Does Social Media Have a Role in Federal Statistics?

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Session Outline

- Presentations
- Discussion
- Wrap Up

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 - Can social media be used to help increase survey participation?

NCHS and Social Media

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Congressional Mandate

- Public Health Service Act
 - Sections 304, 306, 308

Collect, Analyze, Disseminate

Data Collection Methods

- Vital statistics data collected in partnership with states
- Household interview surveys
- Examination surveys
- Health care provider surveys





Audience



NCHS has something for everyone including:

- Analyst and health researchers
- Public health professionals
- Policy makers
- Students
- Medical librarians
- Media
- Business
- General public

Popular Types of Social Media



Facebook



Twitter



Flicker



YouTube



http://www.facebook.com/CDCNCHS



Governance and Best Practices



Social Media Council and Workgroups

- Set guidelines for planning, developing and implementing social media
- Social Media Toolkit
- Guide to writing for social media

Pros and Cons

Social Media		Traditional
Inexpensive	90	Costly
Interactive Engaging	40	One-way/ Non-Reciprocal
Measurable		Hard to Measure
Disseminates Rapidly		Permanent/Tangible

Reach and Engagement of NCHS Facebook Users



NCHS Overall Goal

- Create awareness
- Disseminate data and information
- Provide an avenue for NCHS data users and potential uses of NCHS data to dialogue and exchange ideas
- Build organization trust among the populace

Increase Survey Participation!

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