739

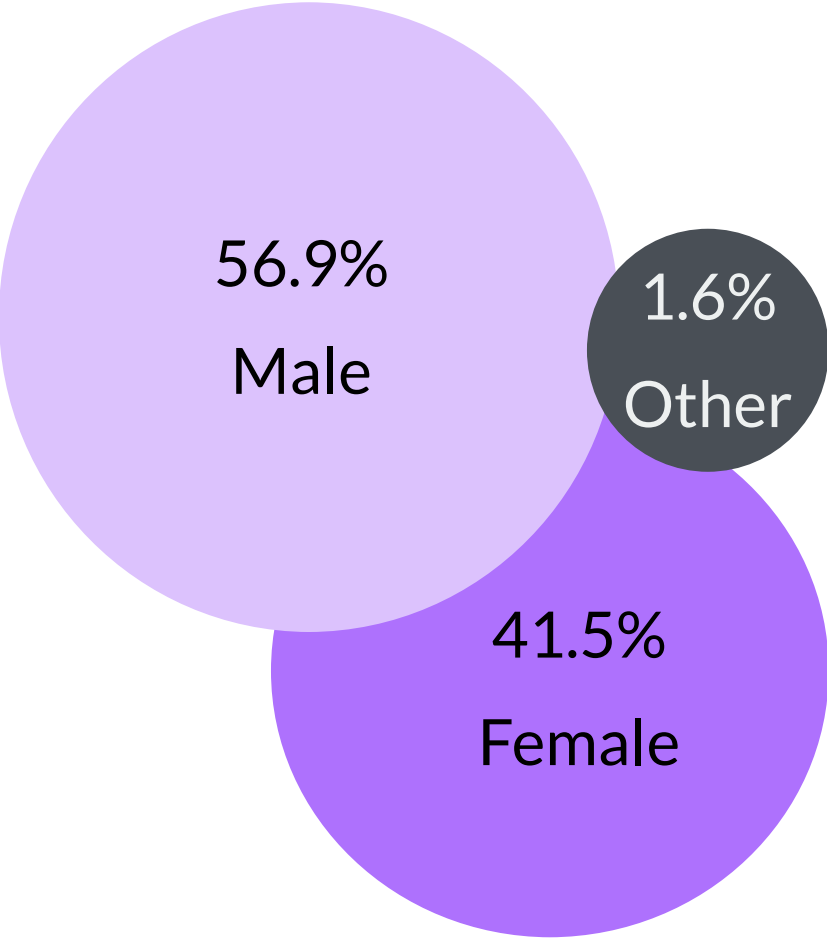
skewed data with majority white participants

white participants care more about information factors

black participants care more about community factors

# CORRELATION BETWEEN GENDER WITH FACTORS

Gender Distribution



Regression

	coefficient	std.error	t.value	p.value
(Intercept)	-0.000	0.018	-0.000	1.000
emotional	0.010	0.037	0.281	0.779
info	0.034	0.037	0.937	0.349
community	0.109	0.037	2.966	0.003 **

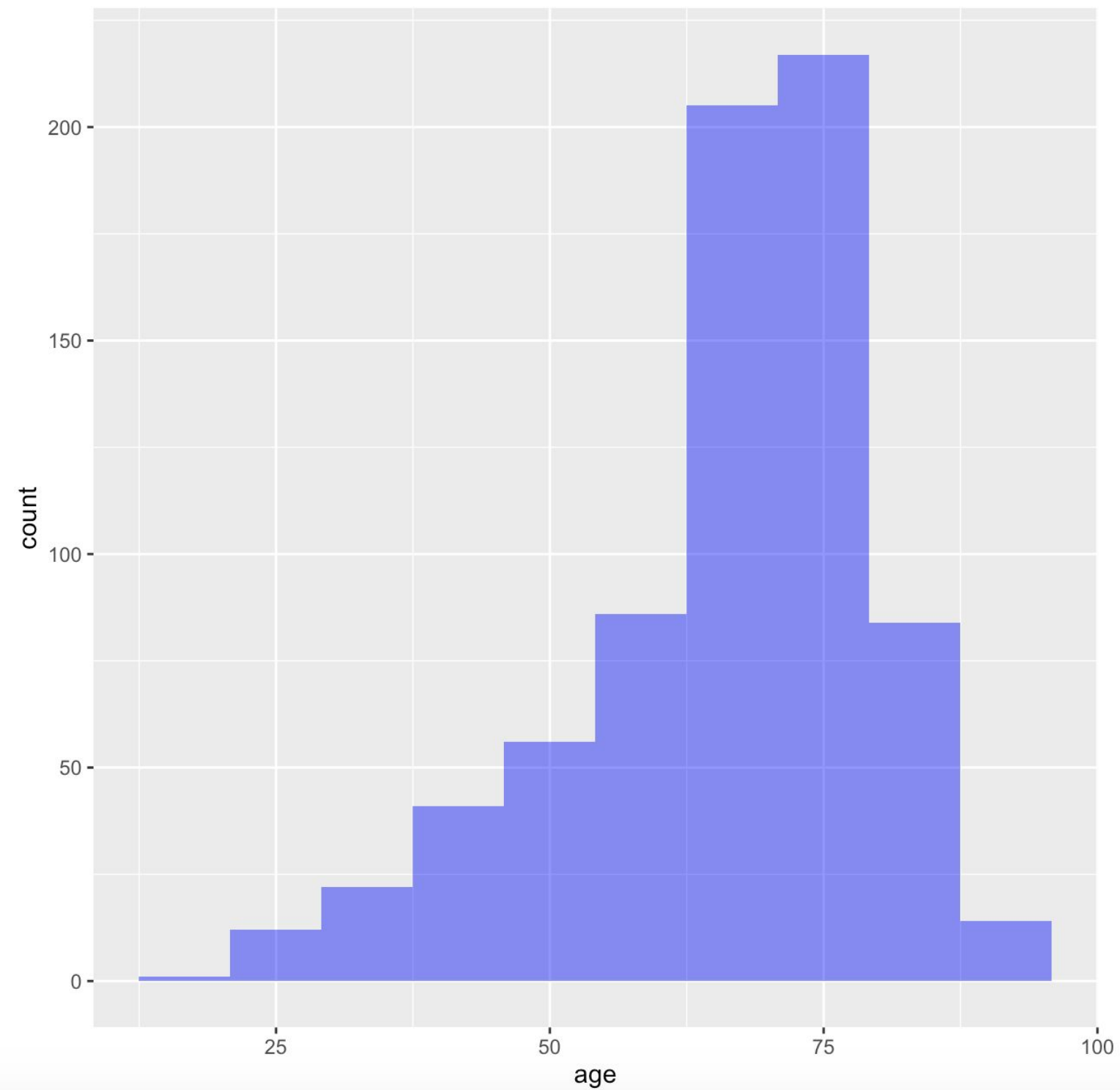
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R-squared: 0.013, Adjusted R-squared: 0.009  
F-statistic: 3.252 df(3,735), p.value 0.021  
Nr obs: 739

Significant relationship between gender with  
community factors

females care more community factor than males

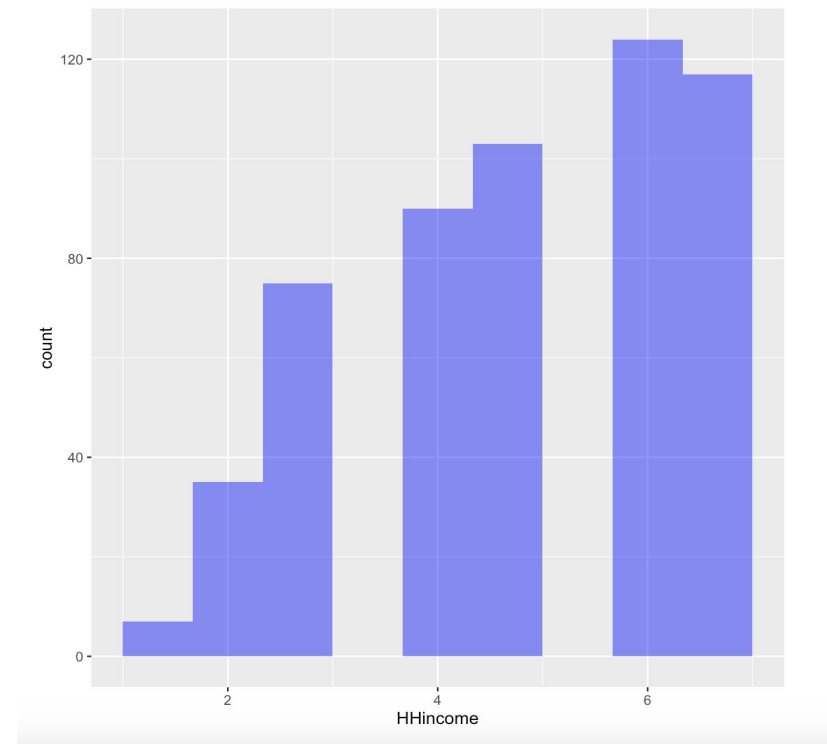
# AGE



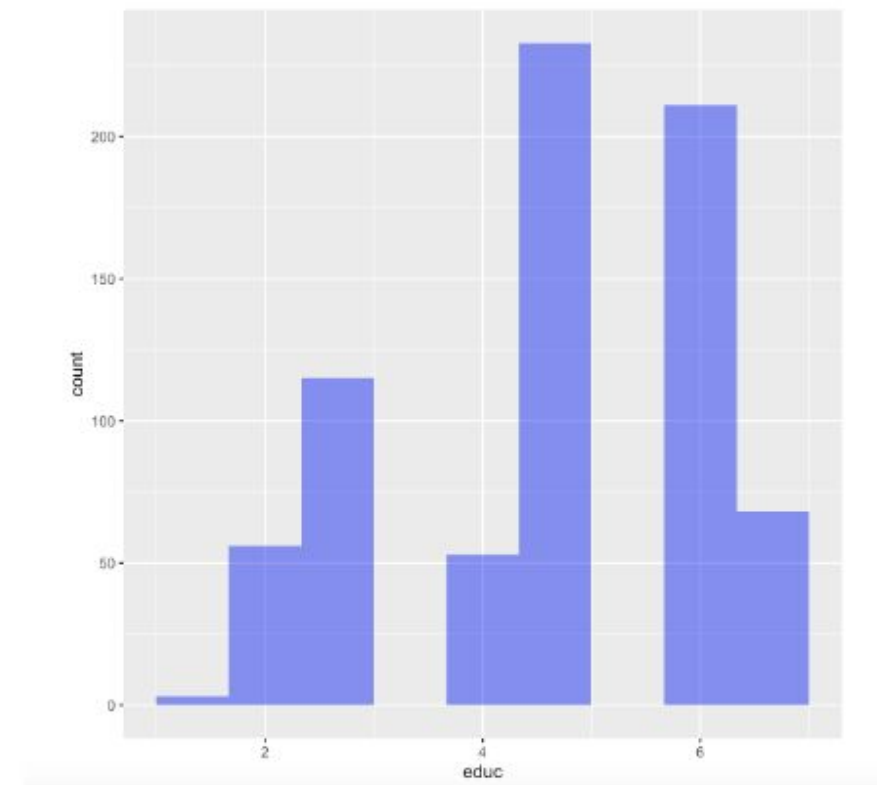
**factbias** - the younger they are, the more participants valued content based on verifiable facts



# HOUSEHOLD INCOME



# EDUCATION



The more money they made and the higher level of education they got...



**feelgood** - the less participants valued content that made them feel positively



**surprise** - the less participants valued surprising content



**util** - the less participants valued content useful for their lives

# **IMPLICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**



# **FURTHER RESEARCH**

## **Broadening Audiences**

Should we focus on a more specific target audience? Is it worth targeting a more diverse audience? Should we utilize non-probability sampling?

Understanding the disconnect between our initial findings and our additional findings (interest vs. disinterest in social/emotional).

Figuring out whether more educated/wealthier audiences are solely deterred by feel good / surprise / utility content or whether they do have specific interests in media.

# Friday Feel- Good

THIS WEEK'S  
SUCCESS STORY

MARCH 10 2023

SPREAD THE LOVE

## Marketing Campaign Suggestion

"Friday Feel-Good"

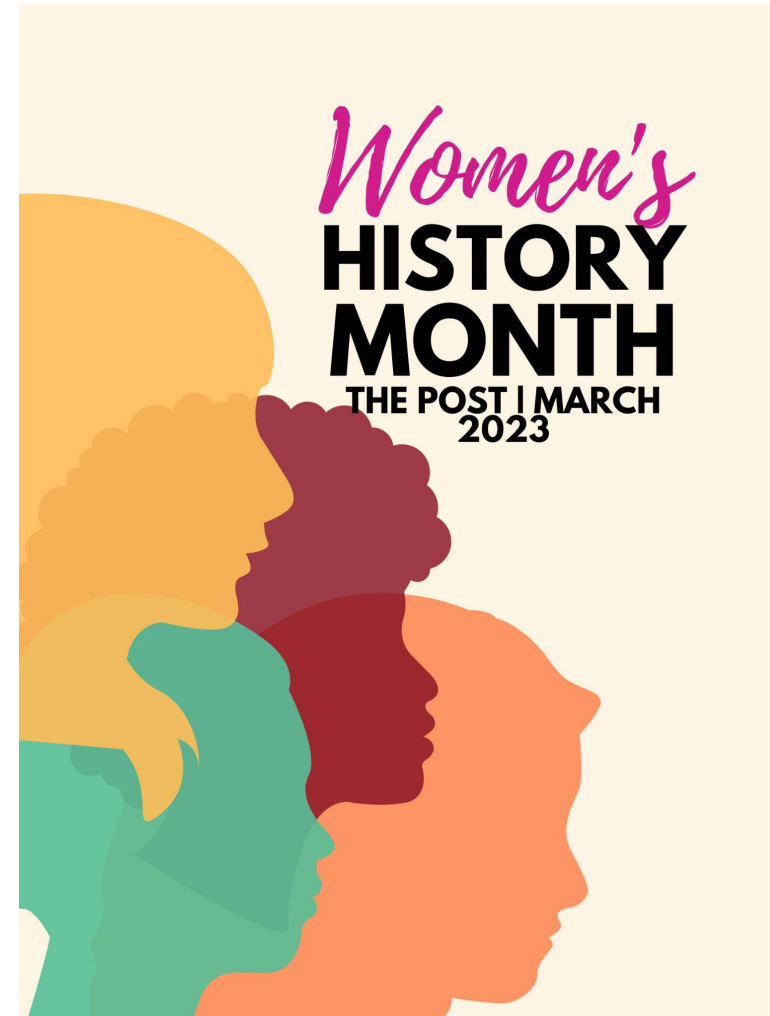
Campaign to share emotional news content on a weekly basis - can be shared via social media and in our publication



## Small Business



## Women's History Month



# Marketing Campaign Suggestion

“Women in the Community”“

Campaign to share news about women doing impactful work in our community to increase engagement from a female community

Target certain time frames such as Women's History month to draw in female subscribers through discount deals



# FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Train reporters on finding the emotion behind the story and seeking out local stories about global events (talked-about in social contexts).
2. Identify our consumer demographic, and if it is worth it for us to target a more diverse audience.
3. Pending who the specific target audience is, conduct additional research to support segmented marketing campaigns.

