

The Hill sees biggest online year-over-year traffic growth among U.S publishers

US news sites see average 14% decline year over year

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Influential policy and political news site The Hill has emerged as an early winner of the Presidential election, securing the biggest year-over-year increase in traffic among all U.S. publishers.

SimilarWeb, the global leader in digital analytics, has found that the Washington-based site saw 72% year-over-year online traffic growth in an analysis of major U.S publisher's traffic growth in November 2014 and November 2015. The politics news source saw the biggest year-over-year traffic growth among 114 leading publishers studied, increasing their visits from 9.2 million to 15.9 million, based on combined mobile and desktop visits.

The SimilarWeb analysis shows that overall, leading U.S news publishers saw an average year-over-year traffic decline of 14%.

Despite many publishers achieving higher numbers of visits, based solely on year-over-year growth, The Hill was followed by Tech Times (69%), while Bustle, a new media company for millennial women (65% year-over-year growth) continued its impressive momentum.

Other leading publishers sustaining year-over-year growth include Breitbart (55%), Newsweek (32%), iDigital Times (31%), BBC (27%), Vice (25%), New York Post (24%), Mic (13%) and Digital Trends (12%).

The BBC led a UK-contingent including The Daily Telegraph (4%), Mirror (4%), Guardian (4%) and Independent (1%) continuing to grow their US online audience in this period.

Overall, the most viewed news sites, for absolute visits and not year-over-year traffic are CNN (313 million visits a month), The New York Times (202.8 million), Yahoo News (198 million), Huffington Post (190.5 million), Fox News (167 million) and BuzzFeed (148.6 million).

By the end of 2015, online news and media sites remained a high performing industry in the US, accounting for 12.67% of all online activity in the US.

Joel Zand, SimilarWeb Digital Insights Manager, said: "U.S. audiences now spend more than a tenth of their time while online reading and sharing news stories. However the ability to generate year-over-year growth for publishers is extremely difficult in a challenging market with constant innovation and new players. While household names still dominate for sheer numbers, many publishers are achieving successful year-over-year growth by focusing on more niche topics and becoming a vital source of news and information among these audiences."

Jimmy Finkelstein, Chairman of The Hill said: "The Hill's tremendous growth is a testament to what we have always believed: serious journalism about government and politics works

on the web. In fact, we expect this growth to substantially accelerate this month and the coming year."

Top YoY increase in combined desktop and mobile Web traffic

1. thehill.com	72%
2. techtimes.com	69%
3. bustle.com	65%
4. breitbart.com	55%
5. newsweek.com	32%
6. digitaltimes.com	31%
7. bbc.com	27%
8. vice.com	25%
9. nypost.com	24%
10. mic.com	13%

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SimilarWeb was recognized in 2015 as one of Europe's top 100 fastest growing companies by Red Herring, was selected by Wired Magazine as one of the hottest 100 start-ups in Europe, and was named by Business Insider as one of the 50 enterprise startups to bet your career on in 2016.

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Biggest Publishers: Current Traffic

Publisher	Monthly Traffic
cnn.com	313,260,000
nytimes.com	202,876,000
news.yahoo.com	198,109,000
huffingtonpost.com	190,584,000
foxnews.com	167,977,000
buzzfeed.com	148,692,000
dailymail.co.uk	128,729,000
washingtonpost.com	123,376,000
usatoday.com	115,769,000
cnet.com	110,322,000

US Data, November 2015

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