The Reinventing Local TV News Project



10 TAKEAWAYS TO REINVENT YOUR VIDEO STRATEGY



VIDEO IS FOUNDATIONAL TO MODERN JOURNALISM

Video isn't just about TV anymore. All news audiences rely on video more than ever to stay informed.



PRIORITIZE VIDEO ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Most audience engagement happens on digital and social platforms — make digital video central to your strategy, not an afterthought.



DESIGN VIDEO FOR ONLINE BEHAVIOR

Digital audiences multitask, scroll quickly, and engage in short bursts; structure your content to fit these patterns. Let them know where they can go to dive deeper.



RIGHT FORMAT, RIGHT PLATFORM

A one-size-fits-all approach won't work; what succeeds on YouTube differs from Instagram, TikTok, or LinkedIn.



BUILD A NEXT-GEN STORYTELLING TEAM

Blur the lines between reporters, producers, designers, and data analysts to create dynamic, digitalnative storytelling teams that include Millennials and Gen Z.



AUTHENTICITY OVER PERFECTION

Audiences connect with raw, real, and unpolished content. Don't let traditional production values slow you down.



SPOTLIGHT UNDERREPORTED STORIES

Go beyond the mainstream cycle and use video to elevate critical stories that are often overlooked.



LEVERAGE ANIMATION TO INFORM

Animation remains a powerful tool for explaining complex topics, visualizing data, and engaging audiences.



EXPERIMENT, ANALYZE, AND ITERATE TO INSPIRE

Use any and all available metrics to track what works and what doesn't — let audience behavior guide your next move while encouraging creative risks.



INNOVATE LIKE THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES

Embrace emerging formats, new storytelling methods, and bold ideas to stay ahead in a fragmenting media landscape.

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