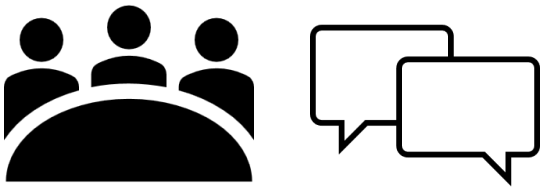
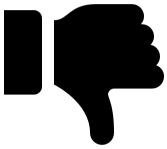
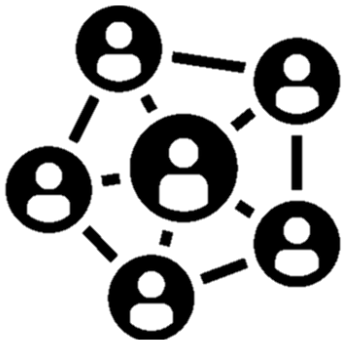
Easy Read Summary

What We Did	
	This article is about how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) think about the news.
	A group of people wrote this article. They are: ● Two journalists, Amy Silverman and Beena Raghav ● A disability studies researcher, Becca Monteleone ● Two self-advocates with I/DD, Phillis Schmidbauer and Darius Cunningham ● A disability studies student, Marissa Kuehn
	We did five **focus groups** with people with I/DD. We talked to 21 people total. A focus group is a conversation with people who have

	something in common. It is about a specific topic.
	We asked the focus groups about: ● How they defined the news. ● How they got the news. ● What made it hard to get or understand the news. ● What they thought about news about I/DD.
What We Found	
What the News Means and How It Makes People with I/DD Feel	
	A lot of different things count as news. They include: ● Local News ● Crime ● Politics ● World Events ● Entertainment ● Health
	Many people said watching or reading the news makes them feel bad or bored.

Things that Make It Hard to Get the News	
	Parents or guardians sometimes don't want to or let people with I/DD watch or read the news. Usually that is because they want to protect them from learning about bad things.
	Some people with I/DD have other people tell them about the news.
	The words in the news are sometimes hard to understand. For some people, reading news is harder to understand than watching it.
	Some people are not sure if everything they hear on the news is true.

	Some people don’t have the money or right technology to read or watch the news.
Disability In the News	
	Most people we talked to did not look for stories about disability in the news.
	They want the news to help nondisabled people learn about disability.
	A lot of news stories make mistakes or have bad messages about disability.
	People want to see more good stories about people with I/DD.

Making the News Better for People with I/DD	
	Some ideas people had to make the news easier to understand: ● Include pictures and videos with writing. ● Have braille or text-to-speech versions of stories. ● Make the writing easier to understand. ● Include summaries. ● Slow down and have clear breaks in videos and audio.
	Some ideas for making better news stories about I/DD: ● Interview people with I/DD. ● Write about good things that people with I/DD do. ● Treat people with I/DD with respect.
Our Conclusion	
	Access to news is important. People with I/DD deserve to know what is happening in the world. It can help people be more included in the community.

	We need to treat people with I/DD as adults. That means not stopping people with I/DD from getting access to news. It also talking to people with I/DD for the news.
	People with I/DD want more positive stories about I/DD. Journalists need to listen to what they want.
	People with I/DD should be included as sources in all kinds of news stories.
	We want to do more. We need to: ● Include people who do not speak and who have high support needs. ● We can create new ways to include people with I/DD in research and news. ● We can develop new tools to make better news by and for people with I/DD.
