

Research Looks At Teens

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COLUMBIA, MO. (AP) -- A University of Missouri journalism researcher says that social-media saturated teenagers aren't necessarily savvier consumers of news.

Associate journalism professor Stephanie Craft and two former doctoral students surveyed the social media habits and news knowledge of more than 500 Chicago high school students. The research found that teens who spent a lot of time using social media weren't automatically more aware of the larger world they inhabit.

Craft and her research colleagues hope the survey can be used by high school teachers in news literacy classes. The research will be presented this summer at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.