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

*For the week of May 19, 2025*

**THE #1 PROGRAM ON ALL BROADCAST AND CABLE IS 'WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR', UP WEEK TO WEEK ACROSS THE BOARD AS AMERICA'S MOST-WATCHED NEWSCAST IN TOTAL VIEWERS, ADULTS 25-54 AND ADULTS 18-49**

**'World News Tonight' Ranks #1 in Total Viewers for the 9<sup>th</sup> Year Straight, Growing Lead Over NBC by Largest Margin in 3 Decades, and Is #1 in Both Adult Demos for 6<sup>th</sup> Year Straight, Improving Its Margins by Double Digits Over NBC and CBS Season to Date**



**"World News Tonight with David Muir" stood as the No. 1 program of the week in Total Viewers (7.179 million) on all of broadcast and cable during the week of May 19, 2025, based on Live+Same Day Data from Nielsen Media Research.**

- **"World News Tonight" ranked as the No. 1 newscast across the board in Total Viewers (7.179 million), Adults 25-54 (969,000) and Adults 18-49 (708,000).**
- **"World News Tonight" outdelivered "NBC Nightly News" (5.744 million, 872,000 and 583,000, respectively) by 1.435 million Total Viewers, by 97,000 Adults 25-54 and by 125,000 Adults 18-49.**
- **"World News Tonight" ranked as the No. 1 telecast of the day on Monday (7.374 million), Tuesday (7.171 million), Wednesday (7.132 million), Thursday (7.037 million) and Friday (6.425 million).**

- **“World News Tonight” posted week-to-week gains in all key demos: Total Viewers** (+3%/+213,000 – 7.179 million vs. 6.966 million), **Adults 25-54** (+9%/+78,000 – 969,000 vs. 891,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+13%/+83,000 – 708,000 vs. 625,000).
- **“World News Tonight”** (7.179 million, 969,000 and 708,000, respectively) **defeated “CBS Evening News”** (3.930 million, 555,000 and 396,000, respectively) **by 3.249 million Total Viewers, by 414,000 Adults 25-54 and by 312,000 Adults 18-49.**
- **“World News Tonight” saw its lead over “CBS Evening News” grow week to week in Total Viewers** (+2% - 3.249 million vs. 3.200 million), **Adults 25-54** (+7% - 414,000 vs. 388,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+21% - 312,000 vs. 257,000).
- For the 11<sup>th</sup> week running, **“World News Tonight” widened its margins over “CBS Evening News” year to year in Total Viewers** (+9% - 3.249 million vs. 2.991 million), **Adults 25-54** (+14% - 414,000 vs. 364,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+26% - 312,000 vs. 248,000).
- Season to date, **“World News Tonight” (7.676 million) is ranking No. 1 in Total Viewers for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**, based on Most Current Data. **“World News Tonight” is leading “NBC Nightly News”** (6.217 million) **by 1.550 million** and **“CBS Evening News”** (4.361 million) **by 3.406 million.** In fact, **“World News Tonight” is growing its Total Viewer lead over NBC compared to the same point last season** (+22% - 1.550 million vs. 1.273 million) **to its largest in 30 years** — since the 1994-1995 season. In addition, **“World News Tonight” is increasing its Total Viewer season margin versus “CBS Evening News” by 10%** (3.406 million vs. 3.103 million) **to its largest in 4 years** — since the 2020-2021 season.
- **“World News Tonight” is ranking No. 1 in Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight season.** Season to date, **“World News Tonight”** (1.095 million and 760,000, respectively) **is leading NBC** (913,000 and 604,000, respectively), **increasing its margins from the same point last season in Adults 25-54** (+46% - 182,000 vs. 125,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+61% - 156,000 vs. 97,000).
- In addition, **“World News Tonight” is widening margins with “CBS Evening News”** (626,000 and 423,000, respectively) **by double digits in Adults 25-54** (+14% - 469,000 vs. 413,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+19% - 337,000 vs. 284,000).

NOTE: On Friday (5/23/25), “World News Tonight” was retitled to “WNT-ABC,” “CBS Evening News” was retitled to “CBS Evening Nws,” and “NBC Nightly News” was retitled to “NBC Nitely News” due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The retitled telecasts are excluded from the weekly and season averages. ABC’s, CBS’ and NBC’s weekly averages are based on four days (Monday-Thursday).

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

#### **EVENING NEWS (Week of May 19, 2025)**

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| <u><b>TOTAL VIEWERS</b></u> | <u><b>ADULTS 25-54</b></u> | <u><b>ADULTS 18-49</b></u> | <u><b>HOUSEHOLDS</b></u> |
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| <b>ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT</b> | <b>7,179,000</b> | <b>0.8/11; 969,000</b> | <b>0.5/11; 708,000</b> | <b>4.3/16</b> |
| NBC NIGHTLY NEWS              | 5,744,000        | 0.7/10; 872,000        | 0.4/ 9; 583,000        | 3.4/13        |
| CBS EVENING NEWS              | 3,930,000        | 0.4/6; 555,000         | 0.3/6; 396,000         | 2.4/ 9        |

Source: The Nielsen Company, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 Live + SD Current Week (w/o 5/19/25), Previous Week (w/o 5/12/25) and Year-Ago Week (w/o 5/20/24). Most Current Data Stream: 2024-2025 Season (9/23/24 – 5/25/25) and 2023-2024 Season (9/25/23 – 5/26/24). 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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