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#### Introduction

- This report contains the results of a study conducted by Vision Critical and commissioned by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters.
- The purpose of the study was to provide fresh and forward-looking insights into the role and relevance of radio to listeners and to advertisers in today's fastchanging media landscape.
- Among the more specific objectives:
  - The extent to which active online Canadians, with a wide range of digital audio alternatives available, use broadcast radio
  - The role that broadcast radio currently plays for listeners in the new media marketplace
  - How radio is used in today's in-car audio environment—and who usesit
  - Attention paid by listeners to radio adsvs. other modes of advertising
  - The interplay between broadcast radio, digital and social media
  - Prospects for broadcast radio in Canada following the anticipated launch of Pandora or a similar services in the next few years.

#### Methodology

- The results shown here are drawn from four online surveys conducted via computers, tablets and smartphones using Vision Critical's Sparqsurvey platform:
  - The main Radio Engagement in Canada survey among 2,208 Canadians aged 12+; September 26-October 1, 2012
  - A supplemental survey conducted using Vision Critical's national omnibus survey; 1,006 Canadiansaged 18+, October 16, 2012
  - Wave 4 of *Radio on the Move*, a syndicated study tracking audio consumption in private vehicles among Canadian drivers/passengers, June 12-18, 2012
  - 4. A parallel survey among 1,017 Americans aged 18+ to probe differences between the Canadianand U.S.markets, with particular attention paid to the use of Pandorain the U.S.; September 26-October 1, 2012
- Samplefor each survey was randomly selected from Vision Critical's national online research panels, the Angus Reid Forum (Canada) and Springboard America.
- Final data weighted to reflect the population distribution of the markets surveyed

**Note:** Results presented in this report reflect the perceptions and reported behavior of engagedonline consumers. Their use of online technology can be considered one step ahead of the general public—a relevant sample for providing forward-looking insights to the radio and advertising industry.



# **Key Findings**

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- Broadcastradio is a daily habit, next only to TV, among online Canadianadults.
  - Two-in-three say they listen daily.
  - Daily consumption is largely consistent across all age cohorts and regions of Canada.
- Radio plays a central role in many Canadians' lives.
  - Nearly half of online Canadianadults (45%)consider radio to be "indispensable" or an "important part of their life."
- The greatest strengths of broadcast radio vs. new digital audio alternatives revolve around "connection"—personal and local connections, as well as the chance to connect to what's popular in music.
- Canadianradio listeners have personal, emotional ties to their favourite stations.
  - Three-quarters of all online Canadiansaged 12+ (74%) would be disappointed if their favourite radio station went off the air



# **Key Findings**

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- Listeners connect to radio personalities.
  - More than one third (35%) of radio listeners have a particular DJ/host they make a special point of listening to.
  - Of those, more than 4-in-10 (42%) describe that DJ/host like a "friend" or a "good friend" and more than half (54%)saythey would be more likely to purchase a product or service they recommended.
- In car listening is a growing and important part of radio's continued relevance.
  - More than half of online adult Canadianscommuteto work or school by car/private vehicle—and Canadians' commute times are increasing.
- Commuters are an attractive target who listen to a lot of radio.
  - Skewingtowards high income households, males and 25-54 year-olds with kids, Canadian adults who commute by car at least one hour a day listen to 3.7 hours of radio in a typical weekday vs. 2.4 hours among those who do not commute by car.
- Radio continues to dominate the in-car audio environment.
  - Daily reach of radio in-car for Canadiandrivers and passengers 72%, followed by personal music via CDs/mp3swith a daily reach of only 26%.

# **Key Findings**

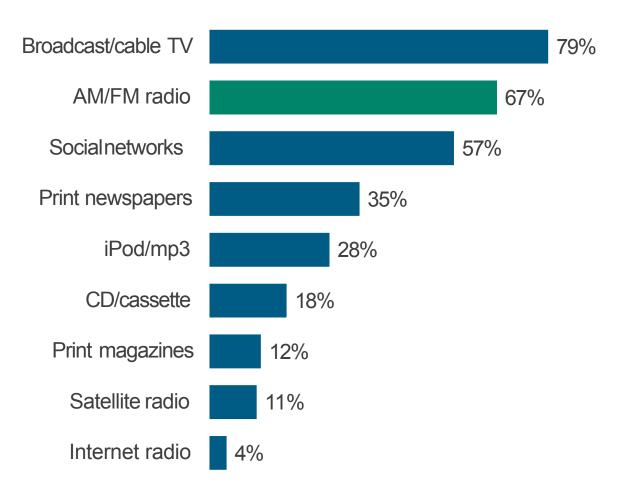
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- Compared to other media, radio advertising gets noticed.
  - When askedwhat proportion of ads they "miss completely," radio listeners report avoiding a smaller proportion of adsthan consumers of all other media except those exposed to cinema ads.
  - In contrast, TV viewers—especially those in PVRhouseholds—report the highest levels of ad avoidance of all traditional media.
- Engagement with broadcast radio is expanding onto other platforms.
  - One-in-three listeners (30%)saythey listened to AM/FM via non-traditional platforms (computer, tablet, television or smartphone) in the pastmonth.
  - More than one-in-four (26%)report visiting radio station websites weekly.
  - Two-thirds (68%) of online adults saythey at least sometimes listen to radio while they are online, listening throughout the day and evening.
- Broadcastradio's prospects look secure in advance the anticipated launch of Pandoraand/or similar Internet radio services in Canada.
  - The experience in the U.S. with Pandora strongly suggests that online music services are additive rather than a replacement platform.
  - Pandorausers actually listen to more AM/FM radio than other online American adults and indicate that they are listening at least as often as they were two years ago.



#### Like TV, radio is Canadians' daily touchstone, even among online consumers.

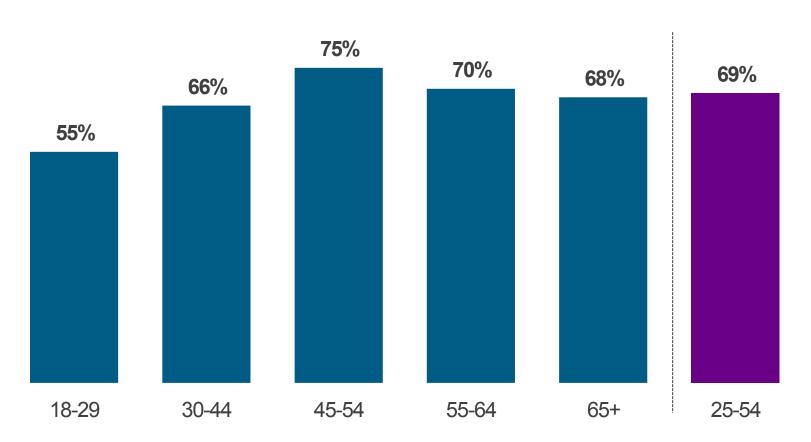
% of online adults who report accessingeach medium daily



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+ B1. How often, if ever, do you normally read, see, hear or access the following media sources?

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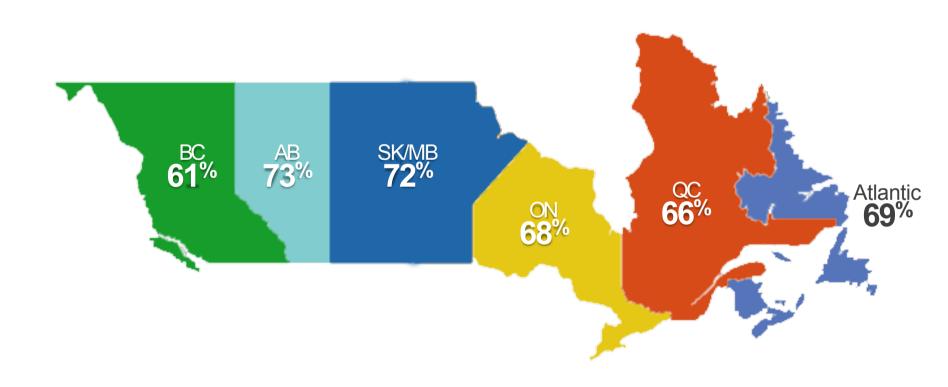
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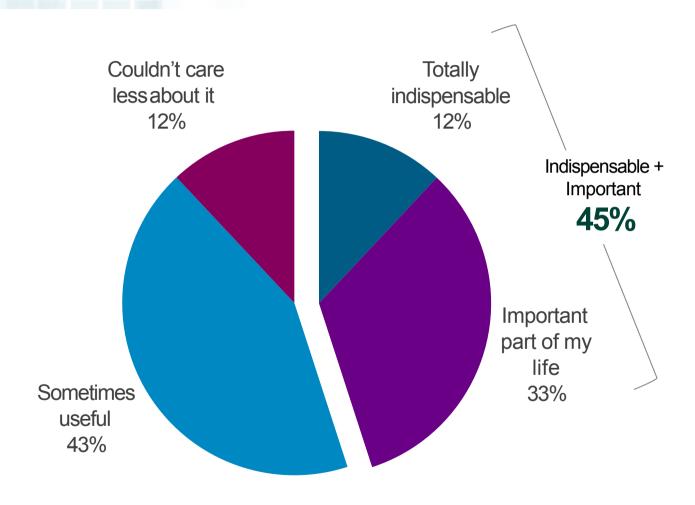
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Radio's Role in Today's Audio Landscape

# Broadcastradio plays a valuable role in most online Canadians' lives.



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+

#### Above all, listeners value the connections that broadcast radio brings.

#### Local connections

"What is happening in my community" / "unites communities" / "feel in tune with my local news" / "familiarity the DJ'shavewith MY city!" / "DJsyou will seeand interact with" / "insight to my local community"

"It's centered around my local area and hires local people." (42 year-old female)

#### **Human connections**

"You are neveralone" / "a human being is DJing" / "fondness for certain announcers" / "like having company" / "ability to request a special song for a birthday" / "human beings with no rehearsals" "The DJmakes me feel as if he/she were visiting with me personally." (71 year-old male)

#### Musical connections

"Keepin touch with current music"/ "hear musicI may not have thought of hearing"/ "talk about music"/ "winning concerttickets" / "discover new bands" / "news & event info relevant to my genre" "Random songscome on that you never would YouTubeor buy on iTunes, so you have more of a range of music."(teen)

#### Simple, low tech

"Don't have to choose the music" / "turn on and voila!" / "without using data" / "Don't have an RJ45 jack embeddedin my butt" / "Always-on"/ "no gadgetswhile driving" / "inexpensive"/ "info without me having to searcha lot" / "have it on at work and leave it alone"

"it's a no brainer, you get into the car turn the engine over and the radio is on. Anything else is too time consuming and dangerous to be fiddling around with." (41 year-old female)

# Comparedto digital audio alternatives, radio keeps its listeners feeling connected...

%associate type of audio with

# 'Makes Me Feel Connected'

-listened to each type of audio in past month-



AM/FM radio



Internet radio



Satellite radio



iPod/MP3 **17**%

# ...and radio uniquely interests and engages listeners.

%associate type of audio with

# 'Interesting'

-listened to each type of audio in past month-



AM/FM radio



Internet radio



Satellite radio



iPod/MP3 31%

### Radio is always there, just a button away.

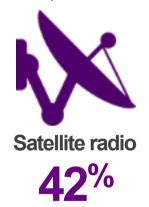
%associate type of audio with

# 'Convenient'

-listened to each type of audio in past month-









'Easy'

-listened to each type of audio in past month-

#### Amongteens, radio still plays a leading role in helping them discover new music.

% of teens who associate type of audio with

# 'Helps me DiscoverMusic I Haven't Heard Before'

-listened to each type of audio in past month-



AM/FM radio



Internet radio



Satellite radio 51%

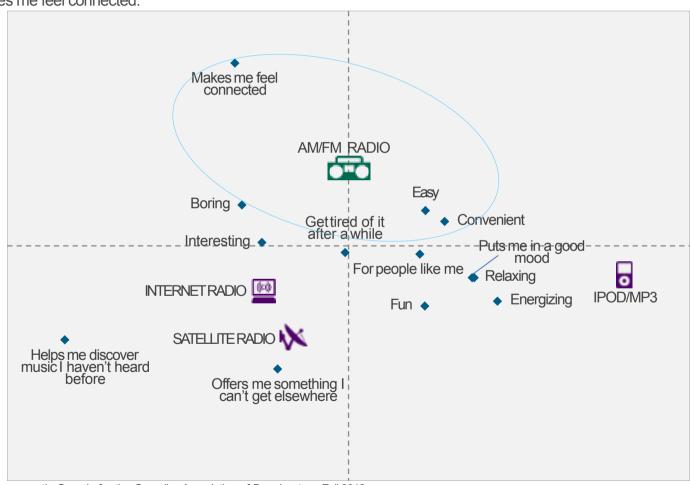


iPod/MP3 19%

SOURCE: Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadianonline teens, aged 12-17 who listened to applicable type of audio in past month C3a/b. Which of the following words or phrases, if any, do you associate with each of these? Satellite Dish designed by Sergey Krivoy, iPod from The Noun Project

# Where AM/FM Radio Fits in the Audio Landscape

This chart shows, based on proximity, those attributes with which each audio medium is most uniquely associated among Canadianradio listeners—e.g., AM/FM radio is most uniquely associated with being "convenient," "easy," and "makes me feel connected"

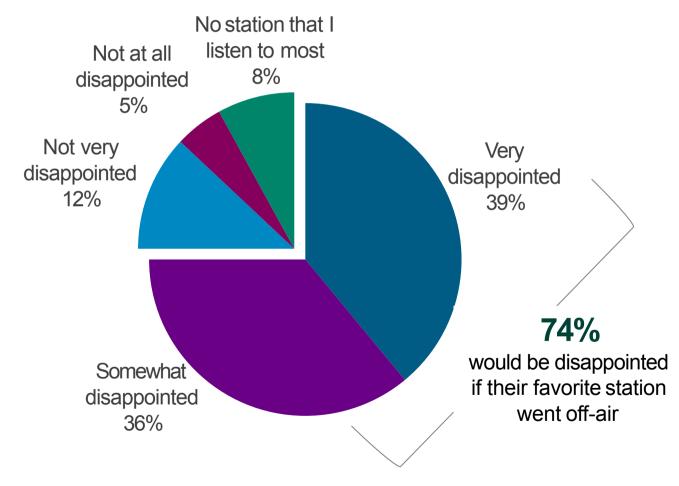


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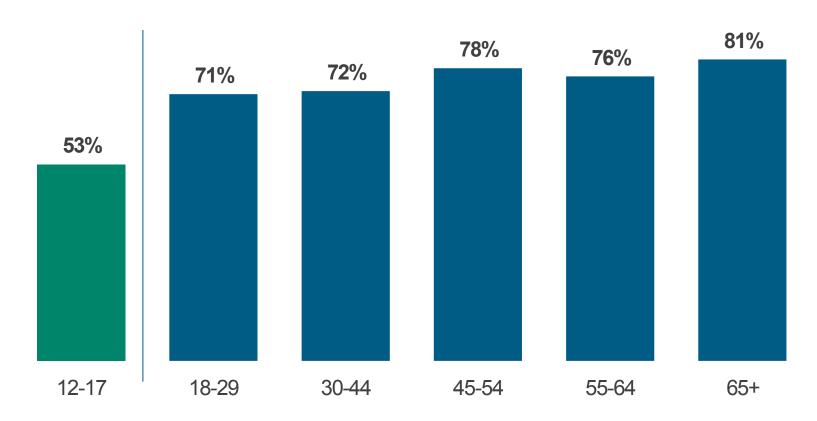
#### Radio listeners have personal, emotional ties to their favourite station.

"If the station you listen to most was no longer available, do you think you would be..."



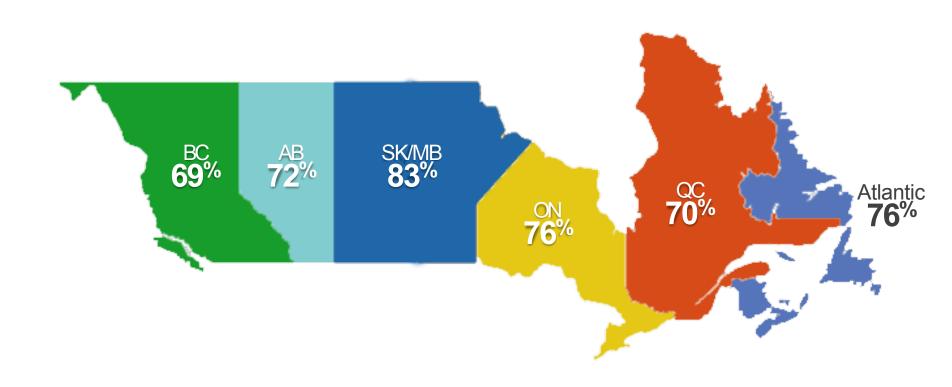
#### Emotional ties to favourite stations span all adult cohorts.

%would be disappointed if favourite station went off the air

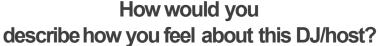


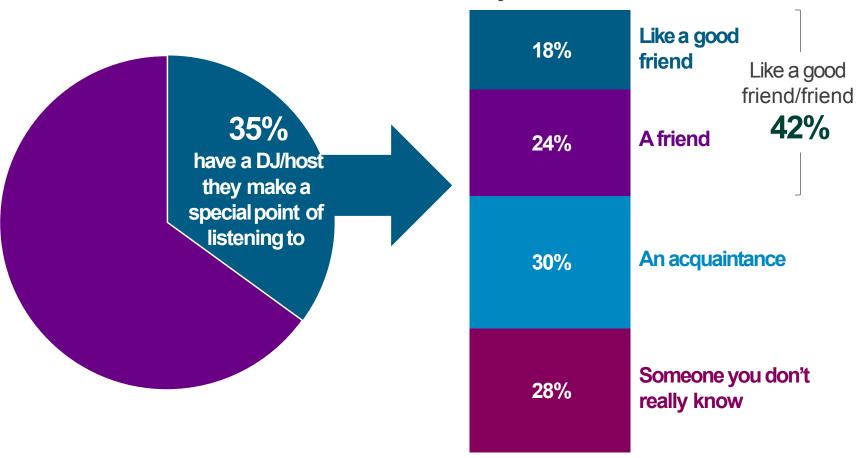
#### Canadians' connection with their favourite stations extends across the country.

% would be disappointed if favourite station went off the air



## Radio listeners connect to station personalities.

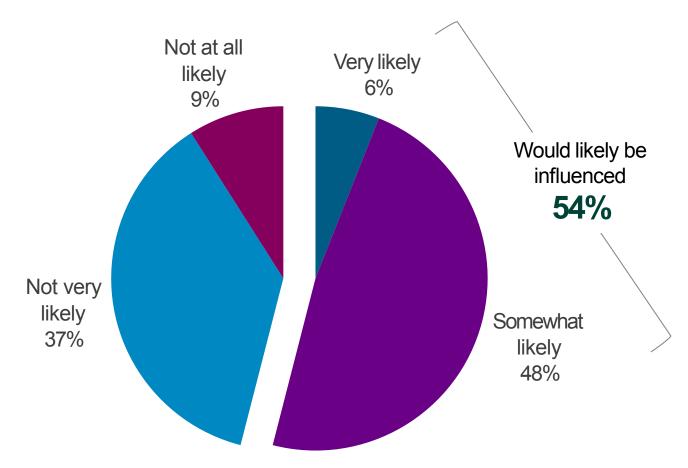




SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadianonline adults, aged 18+, who listen to broadcast radio E1. Are there any DJsor host on FM or AM radio that you make a special point of listening to? E2. Which of the following would best describe how you feel about your favourite DJor host on radio?

# Radio personalities can help drive purchase.

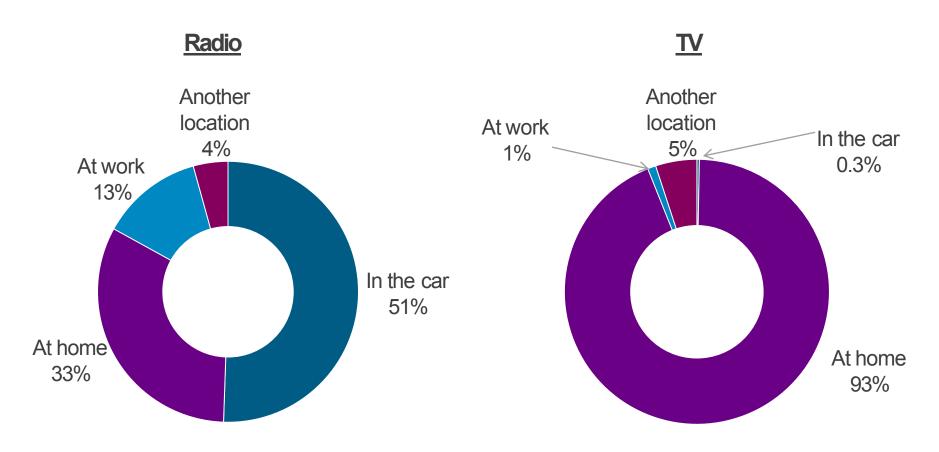
"How likely would you be to consider using/purchasing a product/service recommended by your favourite DJ/host"





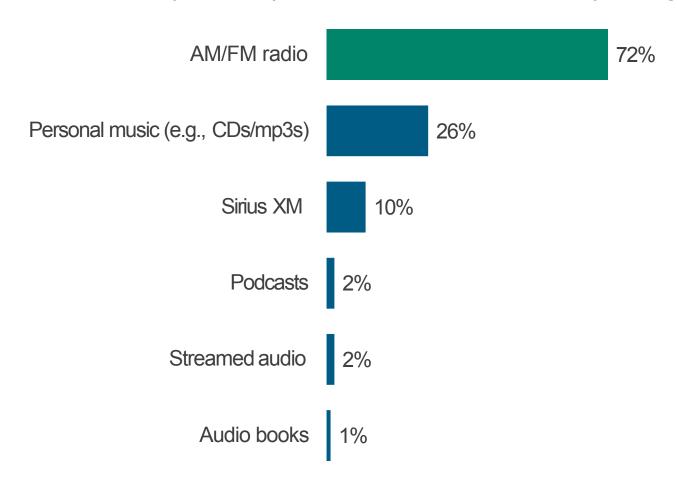
# Radio catches consumers on-the-go in their cars— TV almost exclusively at home.

"Of all the time you spend[with medium], what proportion is..."



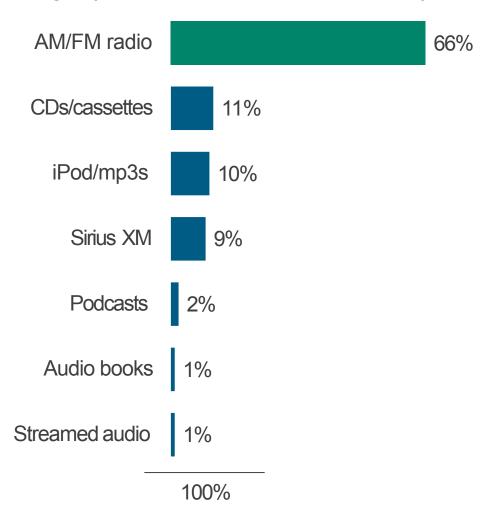
### Radio still dominates in the car, in reach...

Daily reach in private vehicle: Canadian drivers/passengers

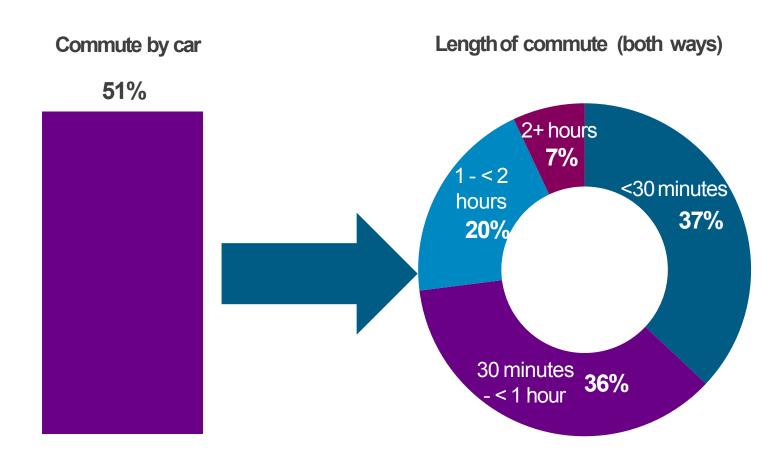


### ...and in share of in-car listening.

Share of listening in private vehicle: Canadian drivers/passengers



#### More than half of all online adult Canadians commute to work or schoolby car/private vehicle.



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+ F1a. How do you typically commute to work/school? F1b. How long is your commute (each way)?

### Commute times keep increasing.

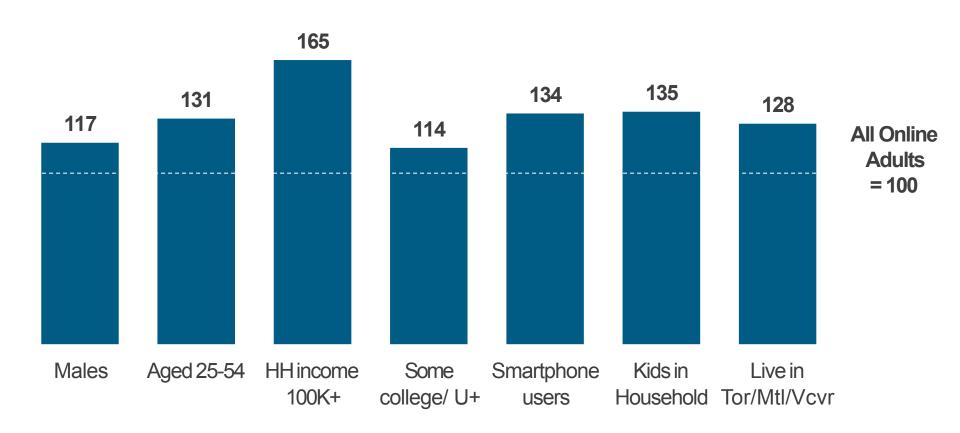
#### Reported Change in Commute Time by Car in Past 2 years



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+, commute by car F1c.Is your commute taking more or less time than it did 2 years ago? Cardesigned by Filippo Camedda, Clockdesigned by Dmitry Baranovskiy from The Noun Project

#### Commutersare an attractive target.

Adults who Commute by Car1+ Hours/Day, Indexed to Online Adult Population



#### Commuters are BIG radio listeners.

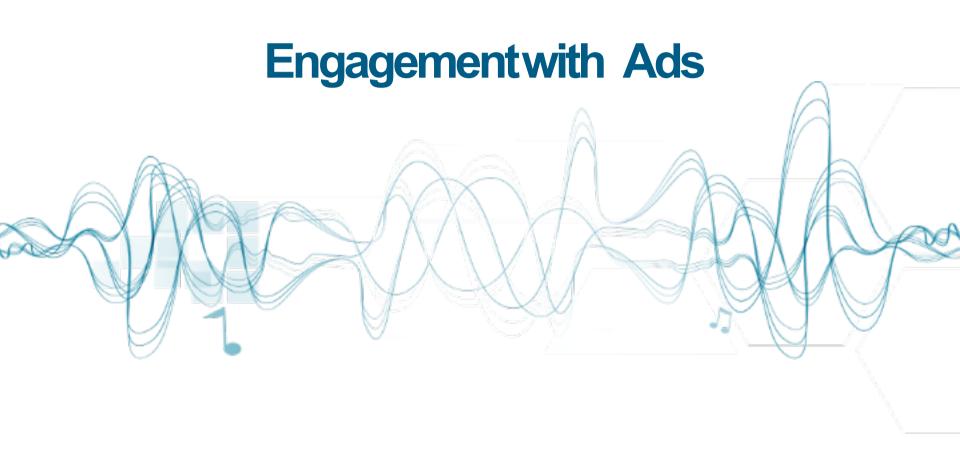
Average hours tuned / typical weekday



## Commuters are engaged listeners.

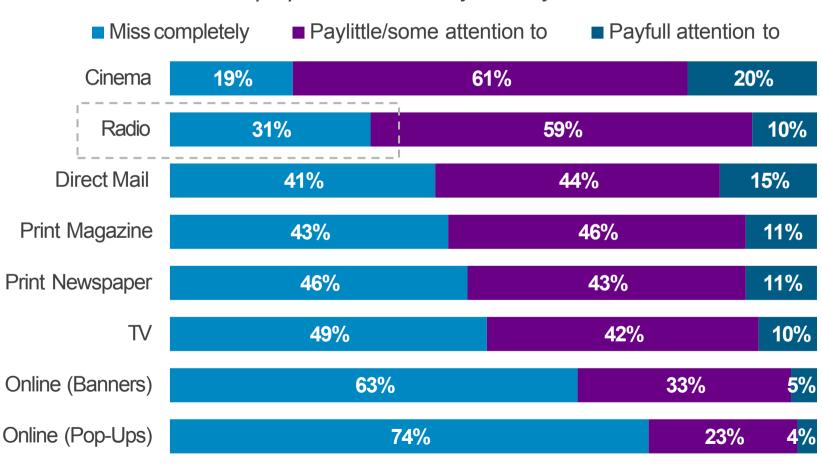
Degree of attention paid to radio while in the car -Adults who commute by car 1+ Hours/Day-





#### After cinema, online Canadianssaythey are least likely to avoid radio ads.

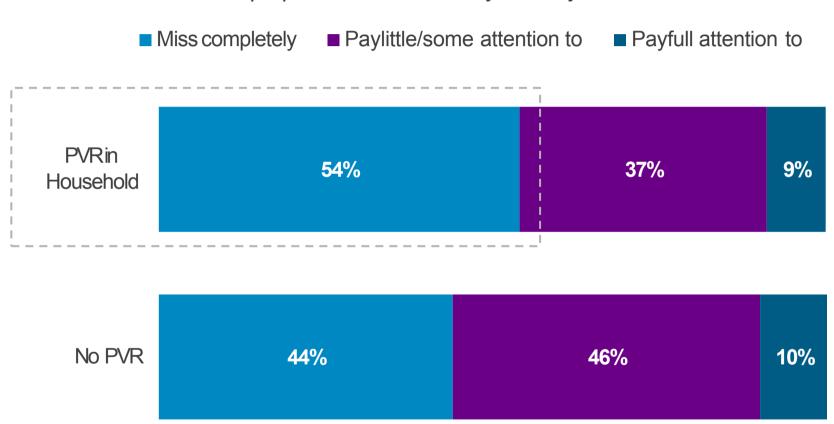
What proportion of ads do you feel you...



SOURCE: Canadian National Omnibus, Vision Critical for Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+, who accesseach media Q5A-H.When you're watching/listening/accessing [medium] ...,what proportion of the ads do you feel you:

#### Canadians in PVR households are even more likely than others to say they avoid TV ads.

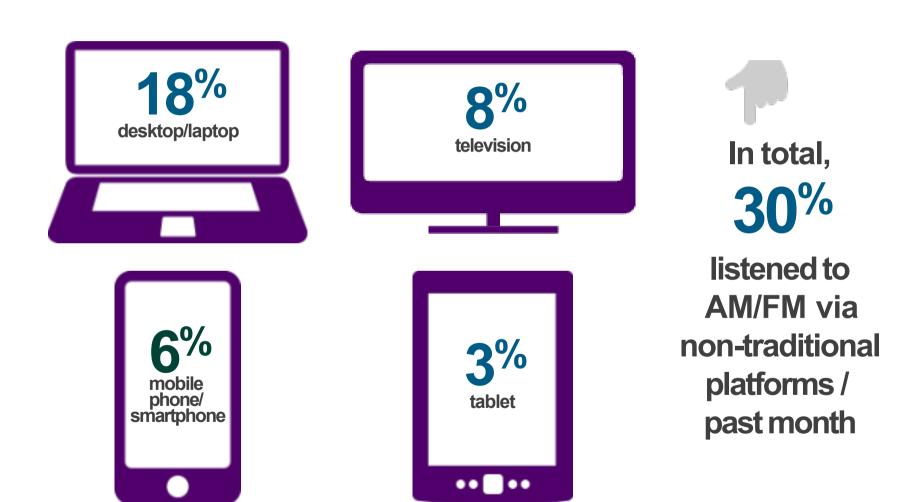
What proportion of TVads do you feel you...



SOURCE: Canadian National Omnibus, Vision Critical for Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+, TV watchers Q5B.When you're watching TV, what proportion of the ads do you feel you:

Radio—The Digital Connection

#### Listeners are increasingly consuming broadcast radio on other platforms.



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadianonline adults, aged 18+ who listen to broadcast radio B6. Thinking of the past month, have you listened to the following on these devices? Laptop designed by Sam Ahmed, Smartphone designed by George Agpoon, Tablet designed by Megan Hillman from The Noun Project

## Two-in-three online adults saythey at least sometimes listen to radio while online.



#### Radio stations drive to digital.

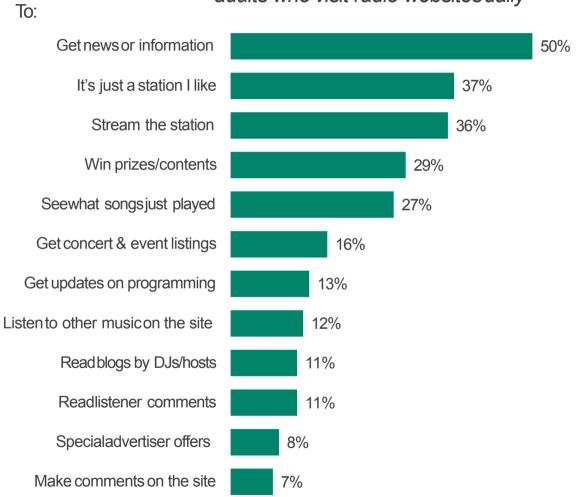


26% of online Canadianadults report visiting a radio website weekly

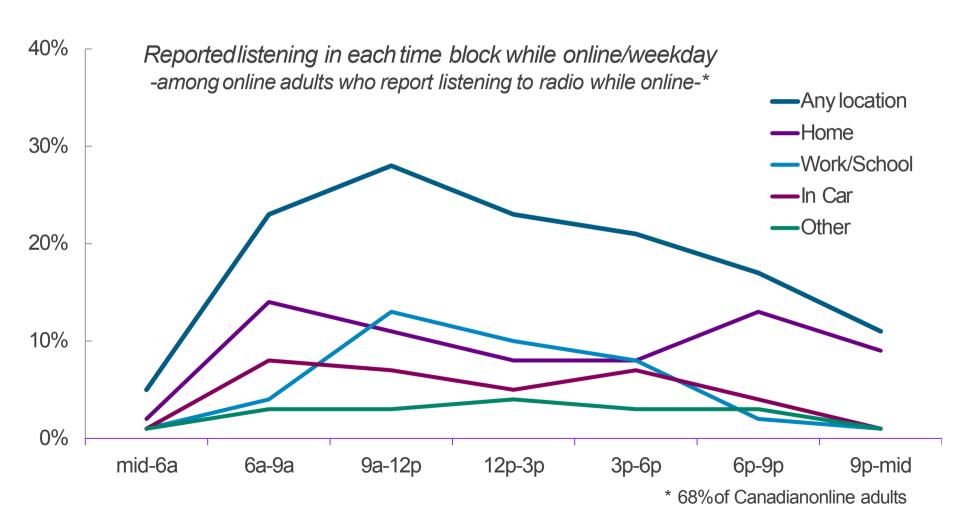
SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Canadianonline adults, aged 18+

#### Listeners go to radio websites for a wide range of reasons, not just for contests.



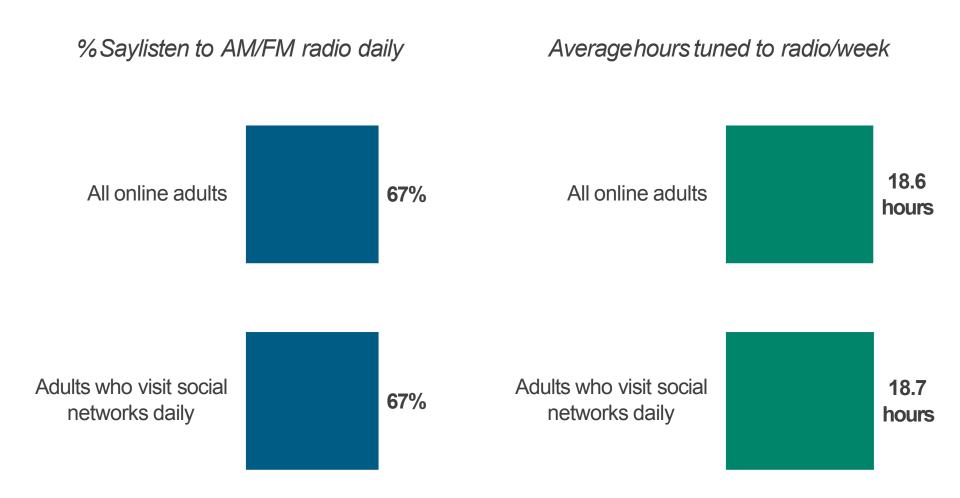


# Radio can throw to digital in any time block—listening to radio while online extends throughout the day.



SOURCE: Canadian National Omnibus, Vision Critical for Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadianonline adults, aged 18+, who listen to broadcast radio while online (68% of online Canadianadults) Q2. Thinking now specifically of yesterday, when, if at all did you listen to the radio while you are online?

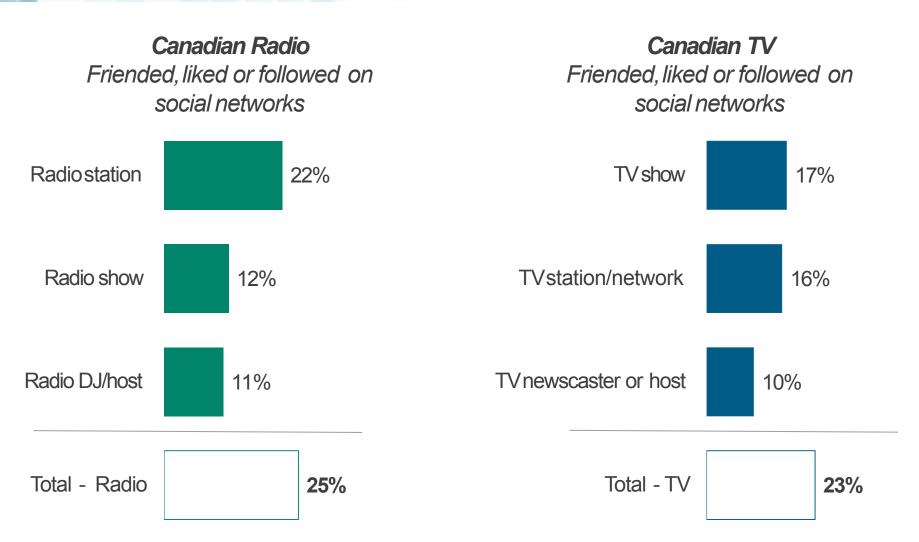
#### Social network users listen to as much radio as other online adults.



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+

B1. How often, if ever, do you normally read, see, hear or accessthe following media sources? B5aOn a typical weekday/ weekend day, how much time would you sayyou spend listening to FM or AM radio?

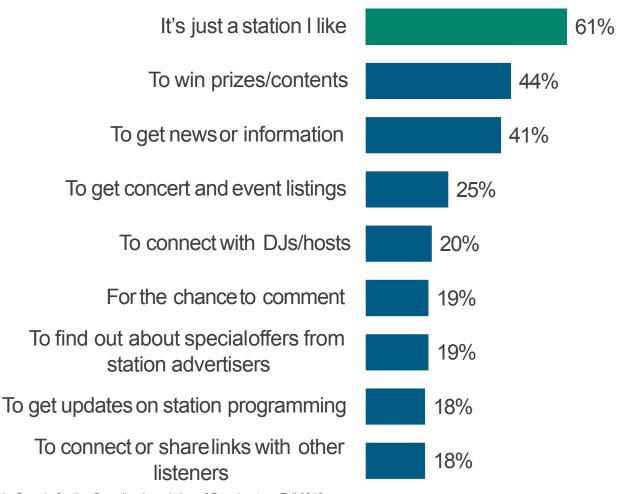
#### Canadian radio connects with its listeners on social networks—as much or more than Canadian TV does.



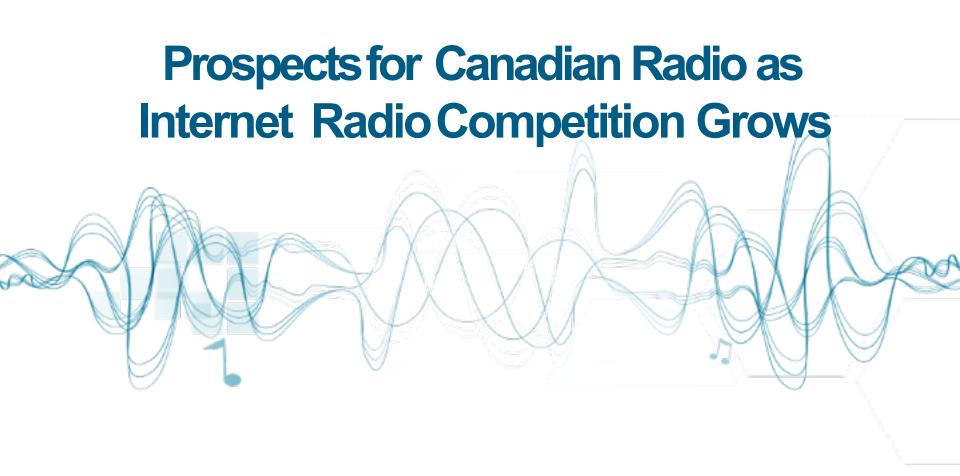
SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadian online adults, aged 18+ D3. Have you Friended, Liked or Followed any of these on social networks (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)?

#### Listeners 'like' radio stations on Facebook because they really LIKEit... and/or to engagewith the station.

Main reasons for liking a station on Facebook (by adults who like stations on Facebook)



SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: Canadianonline adults, aged 18+ who report "liking" a Canadianradio station on Facebook D4b. What are the main reasons you had for liking a station on Facebook?



#### Internet-only radio services are still in their infancy in Canada vs. the U.S.

%report listening to Internet-only audio services daily



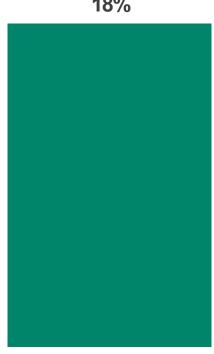
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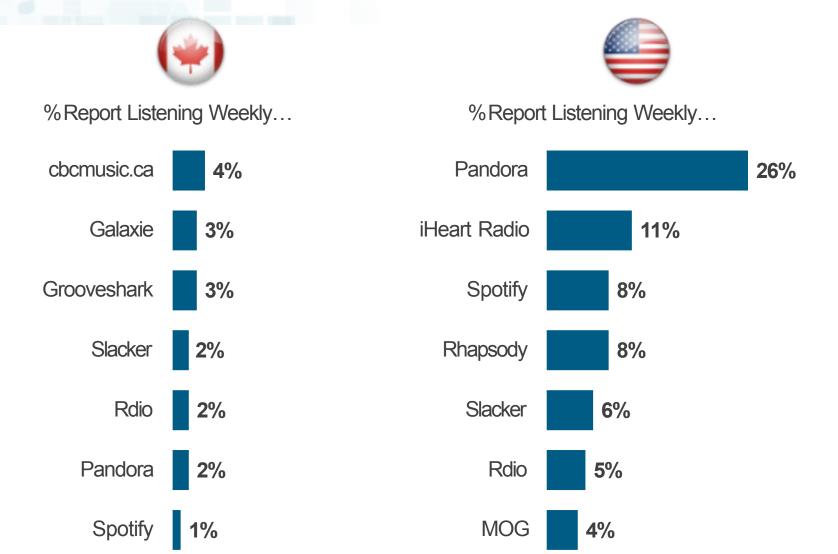


Online Canadian adults

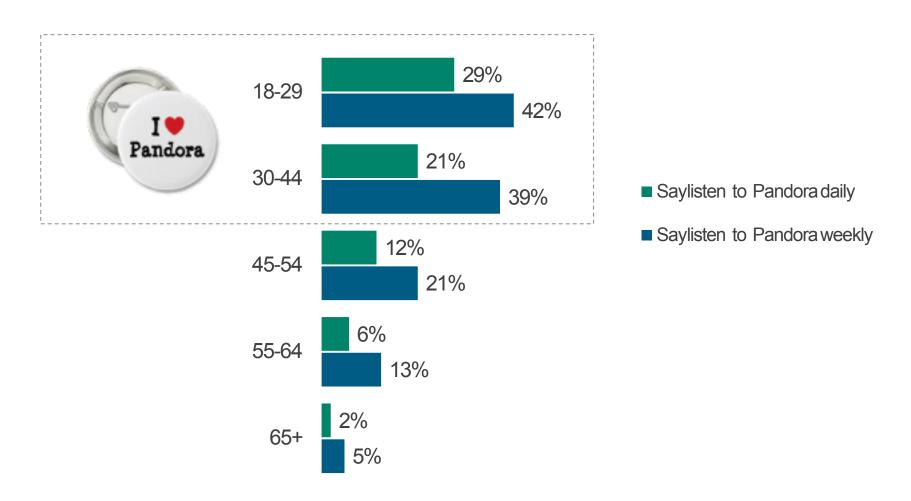


Online U.S. adults

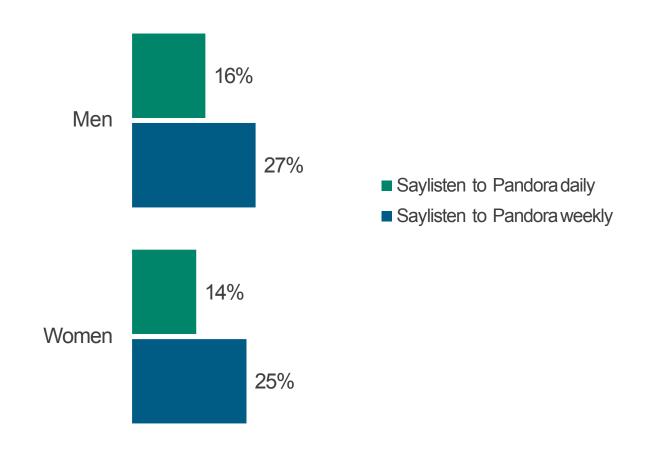
#### The BIG difference in the U.S. is Pandora.



#### Pandora listeners in the U.S. skew towards Millennials and Gen X.



# American men and women are equally likely to report listening to Pandora.



## Pandora listeners in the U.S. report spending more time with AM/FM radio than non-Pandoralisteners do.

#### Averagereported tuning to AM/FM radio

12.7 hours/week



Don't listen to Pandora

19.1 hours/week



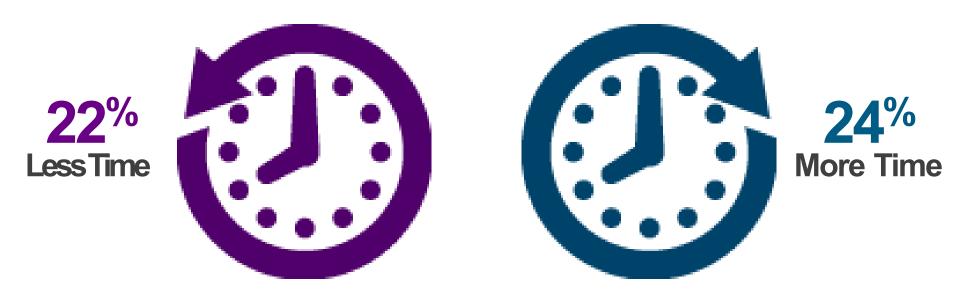
**Pandoralisteners** 

SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: American online adults, aged 18+

B5a. On a typical weekday, how much time would you sayyou spend...listening to AM/FM radio?

# Overall, Pandora users report spending slightly *more* time listening to AM/FM now than they did 2 years ago.

Reported change in listening to broadcast radio over past 2 years

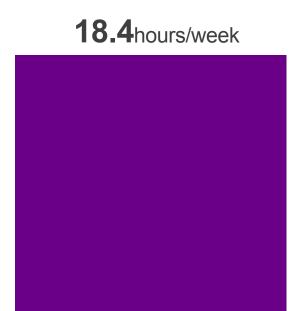


Net Change + 2%

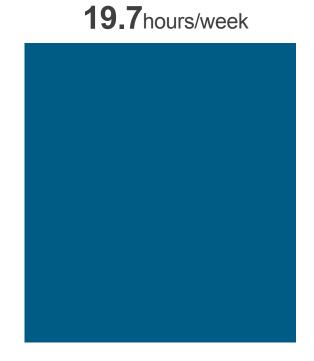
SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: American online adults, aged 18+ who listen to Pandora B2. Thinking back over the past two years, would you sayyou are doing more or lessof the following...listening to AM/FM radio Clock designed by Dmitry Baranovskiy from The Noun Project

# Tenured and recent Pandora listeners spend about the same amount of time listening to AM/FM radio.

#### Averagereported tuning to AM/FM radio



Listened to Pandora < 2 years

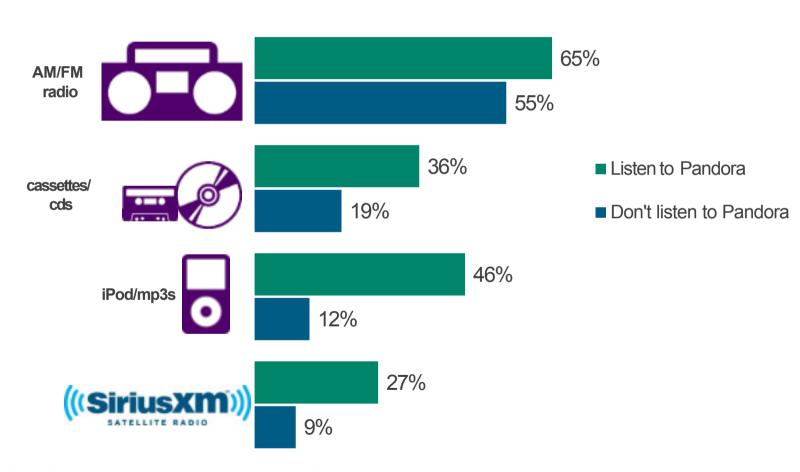


Listened to Pandora 2+ years

SOURCE: Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: American online adults, aged 18+ who listened to Internet-only audio in past month & ever listen to Pandora B5a. On a typical weekday, how much time would you say you spend... B5b. And what about on the weekend? How much time would you say you spend on a typical weekend day...

#### Pandora listeners are music fans, who devour music acrossall platforms.



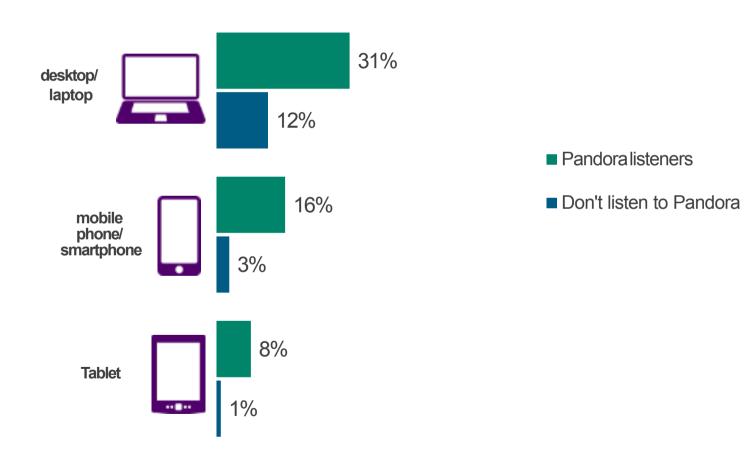


SOURCE:RadioEngagementin Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: American online adults, aged 18+

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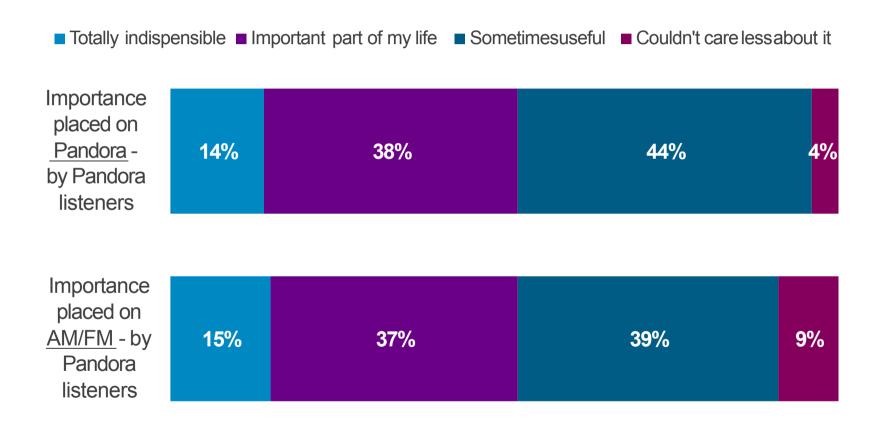
# Pandora listeners are also much more likely than non-Pandora listeners to accessAM/FM on digital devices.

%Reported listening to AM/FM radio in the past month on each platform



SOURCE: Radio Engagement in Canada, for the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Fall 2012 Base: American online adults, aged 18+

#### Most Pandoralisteners continue to see AM/FM radio as playing an important role in their life.



#### Why Pandora listeners still place value on AM/FM radio:

#### **Personal touch**

"personalities that entertain"/ "banter from real people"/ "interactive" / "talk radio" / "call on the phone to have them play a favorite song" / "giveaways and contests"



#### Localand live info

- "local events, news, and businesses"/ "local news/sports"/ "local advertising"
- "road conditions"/ "weather alerts" / "keepsme in touch with the world"/ "breaking newsand traffic" / "always current"/ "updates about contests, concerts, etc."/ "live news as happens"
- "Honestly, the commercials...how I hear about concerts and events going on, things I'd like to do with my **friends.**" (21 year-old female)

#### Music discovery/curation

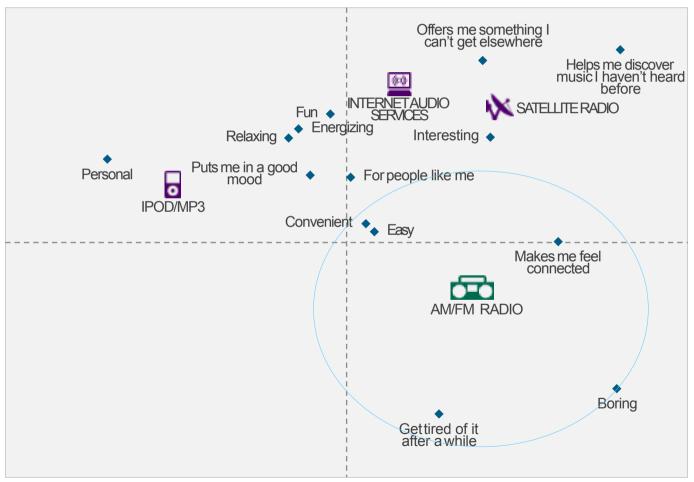
- "mix of musicthat you might not have pickedout" / "new music, random music" / "hit musicthat keepsme current"
- "More up to date and gives you information on the newest musicand what people are starting to like." (18 year-old female)
- "variety of songand genre choices"/ "diversity of music"/ "variety of old and new music"

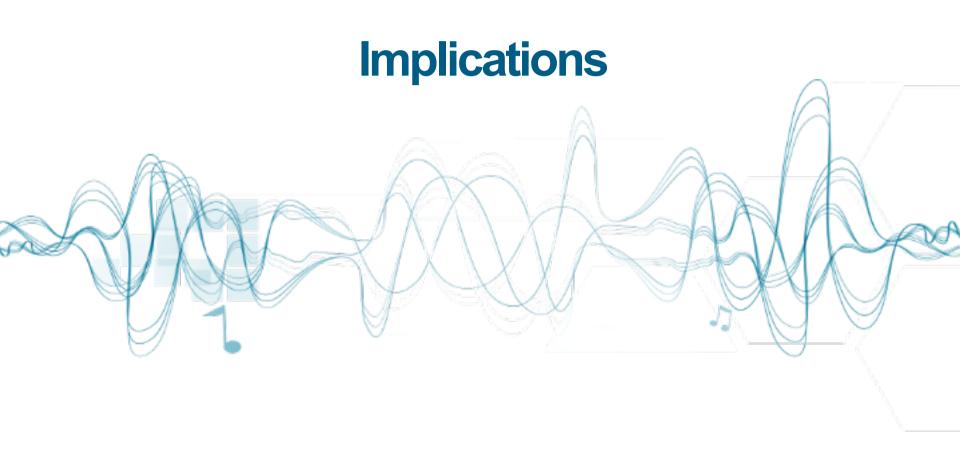
#### Easy/convenient

- "easily accessiblewhether you're in your home or car" / "easy to use while driving"
- "listen in the car without worrying about making any technology work....just switch the button on" / "anywhere anytime without logging in"/ "don't needto usethe data plan on my phone"/ "don't have to worry about battery charges"

# How Pandora Listeners See the Role that AM/FM Radio Plays in the Audio Landscape

This chart shows, based on proximity, those attributes with which each audio medium is most uniquely associated among Pandoralisteners—e.g., AM/FM radio is most uniquely associated with being "convenient," "easy," "helps me feel connected," "boring" and "get tired of it after a while."





#### **Implications**

#### **1of2**

- Broadcastradio remains relevant to the vast majority of Canadians and the advertisers who seek to reach them.
- 2. Most important, radio stations and their advertisers should capitalize on the personal **connections**that represent radio's unique strength today and into the future.



- Radio personalities can act as a particularly effective influence on purchase decisions. Their opinions, comments and recommendations are widely trusted.
- Radio's in-car dominance delivers strong potential for advertisers.
  - In-car listening represents more than half of all radio tuning.
  - Broadcast radio reaches an engaged, attractive and growing commuter audience.

#### **Implications**

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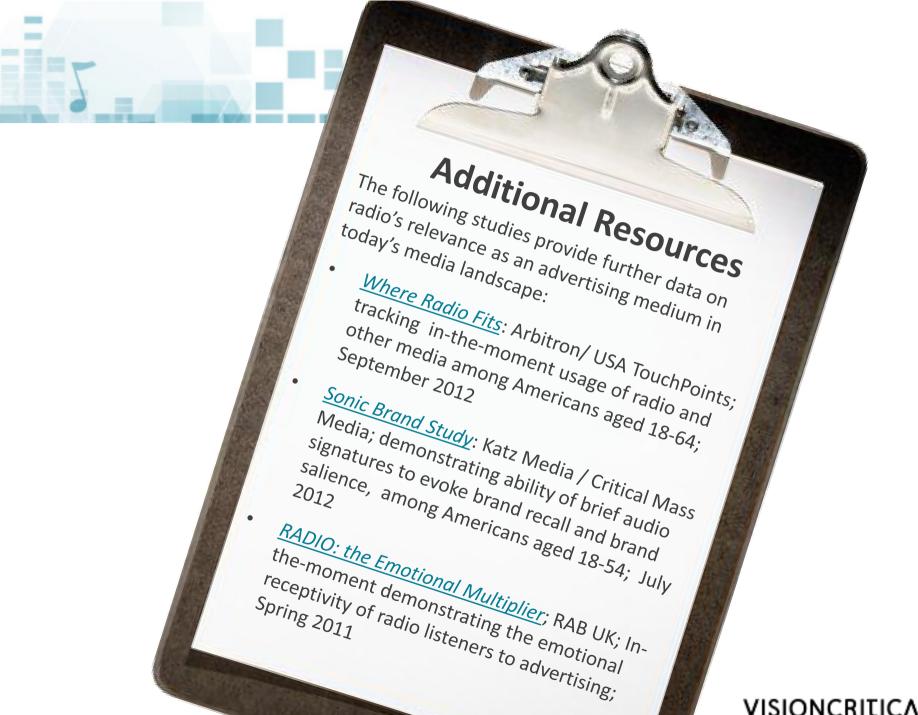
#### Radio is an increasingly valuable complement to TV advertising.

- Radio reaches listeners outside the homeon-the-go and often on their way to shop, eat or entertain themselves.



- As many households with PVRsactively avoid TV ads, radio listeners report much lower levels of ad avoidance to ads on radio
- Radioopensthe door to digital opportunities for radio and its advertisers.
  - Radiolisteners are following AM/FM onto digital platforms.
  - Many listeners are also multi-tasking—listening to radio while they're online throughout the day and evening, creating an opportunity for advertisers to drive to digital during all day parts, including those where rates are typically lower.

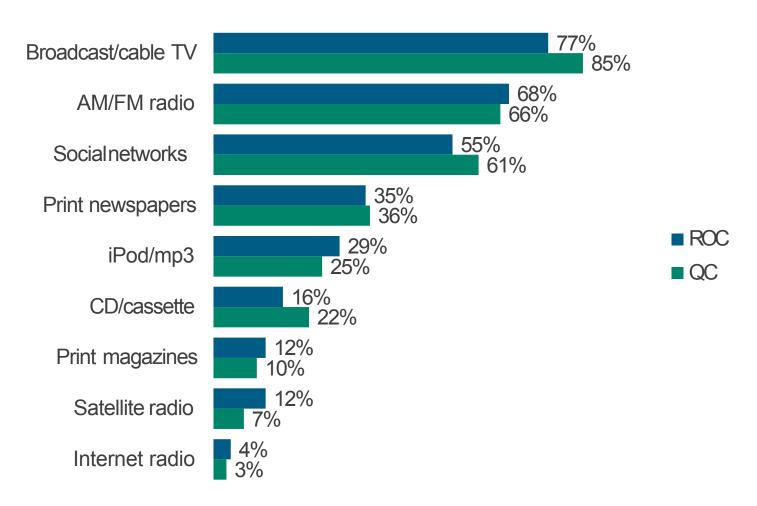
# **APPENDIX: Additional Resources**



APPENDIX: Quebec Findings vs. Rest of Canada (ROC)

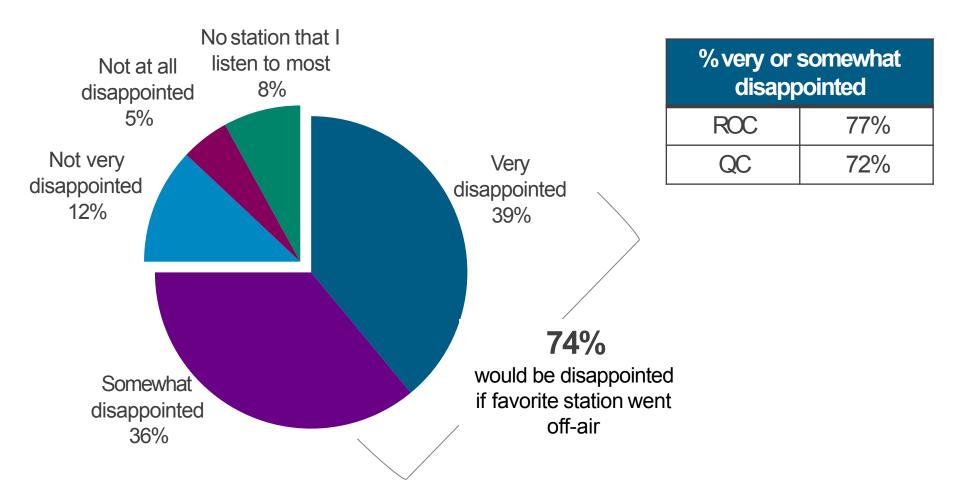
# Daily media consumption of online adults in Quebec in similar to that of rest of Canada—but more daily TV viewing and CD listening, but less satellite radio.

% access daily

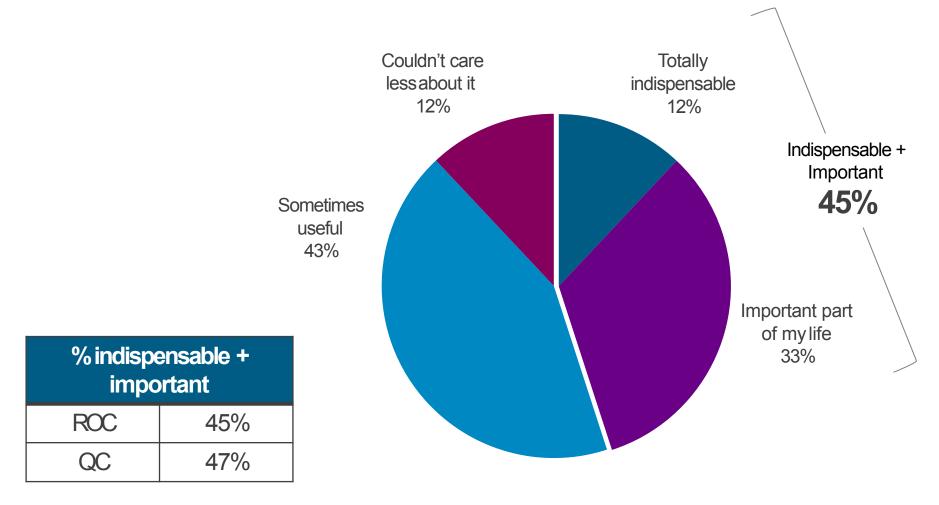


## Radio listeners in both Quebec and the rest of Canada have personal, emotional ties to their favourite station.

'If the station you listen to most was no longer available, do you think you would be...'



# Broadcast radio plays a valuable role in most Canadians' lives, with similar importance in Quebec as the rest of Canada.

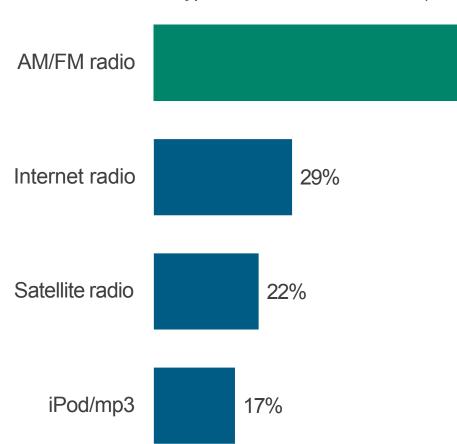




# In Quebec vs. ROC, there is slightly less agreement that AM/FM "makes me feel connected" but radio still offers a greater sense of connection than digital alternatives.

65%

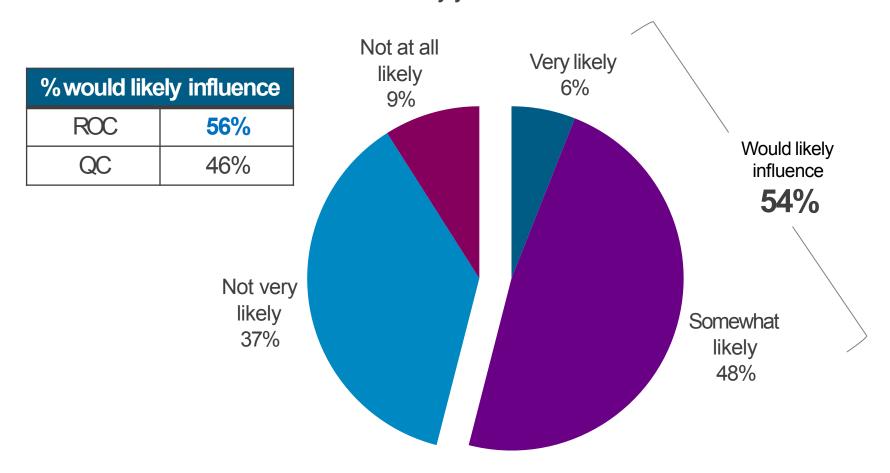
% Agree that Type of Audio 'Makes Me Feel Connected' -Listened to each Type of Audio in Past Month (National)-



|                | ROC | QC          |
|----------------|-----|-------------|
| AM/FM          | 67% | <b>57</b> % |
| Internet radio | 29% | 30%         |
| Satellite      | 22% | 20%         |
| iPod/mp3       | 15% | 21%         |

#### Radio personalities can help drive purchase, although the degree of influence is slightly lower in Quebec.

"How likely would you be to consider using/purchasing product/service recommended by your favourite DJ/host"

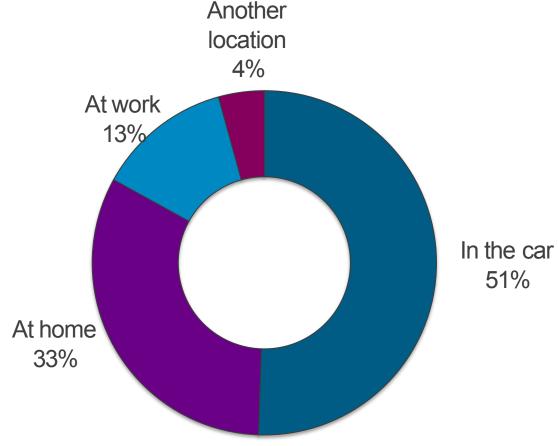




# Almost half of all radio listening in Quebec goesto an on-the-go in-car audience, slightly less than in the rest of Canada.

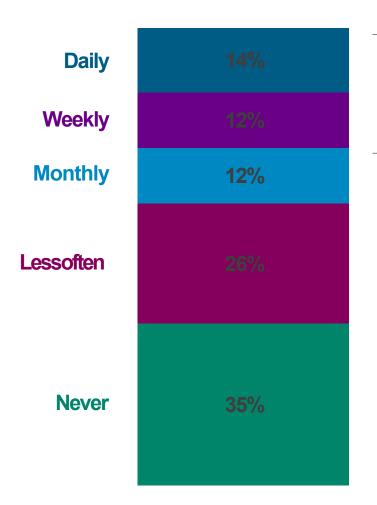
"Of all the time you spendlistening to FM or AM radio, what proportion is..."

|       | ROC         | QC  |
|-------|-------------|-----|
| Car   | <b>52</b> % | 47% |
| Home  | 33%         | 32% |
| Work  | 12%         | 15% |
| Other | 4%          | 6%  |



# Radio stations drive to digital as much in Quebec as they do in the rest of Canada.

"How often do you go to AM/FM radio station websites?"

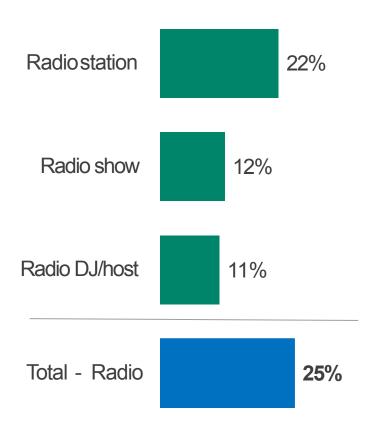


26% of online Canadiansreport visiting a radio website weekly

| % visit radio website weekly |     |  |  |
|------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| ROC                          | 27% |  |  |
| QC                           | 25% |  |  |

## Radio connects with its listeners on social networks at similar levels in Quebec and the rest of Canada.

Friended, Liked or Followed on Social Networks - Canadian Radio



|               | ROC | QC  |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Radio station | 22% | 22% |
| Radio show    | 11% | 14% |
| Radio DJ/host | 10% | 12% |
| TOTAL         | 25% | 26% |