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****Ratings Report for ABC News' "World News Tonight with David Muir"**

For the 2021-2022 Season, Third Quarter and Week of Sept. 12, 2022

**HISTORIC FIRST FOR A NEWSCAST – 'WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR'
SPENDS 31 WEEKS AS THE #1 PROGRAM ON ALL OF U.S. TELEVISION THIS SEASON
AND #1 NEWSCAST FOR 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

'World News Tonight' Ranks As No. 1 Program of the Week More Than Any Other Program This Season

With David Muir's Extensive Reporting in the Field — From Exclusive Interview with President Zelenskyy in Ukraine and Documenting Orphans of Covid Across U.S., to the First Joint Interview with Capitol Officers and Muir's Polk Award-Winning Reporting on the Children of Climate Change — 2021-2022 Marks Season-Winning Performance in All Key Demos for 'World News Tonight'

'World News Tonight' Wins All 52 Weeks as Top Newscast This Season in Adults 25-54, Including Both Weeks During an Olympics for the First Time in More Than 30 Years

'World News Tonight' Ranks #1 in Both Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 for the 3rd Season in a Row

'World News Tonight' Wins Third Quarter in All Key Demos for Third Consecutive Year



ABC News*

2021-2022 Season:

“World News Tonight” spent 31 of 52 weeks as the No. 1 program of the week in Total Viewers on all of broadcast and cable (excluding sports), a historic first for a newscast. “World News Tonight” stood as the most-watched evening newscast for the 6th consecutive season — since the 2016-17 season, based on Most Current Data from Nielsen Media Research. “World News Tonight” ranked as America’s No. 1 evening newscast for the 2021-2022 season in all key target demos, Total Viewers (8.145 million), Adults 25-54 (1.470 million) and Adults 18-49 (1.008 million), taking the top spot for the 3rd straight year.

In addition, the ABC evening newscast **stood as the No. 1 program of the week on all of broadcast and cable television in Total Viewers on 17 of the 52 weeks of the season, more weeks at No. 1 than any other program this season.**

Further, since the pandemic began in March 2020, “World News Tonight” has spent **more than 70 weeks** as the most-watched program across broadcast and cable (excluding sports).

“World News Tonight” won all 52 weeks of the 2021-22 season as the No. 1 newscast in Adults 25-54, including winning both weeks of an Olympics (2022 Winter Olympics) for the first time in more than 30 years — since at least the 1992 Summer Olympics (the Nielsen electronic database started in September 1991). In addition, “World News Tonight” won 51 of 52 weeks of the season in Total Viewers.

Americans turn to David Muir and “World News Tonight” for breaking news and top headlines each and every night, including Muir’s on-site reports — recently, Ukraine, Buffalo, Uvalde and London — as well as his exclusive reporting on the climate crisis in Madagascar and “The Orphans of COVID” as the United States reached a tragic milestone of one million lives lost due to the pandemic.

Muir was the first on the ground as Russian forces invaded Ukraine, reporting on the war and the millions of refugees leaving the country. He returned to the region twice, including his interview over Labor Day weekend with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at his highly fortified presidential office in Kyiv, as he was ordering a new offensive to liberate the country.

The first American anchor to report from southern Madagascar, Muir reported on the country as it faces a climate-induced famine, raising nearly \$5 million for the World Food Programme and its efforts.

On the one-year anniversary of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, Muir sat down for an exclusive interview with three Capitol officers, detailing the horrors they endured that day.

“World News Tonight” has garnered several awards this season, including five Emmy® nominations, a Polk Award and Christopher Award, among others.

“World News Tonight” ranked **No. 1 in Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 for the 3rd season in a row.** “World News Tonight” **surpassed NBC in both Adults 25-54** (+272,000 - 1.470 million vs. 1.198 million) **and Adults 18-49** (+166,000 – 1.008 million vs. 842,000).

“World News Tonight” **led “CBS Evening News”** (4.938 million, 833,000 and 579,000, respectively) **by 3.207 million Total Viewers, by 637,000 Adults 25-54 and by 429,000 Adults 18-49.**

Week of Sept. 12, 2022:

“World News Tonight with David Muir” finished as **the No. 1 evening newscast in all of broadcast and cable in Total Viewers** (7.305 million), **Adults 25-54** (1.222 million) **and Adults 18-49** (870,000) during the week of Sept. 12, 2022, based on Live + Same Day Data from Nielsen Media Research. **“World News Tonight” led “NBC Nightly News”** (6.112 million, 1.008 million and 675,000, respectively) **by 1.193 million Total Viewers, by 214,000 Adults 25-54 and by 195,000 Adults 18-49.**

“World News Tonight” **increased its lead over “NBC Nightly News” from the previous week in Total Viewers** (+8%; vs. 1.105 million), **Adults 25-54** (+62%; vs. 132,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+195%; vs. 66,000).

“World News Tonight” **has won the last 198 of 199 weeks in Total Viewers and 127 of the last 129 in Adults 25-54.**

“World News Tonight” was the **No. 2 program of the week in Total Viewers** (7.305 million) **on all of broadcast and cable television** (excluding sports).

For the week, “World News Tonight” (7.305 million, 1.222 million and 870,000, respectively) **beat “CBS Evening News”** (4.418 million, 693,000 and 442,000, respectively) **by 2.887 Total Viewers, by 529,000 Adults 25-54 and by 407,000 Adults 18-49.**

NOTE: On Monday (9/5/22), “NBC Nightly News” was retitled to “NBC Nitely News” due to NBC’s airing of “The Emmy Awards.” The telecast is excluded from the weekly and season averages. NBC’s averages are based on four days (Tuesday-Friday).

3rd Quarter 2022:

ABC News’ “World News Tonight with David Muir” won the 3rd Quarter 2022 in Total Viewers (7.406 million), **Adults 25-54** (1.268 million) **and Adults 18-49** (881,000), based on Most Current Data from Nielsen Media Research. **“World News Tonight” led the 3rd quarter across the board for the 3rd year in a row.** In addition, **“World News Tonight” took the top spot in Total Viewers for the 22nd straight quarter and for the 11th quarter running in Adults 25-54** — since 2Q17 and 1Q20, respectively.

“World News Tonight” **outdelivered “NBC Nightly News”** (6.215 million, 1.007 million and 695,000, respectively) **by 1.191 million Total Viewers, by 261,000 Adults 25-54 and by 185,000 Adults 18-49.** “World News Tonight” **increased its lead over NBC from the year-ago quarter in Adults 25-54** (+4%

- 261,000 vs. 252,000) and Adults 18-49 (+16% - 186,000 vs. 161,000) to its largest 3rd quarter lead in 27 years — since 3Q95.

For the 3rd quarter, “World News Tonight” (7.406 million, 1.268 million and 881,000, respectively) outperformed “CBS Evening News” (4.467 million, 731,000 and 482,000, respectively) by 2.939 million Total Viewers, by 537,000 Adults 25-54 and by 399,000 Adults 18-49.

ABC’s “World News Tonight with David Muir” airs 6:30-7:00 p.m. EDT on ABC. Almin Karamehmedovic is the senior executive producer of the broadcast.

EVENING NEWS (2021-2022 Season):

	TOTAL VIEWERS	ADULTS 25-54	ADULTS 18-49	HOUSEHOLDS
ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	8,145,000	1.2/10; 1,470,000	0.8/ 9; 1,008,000	5.1/14
NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	6,874,000	1.0/ 8; 1,198,000	0.6/ 7; 842,000	4.2/12
CBS EVENING NEWS	4,938,000	0.7/ 6; 833,000	0.4/ 5; 579,000	3.1/ 9

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CBS EVENING NEWS	4,467,000	0.6/ 6; 731,000	0.4/ 5; 482,000	2.8/ 9

Source: The Nielsen Company, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 Live + SD Current Week (w/o 9/12/22), Previous Week (w/o 9/5/22) and Year-Ago Week (w/o 9/13/21). Most Current: 2021-2022 Season (9/20/21 – 9/18/22) and 2020-2021 Season (9/21/20 – 9/19/21). L+7/Most Current - 3Q22: 6/27 – 9/18/22, 2Q22: 3/28 – 6/26/22. 3Q21: 6/28 – 9/19/21. Nielsen ratings for ABC, NBC and CBS include additional airings in select markets. Beginning 8/31/20, national ratings also include Out of Home (OOH) viewing. Averages based on regular telecasts.

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