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

For the week of Sept. 22, 2025

THE #1 NEWSCAST ACROSS BROADCAST AND CABLE IS ABC'S 'WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR' — ONLY NEWSCAST TO GROW WEEK TO WEEK IN TOTAL VIEWERS, ADULTS 25-54 AND ADULTS 18-49

'World News Tonight' Grows Total Viewer Lead Over NBC From Previous Week

'World News Tonight' Outdelivers CBS by Largest Total Viewer Margin in 34 Years During a Season Premiere Week



ABC News*

"World News Tonight with David Muir" opened the 2025-2026 season as America's No. 1 evening newscast in all of broadcast and cable in Total Viewers (7.181 million), Adults 25-54 (856,000) and Adults 18-49 (587,000) during the week of Sept. 22, 2025, based on Live+Same Day Big Data Plus Panel Program Ratings from Nielsen Media Research. "World News Tonight" stood as the **most-watched evening newscast during the opening week of the season for the 10th year in a row and led in all key target demos during premiere week for the 6th consecutive year in a row — since premiere weeks of the 2016-2017 and the 2020-2021 seasons, respectively.**

- **"World News Tonight" outdelivered "NBC Nightly News" (5.701 million, 808,000 and 553,000, respectively) by 1.480 million Total Viewers, by 48,000 Adults 25-54 and by 34,000**

Adults 18-49. “World News Tonight” increased its overall viewer lead week to week by 5% (vs. +1.415 million).

- **“World News Tonight” improved on the previous week in Total Viewers (+2%/+109,000 – 7.181 million vs. 7.072 million), Adults 25-54 (+9%/+70,000 – 856,000 vs. 786,000) and Adults 18-49 (+10%/+51,000 – 587,000 vs. 536,000), standing as the only evening newscast to grow week to week across the board.**
- **“World News Tonight” (7.181 million, 856,000 and 587,000, respectively) defeated “CBS Evening News” (3.731 million, 419,000 and 291,000, respectively), nearly doubling its lead in Total Viewers (+92%/+3.450 million), while more than doubling in Adults 25-54 (+104%/+437,000) and Adults 18-49 (+102%/+296,000). In fact, “World News Tonight” delivered its largest Total Viewer lead over the CBS program during premiere week in at least 34 years — since at least the week of 9/16/1991, the Nielsen electronic database started in September 1991.**

NOTE: On Monday (9/22/25), “World News Tonight” was retitled to “WNT-ABC” due to the NFL. The retitled telecast is excluded from the weekly and season averages. ABC’s weekly averages are based on four days (Tuesday-Friday).

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 Sept. 22, 2025)

| | <u>TOTAL VIEWERS</u> | <u>ADULTS 25-54</u> | <u>ADULTS 18-49</u> | <u>HOUSEHOLDS</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT | 7,181,000 | 0.7/10; 856,000 | 0.4/9; 587,000 | 4.3/17 |
| NBC NIGHTLY NEWS | 5,701,000 | 0.6/10; 808,000 | 0.4/9; 553,000 | 3.4/14 |
| CBS EVENING NEWS | 3,731,000 | 0.3/ 5; 419,000 | 0.2/5; 291,000 | 2.2/ 8 |

Source: Nielsen, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54 and Adults 18-49 National Live + Same Day Big Data Plus Panel Program Ratings. Current Week (w/o 9/22/25), Previous Week (w/o 9/15/25) and Year-Ago Week (w/o 9/23/24). Beginning 12/26/22, averages are based on Big Data Plus Panel ratings. 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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