Publics Globally Want Unbiased News Coverage, but Are Divided on Whether Their News Media Deliver

Publics around the world overwhelmingly agree that the news media should be unbiased in their coverage of political issues, according to a new Pew Research Center survey of 38 countries. Yet, when asked how their news media are doing on reporting different political issues fairly, people are far more mixed in their sentiments, with many saying their media do not deliver. And, in many countries, there are sharp political differences in views of the media – with the largest gap among Americans.
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Fewer than 3 people per 100,000 are killed in road crashes in Sweden every year, less than almost anywhere else in the world. In contrast, it’s 11 per 100,000 in countries like India and the United States. One reason for the difference? A “Safe System” approach.

Meditation is Common Across Many Religious Groups in the U.S.
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In popular culture, meditation often is associated with Eastern spirituality and its secular offshoots, such as mindfulness. But substantial shares of Americans of nearly all religious groups – as well as those who have no religious affiliation at all – say they meditate at least once a week. Americans tend to say they meditate regularly (40% do so at least weekly) or rarely, if at all (45% seldom or never do). There’s not much middle ground – only 8% say they

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Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI)

2018 NACDEP Conference
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2018 Community Development Society Conference
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meditate once or twice a month and only 4% say they do so several times a year. But these figures vary widely among different U.S. religious groups.

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A new report by the U.S. Partnership on Mobility from Poverty furthers the idea that too many Americans linger in poverty largely because they are trapped, literally—isolated in low-income communities where only other poor people surround them. And, statistically, few manage to escape. The report emphasizes how much where we are born and grow up shapes our chances for upward mobility. A child growing up in a community with the lowest level of mobility can expect to earn up to 40 percent less during his or her lifetime than one who lives in a high-mobility neighborhood.