

Increasing Criticism of Press Accuracy, Openness

	<u>July</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<i>85-09</i> <i>diff</i>
<i>News organizations ...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Get the facts straight	55	37	35	46	35	36	36	39	29	-26
Stories often inaccurate	34	58	57	45	56	56	56	53	63	+29
Don't know	11	5	8	9	9	8	8	8	8	
Willing to admit mistakes	34	26	24	35	23	27	28	29	21	-13
Try to cover up mistakes	55	66	67	52	67	62	62	63	70	+15
Neither/Don't know	11	8	9	13	10	11	10	8	9	
Highly professional	72	52	54	73	49	62	59	66	59	-13
Not professional	11	32	27	12	31	24	25	22	27	+16
Neither/Don't know	17	16	19	15	20	14	16	12	14	

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