

# NEWS EXPERIENCE: UNDERSTANDING THE RESONANCE BETWEEN CONTENT, PRACTICES & SITUATEDNESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

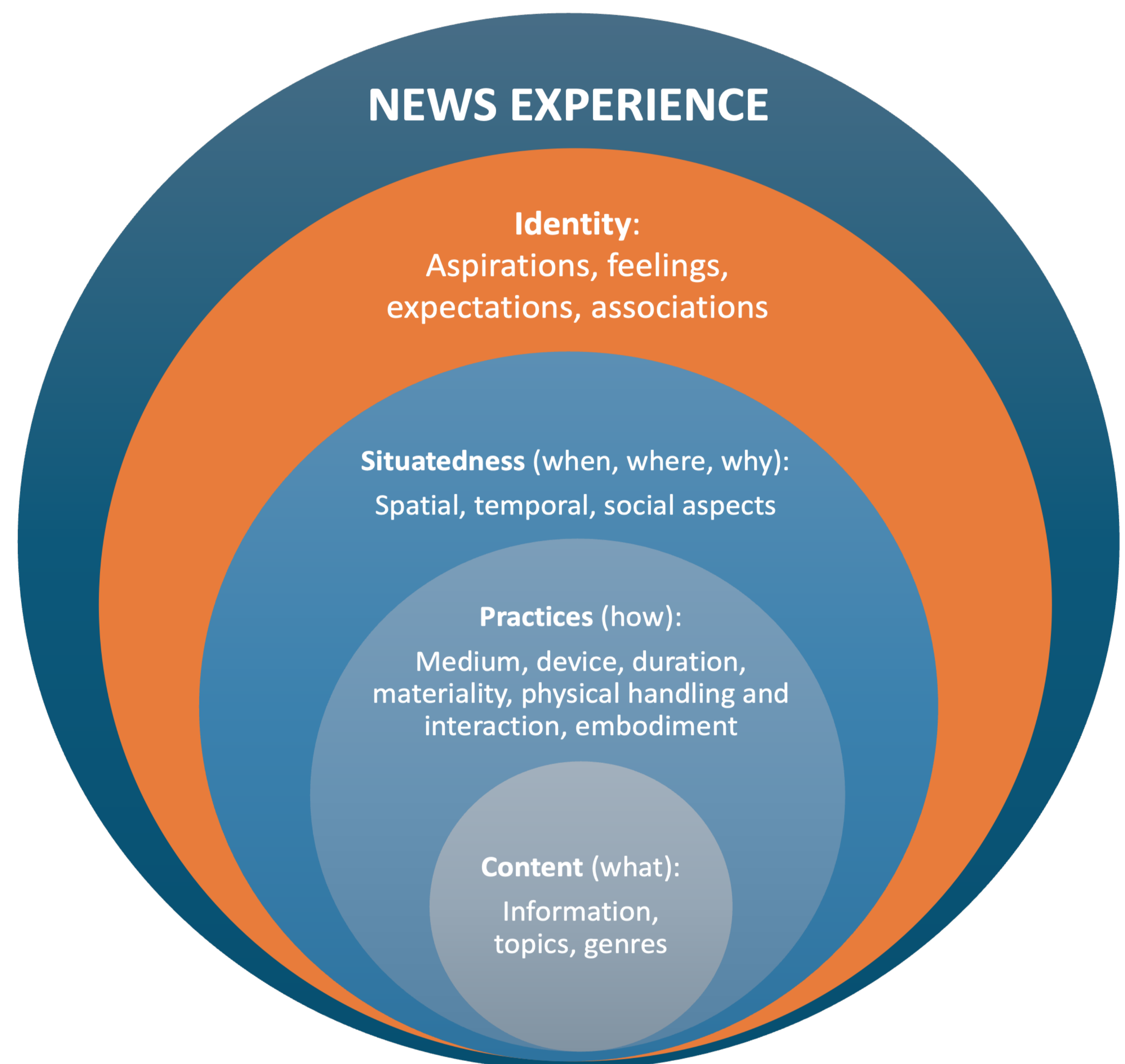
## Media Futures

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**Research on news audiences** shows how content reception, user practices, and spatiotemporal contexts influence how people interact with news.

**This study demonstrates** why these dimensions should be seen in relation. Here, «news experience» is applied as an analytical lens to explore how these complex dimensions interact in everyday life.

**Empirically**, six forms of news experience are identified, all in which content, practices, and situatedness resonate differently: reassurance, control, social connection, relaxation, diversion, and stress.



**RQ: HOW DO CONTENT, PRACTICES, AND SITUATEDNESS RESONATE IN DIFFERENT FORMS OF NEWS EXPERIENCE?**

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*I sort of just disconnect. That's why I have written [in the diary] that I typically sit in the sofa when I read news. I come home, I make dinner, and then at night, when the children are in bed, I go through the news sites. There are, in fact, many times I fall asleep or nod off, too. It's like 'now it's time to relax'. The feeling that there's nothing else to be done and that there is no one else around me – that I have some peace and quiet to myself.*

– Informant, 30

## METHOD

### 1. INTERVIEWS + VIDEO ETHNOGRAPHY

Fourteen informants (30-65 years) were first interviewed and later filmed while using their preferred news sites on their smartphones

### 2. MEDIA DIARIES + DATA DONATIONS

Informants were later asked to write media diaries and donate their news browsing history to get insights into their digital exposure of their preferred news sites

### 3. FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS

Informants were interviewed again based on their diary entries and data donations.

## FINDINGS: 6 FORMS OF NEWS EXPERIENCE

### REASSURANCE

Linked to practices and situatedness

### CONTROL

Linked to content and societal situatedness

### SOCIAL CONNECTION

Linked to content and personal situatedness

### RELAXATION

Linked to practices and personal situatedness

### DIVERSION

Linked to personal situatedness and practices

### STRESS

Linked to societal situatedness, content and practices

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