



Time with Radio is Time Well Spent

As part of a marketing campaign, SiriusXM sent an email to consumers asking, “Why waste your time with AM/FM Radio?” Negative advertising, selling products or services by putting the competition down, is a marketing strategy that demonstrates a lack of strength in the product or service as a standalone. In the case of SiriusXM, when you look at their most recent [earnings report](#), it’s no wonder their strategy was to go after the undisputed leader in the audio space, AM/FM broadcast radio.

The SiriusXM email, naturally, was met with an emotional reaction by radio professionals, but the email contained no rationale for their leading question.

Broadcast radio leads with facts:

- Radio is free. Always has been, always will be.
- Radio reaches EVERYONE and not just those that subscribe.
 - Radio reaches 209M people 18+ weekly as compared to Sirius XM’s 33M subscribers. (Sources: Nielsen, RADAR 163, December 2024; SXM Q4 2024 Results)
 - Radio reaches 84% of adults every week compared to satellite radio at 20%. (Source: Scarborough USA+, 2024 Release 1 Adults 18+ (Jan 2023 – Apr 2024))
- Most people listen to AM/FM radio and not SiriusXM – 69% of people listen to AM/FM radio while 3% only listen to SiriusXM (Source: [Edison Research Share of Ear Q4 2023-Q3 2024](#))
- AM/FM radio is the audio source used most often in the car: 74% of adults use it vs. 24% using SiriusXM with an even greater gap among Hispanic and Black audiences. (Source: The Infinite Dial 2025, Edison Research/Audacy/CumulusMedia/SiriusXMMedia)
- 56% of radio listeners state that their connection with radio is a main reason why they listen and 61% of radio listeners state that radio’s on-air personalities are a main reason why they listen. (Source: Jacobs Media, Techsurvey 2025)
- With over 15,000 local radio stations providing live and on-demand content 24/7 across a variety of formats, languages and platforms, radio delivers what the consumers want, whenever they want it. (Source: FCC, December 2024)
- Radio is trusted [more](#) than any other media.
- Radio doesn't just reach the community; it is woven into the fabric of community. Radio stations bring consumers together and motivates them to act.
- Radio is essential to consumers and communities. Time after time, when disaster strikes, radio stations are "on the ground" and often the first and only source to provide timely information and provide the support to the communities it serves.
- In exchange for obtaining a valuable license to operate using public airwaves, broadcast radio stations are required by law to operate in the public interest. This is simply the foundation. Radio stations go well beyond what is required to unite audiences around common interests and social and community values.

Radio, across its platforms, is a go-to source for its great storytelling, the emotional connections it provides, the talent that consumers consider to be their friends and the trusted information and entertainment, whenever and wherever the listener wants and needs it. From rock to religion, from country to hip-hop, in Spanish, English or another language, radio is there offering diversity of content to a diverse listening audience.

No other media option can do all this. No other media offers this to consumers for FREE. The reality is quite simple, time spent with AM/FM radio is time well spent.