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Taking Control With Media Monitoring: Tips for the Modern PR Guru

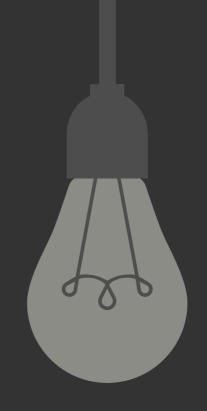
So you want to be a PR guru?

You want to separate yourself from the pack?

Let's be honest who doesn't?

The secret to success when it comes to PR?

You can't be in the dark.



About anything.



You need to know — at all times what is happening in your world.

You need to know which way the wind is blowing so you don't get blown away.

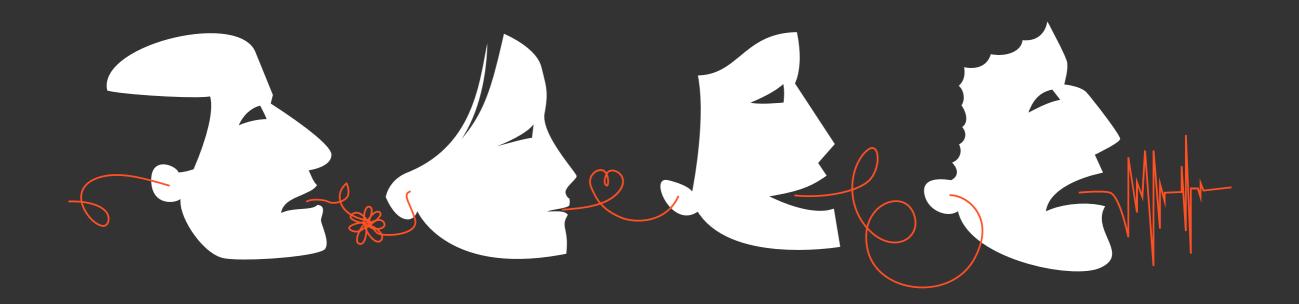
Monitoring is how you do that.

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Media monitoring is listening to who's saying what about your brand, your industry, your competitors, and any other topic that's important to you and your operations. The long and short of it? You need to listen to learn.

Without monitoring, how are you going to know what's being said about the things that matter?



How are you going to know about that new product your competitor just launched?



How are you going to know about that damaging story you need to get in front of?



Monitoring provides that knowledge when you need it most.

And we all know that knowledge is power, especially in business.

"Knowledge has become the key economic resource and the dominant, if not the only, source of competitive advantage."

- Peter F. Drucker, corporate philosopher and the founder of modern management

When you know who is saying what — and where — about the topics that matter to your organization, you give yourself an edge.

When you don't know, you're at the mercy of your competition.

If you want to be in control, you need to be monitoring. on how media monitoring can put you in control.

START NOW

When it comes to helping yourself, there's no time like the present to start.



The sooner you start listening, the sooner you start learning.

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KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE

Your industry is where you live.



It's your bread *and* it's your butter.



And if you expect to dominate, you need to know where things are heading.

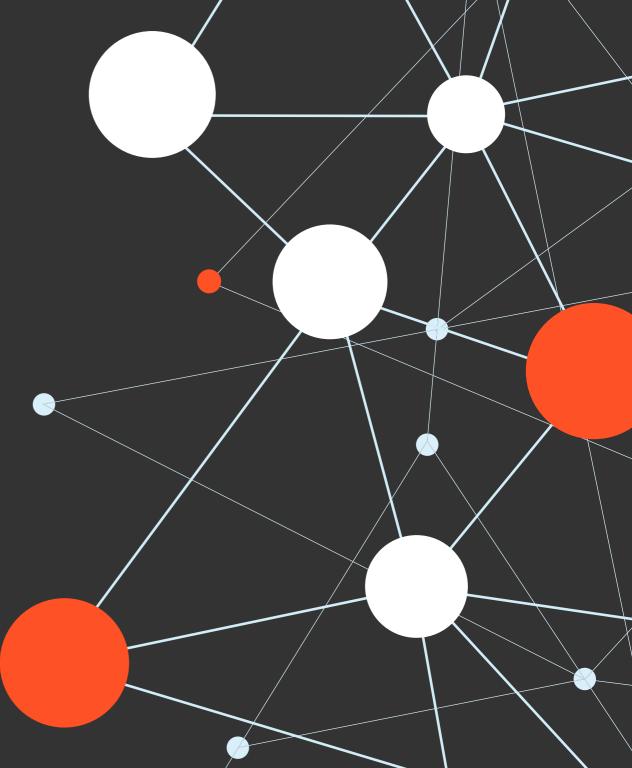
"Understanding your industry is essential to effective strategic positioning."

- Michael E. Porter, business strategist, author, and professor at Harvard Business School

If yours is the world of higher education, track mentions of national enrollment figures, legislation of student loans, and the conversation around campus safety.



If it's the health sphere that you call home, watch everything from pharma to geriatric care to your own reputation and that of your vendors.



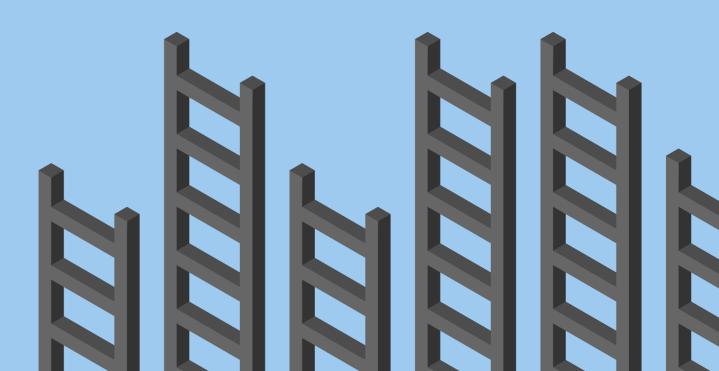
Tourism your thing? Stay on top of travel fads, advisories, and how your partner associations are faring.

Monitoring your industry keeps you on top of emerging trends, opportunities, and threats.

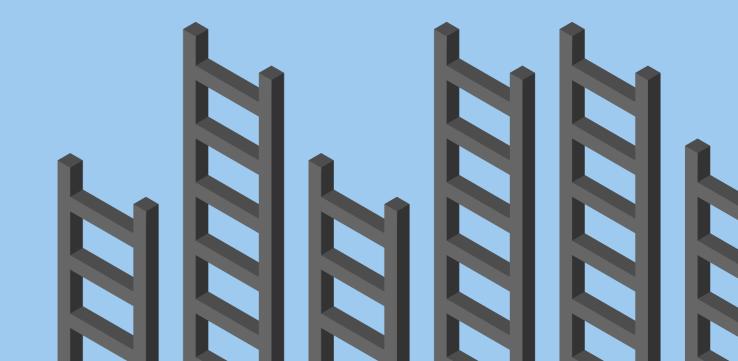
The more you know, the better equipped you are to act, react, and lead.

AND KEEP YOUR ENEMIES CLOSER

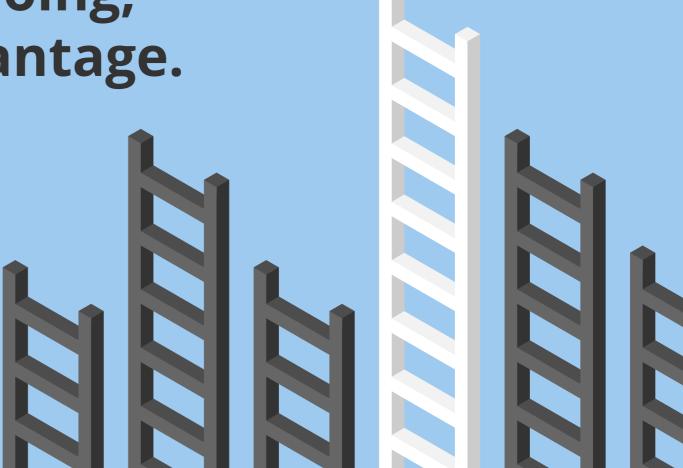
Successful CEOs understand the value of competitive analysis.







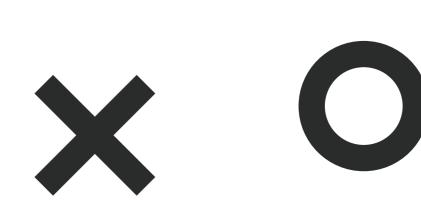
Because when you monitor what your competitors are doing, you can take advantage.



"A precise understanding of your competitor's strengths and weaknesses is an important prerequisite for developing a strategy to compete against it."

- **Dr. Gerhard van Wyk**, business analyst and professor of marketing management

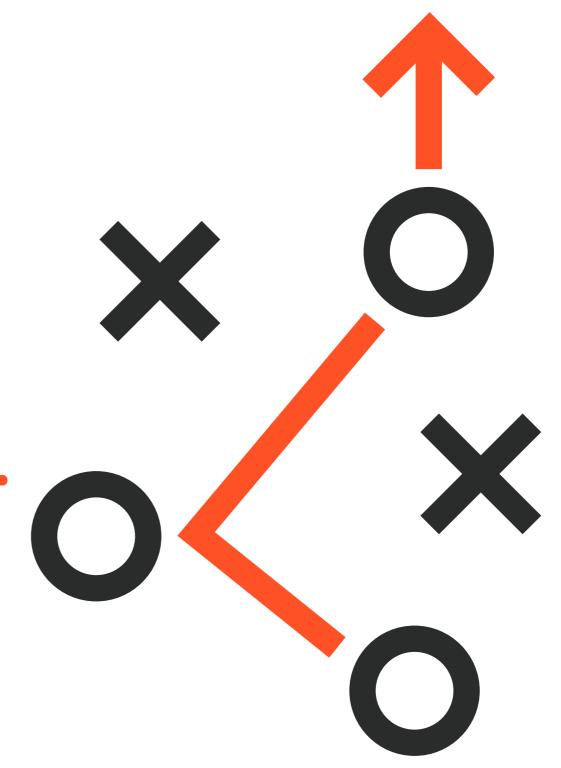
It's about prioritization.





By knowing their moves,

By knowing their moves, you can know your next one.



When you fail to monitor your competition, you risk being late to every party.

You risk getting that call from your CEO in the middle of the night asking why you didn't know that your biggest competitor launched a similar product last week.



Look, when you monitor, you give yourself the chance to take control of the message.

You give yourself the knowledge of what your competitors are doing...

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You give yourself the knowledge of what your competitors are doing...what's happening in your industry...and you put yourself in a position to take advantage. And nowadays, not taking advantage is equal to being taken advantage of.

Media monitoring is having eyes and ears in all the right places.

It's how you get and keep and stay in control.

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