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## A model for the future of local news?





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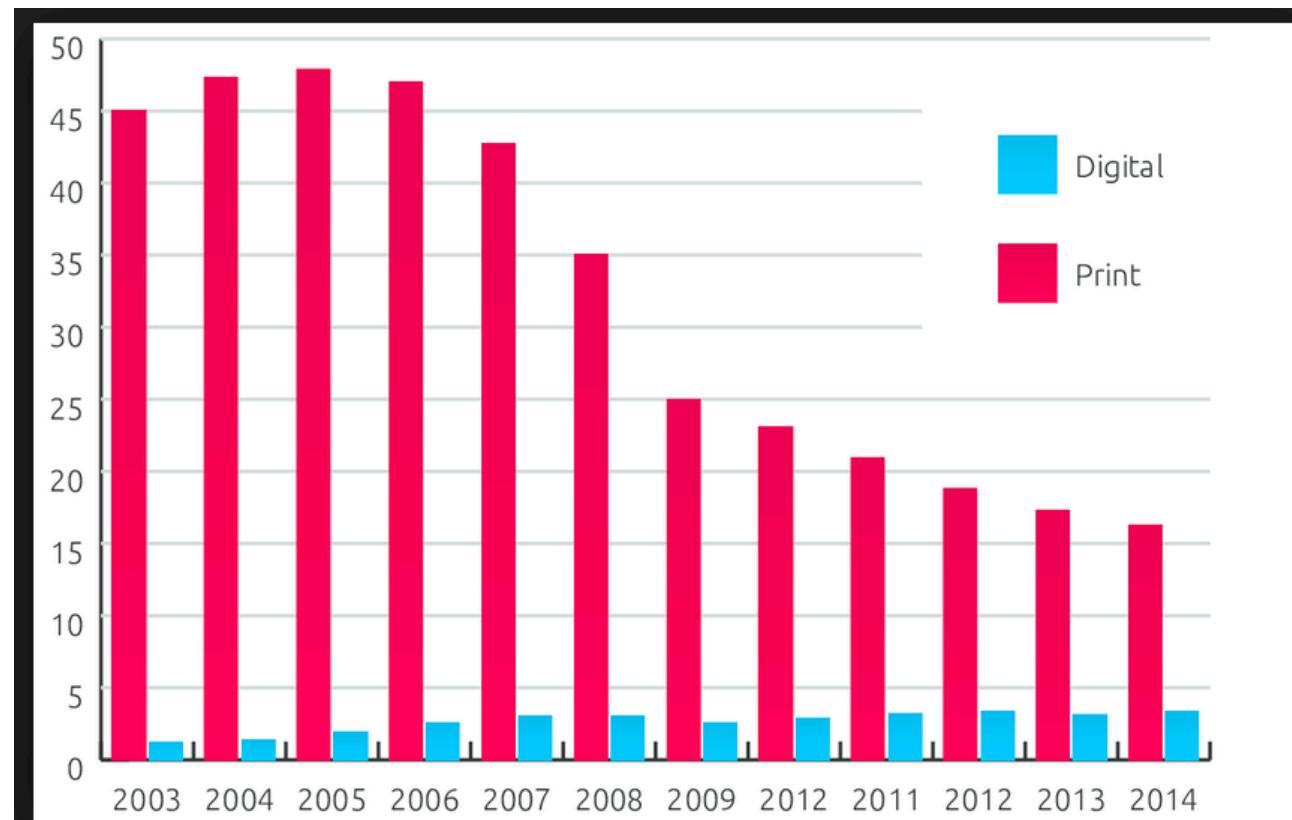




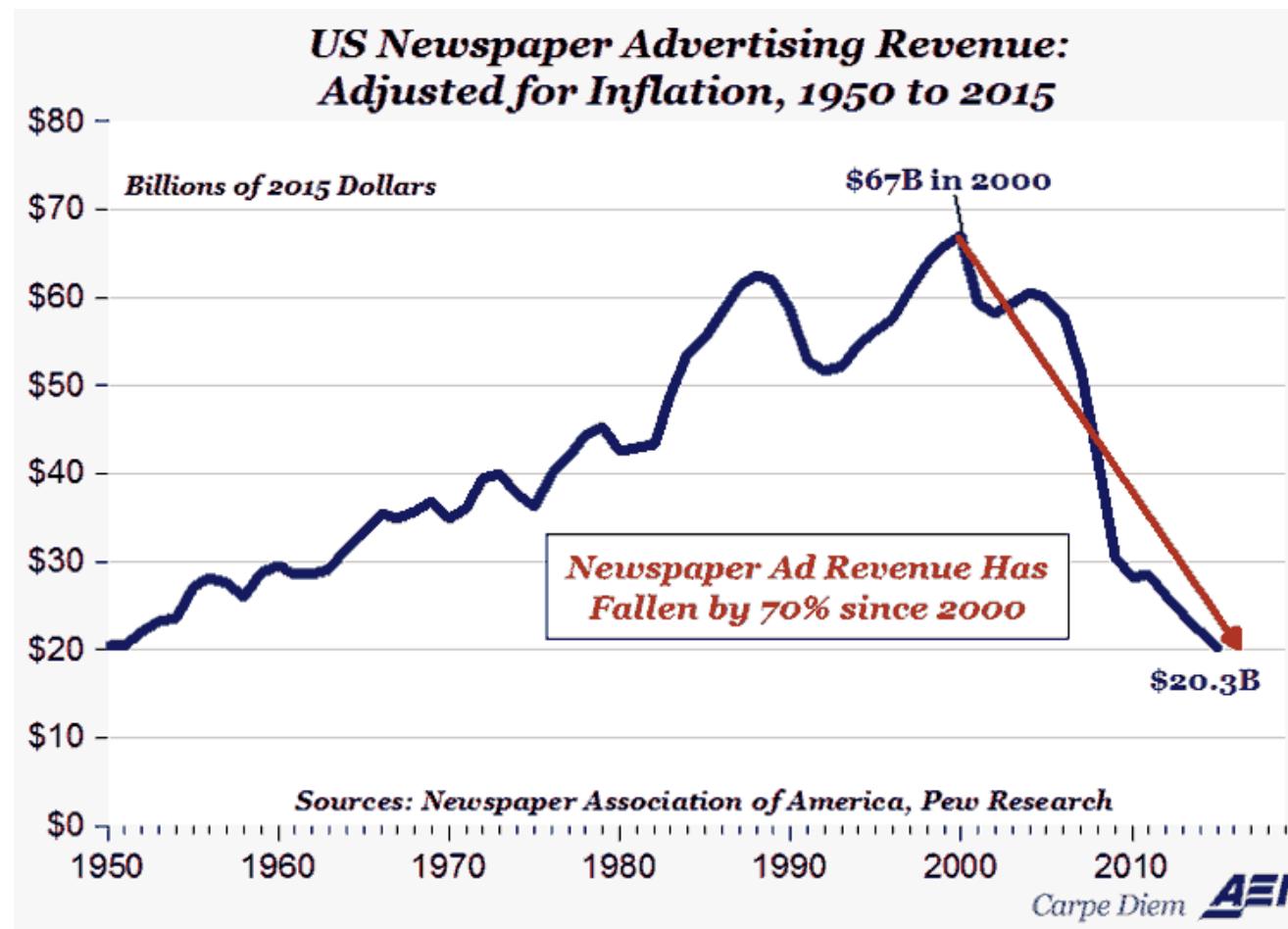
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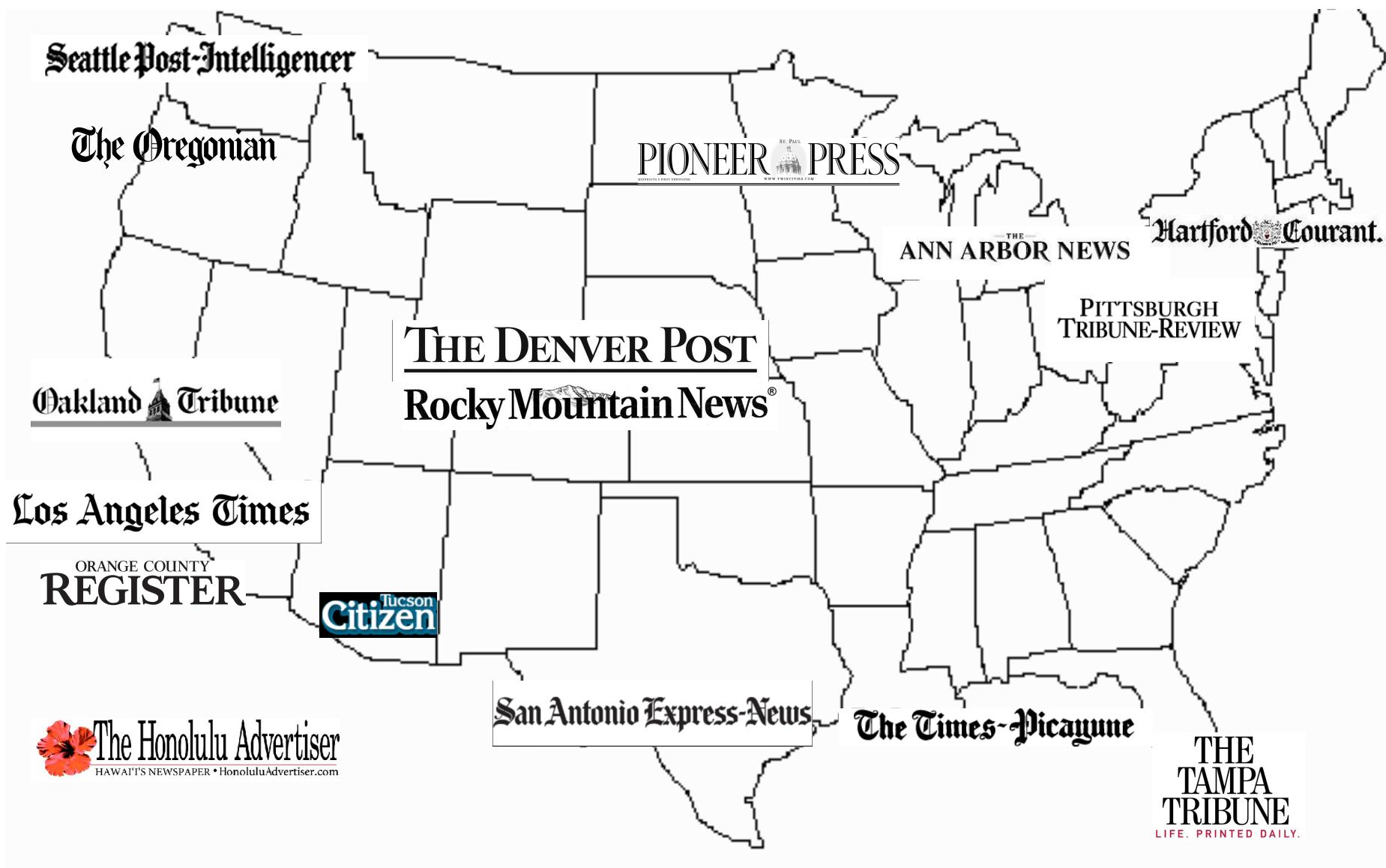
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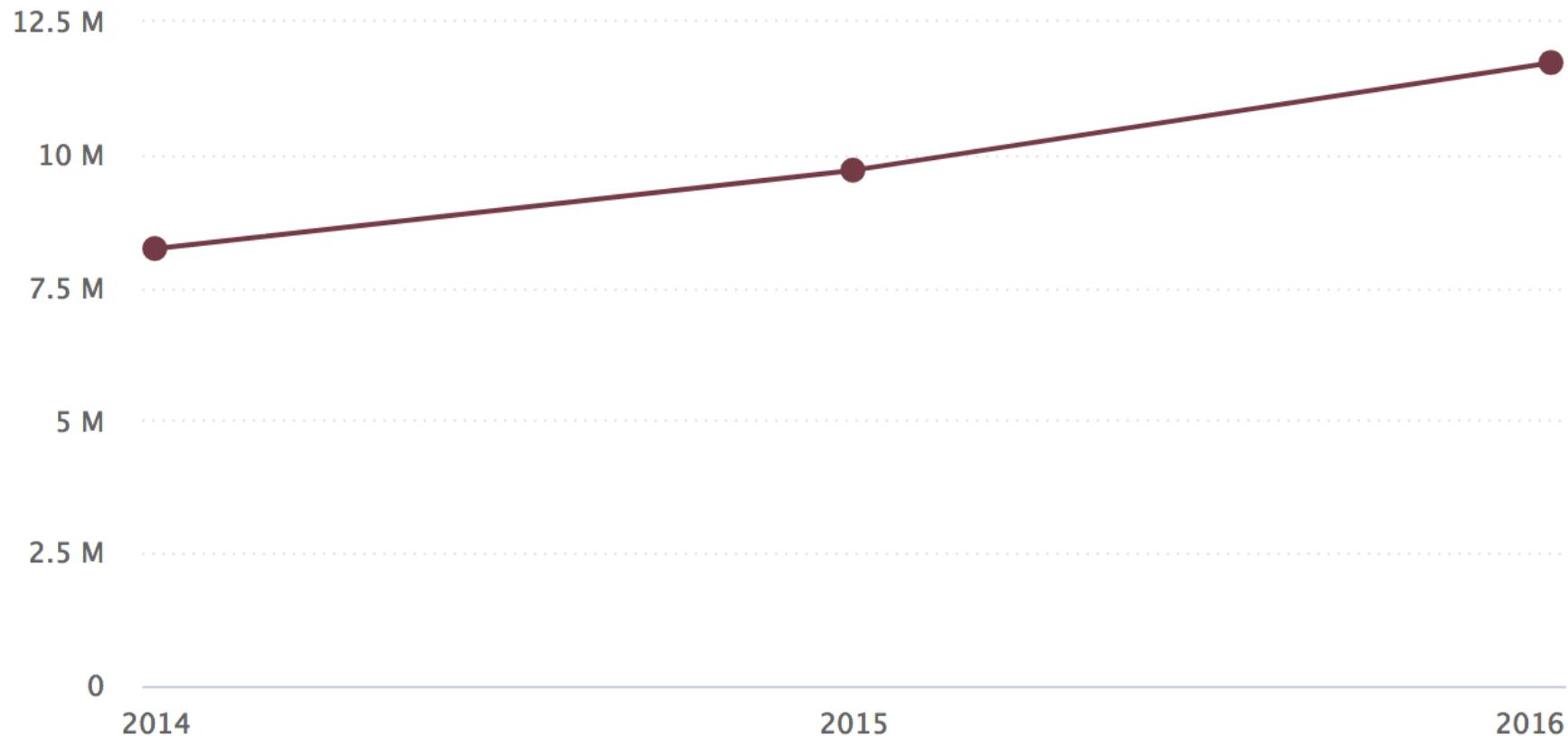
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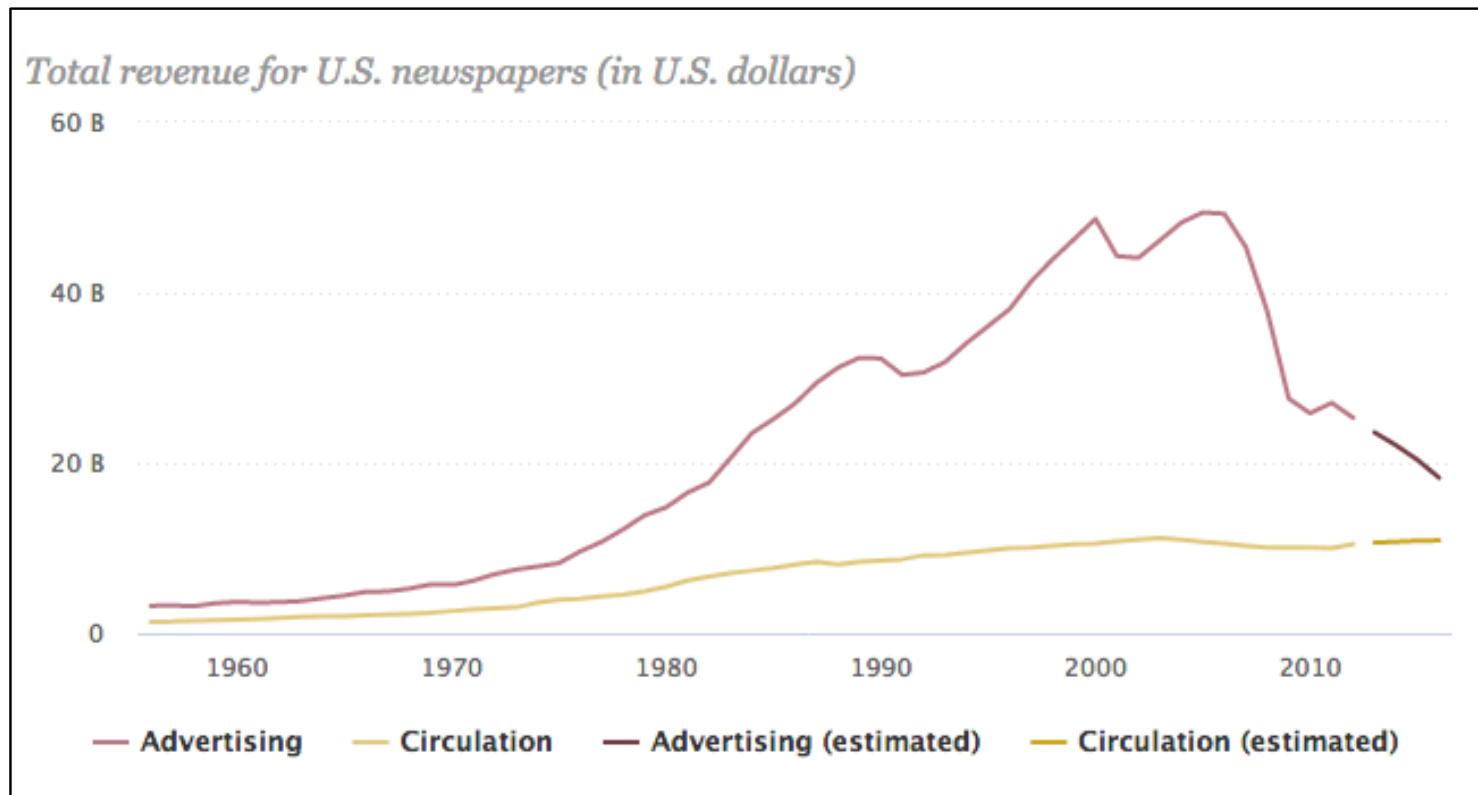


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# As advertising plummets, circulation revenue slowly grows





**The road forward in Philly**

# A new model for local news





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# A unique ownership structure

Lenfest Institute  
for Journalism

Charitable nonprofit,  
owns 99% of PMN.  
Separate Board of  
Managers. Broad  
mission.

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Media Network

Private “B”  
corporation. Owns 1%  
of stock, but all voting  
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## A DEDICATED FOCUS ON METRO NEWS MARKETS



## A LIVE LAB OF OWNED NEWS PROPERTIES





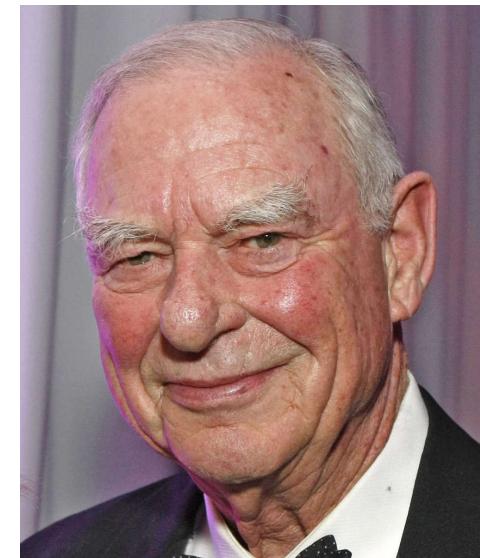
**INNOVATION THAT ADDRESSES A NATIONAL NEED**





# What Gerry Lenfest did:

- Προτεχτεδ ΠΜΝ φρουμ ηισ οων μορταλιτψ - ανδ τυλτυρε χαπιταλ
- Γατε ΠΜΝ α φινανχιαλ ρυνωαψ, ωιτη μινιμαλ προφιτ ιμπερατιωε
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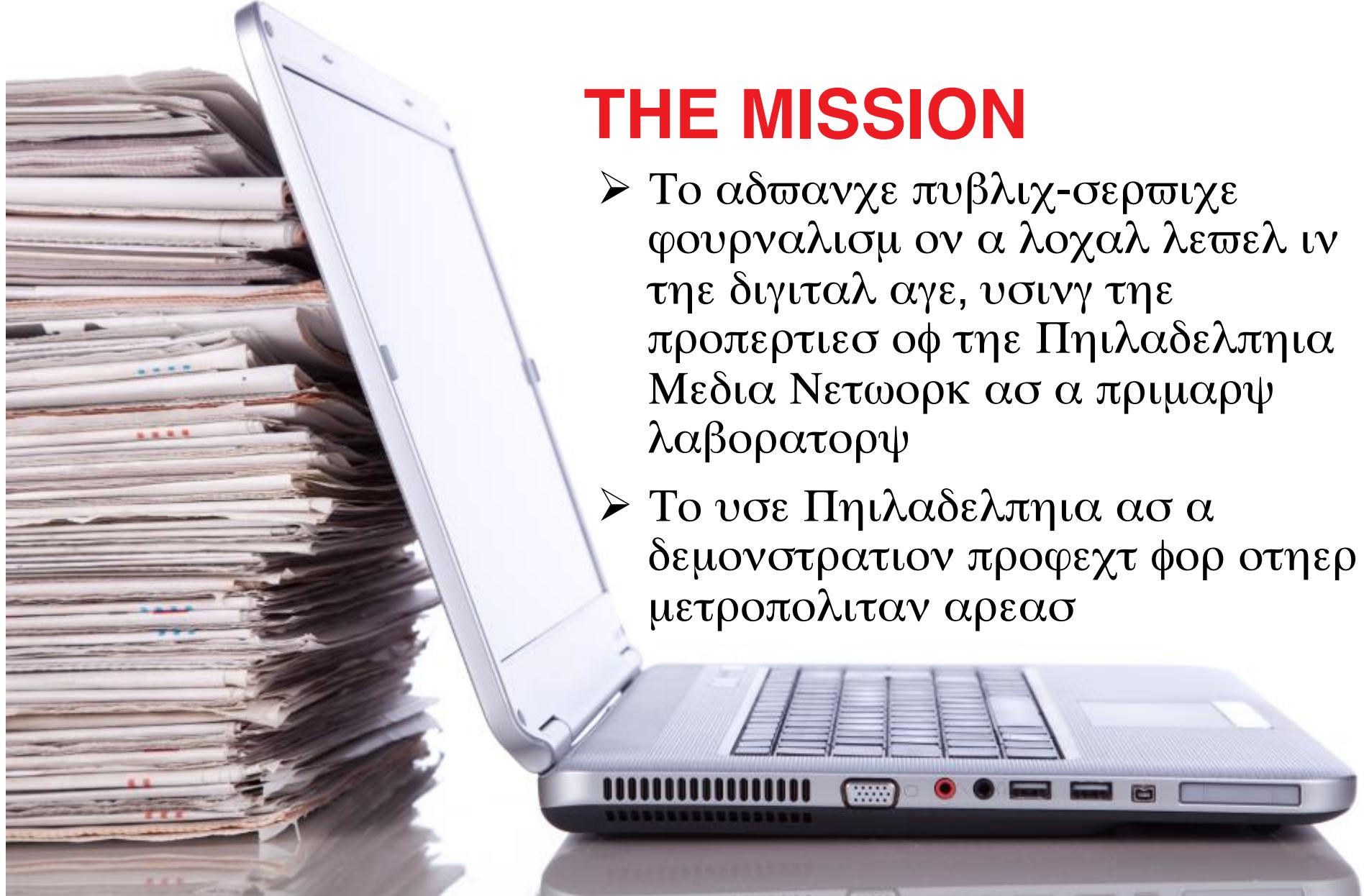


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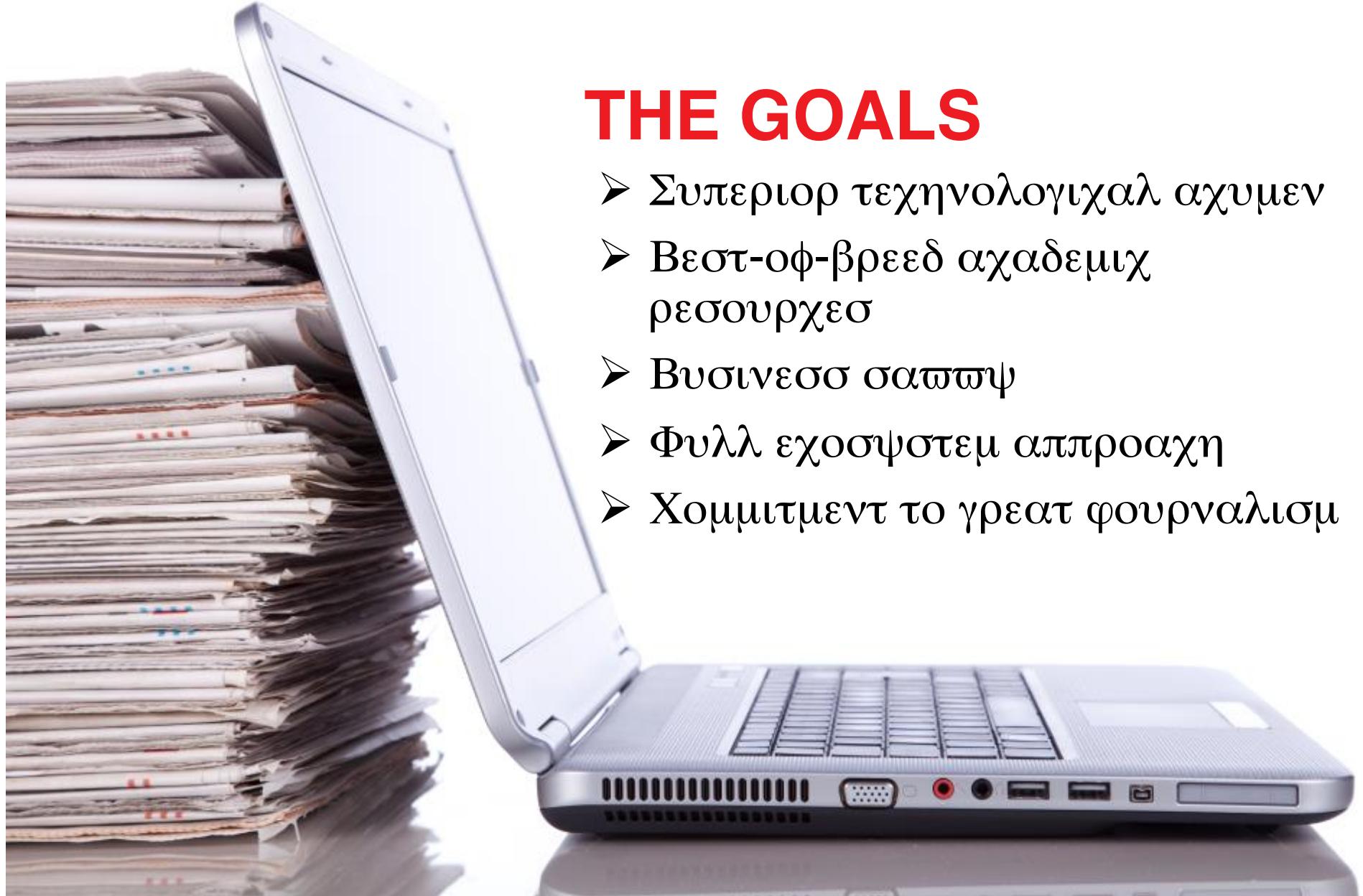
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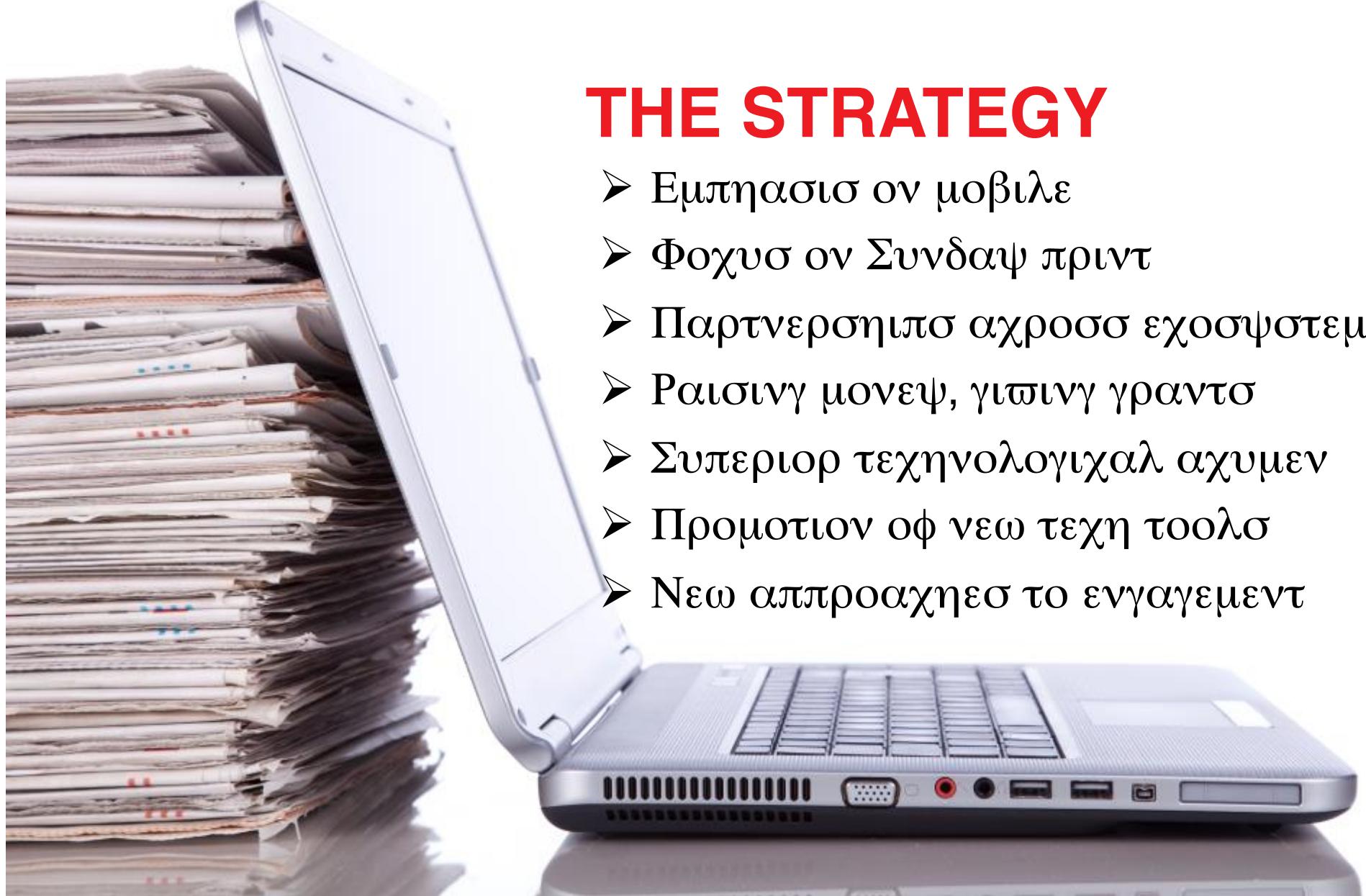
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- Το αδωανχε πυβλιχ-σερπιχε φουρναλισμ ον α λοχαλ λεωελ ιν τη διγιταλ αγε, υσινγ τηε προπερτιεσ οφ τηε Πηιλαδελπηια Μεδια Νετωορκ ασ α πριμαρψ λαβορατορψ
- Το υσε Πηιλαδελπηια ασ α δεμονστρατιον προφεχτ φορ οτηερ μετροπολιταν αρεασ



## THE GOALS

- Συπεριορ τεχνολογικαλ αχυμεν
- Βεστ-οφ-βρεεδ αχαδεμιχ ρεσουρχεσ
- Βυσινεσσ σαωψ
- Φυλλ εχοσψτεμ απροαχη
- Χομιτμεντ το γρεατ φουρναλισμ



## THE STRATEGY

- Εμπηασισ ον μοβιλε
- Φοχυσ ον Συνδαψ πριντ
- Παρτνερσηπσ αχροσσ εχοσψτεμ
- Ραισινγ μονεψ, γισινγ γραντσ
- Συπεριορ τεχηνολογιχαλ αχυμεν
- Προμοτιον οφ νεω τεχη τοολσ
- Νεω αππροαχησ το ενγαγεμεντ



# Donors: Making journalism a public trust

- Gerry Lenfest: \$20 million initial donation plus \$40 million potential match
- 50+ individual donors
- Gifts range from \$20 to \$15 million
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“We **encourage bold risk-taking** on projects with the potential for major payoffs, recognizing some attempts at transformation will **deliver important new insights**… even if they **miss the mark**…will provide an array of support services to help **advance promising ideas** in the business of local journalism.”



# Three Pillars of Local News Sustainability



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# Resolve

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A collaboration of 17 news organizations and two universities, focused on solutions journalism

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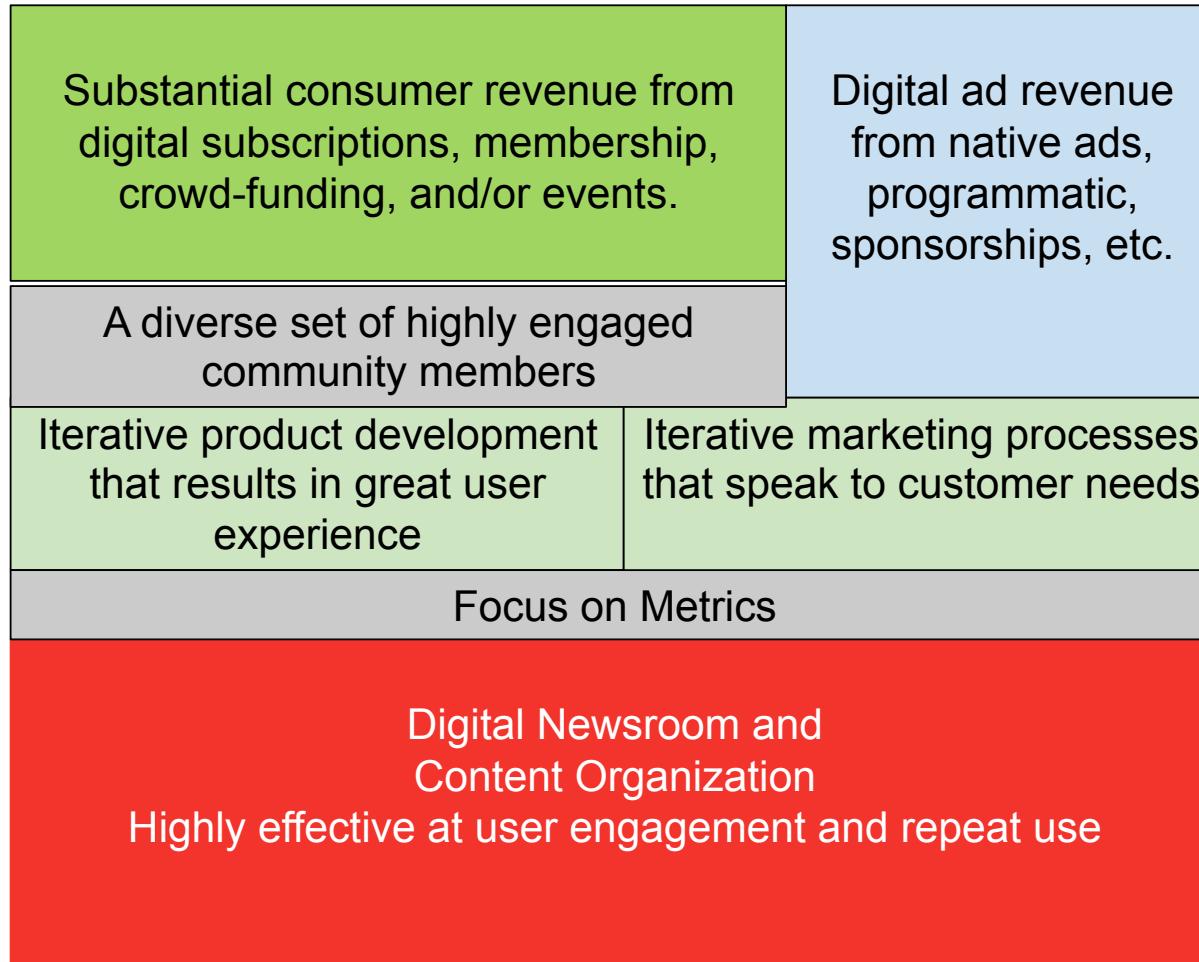




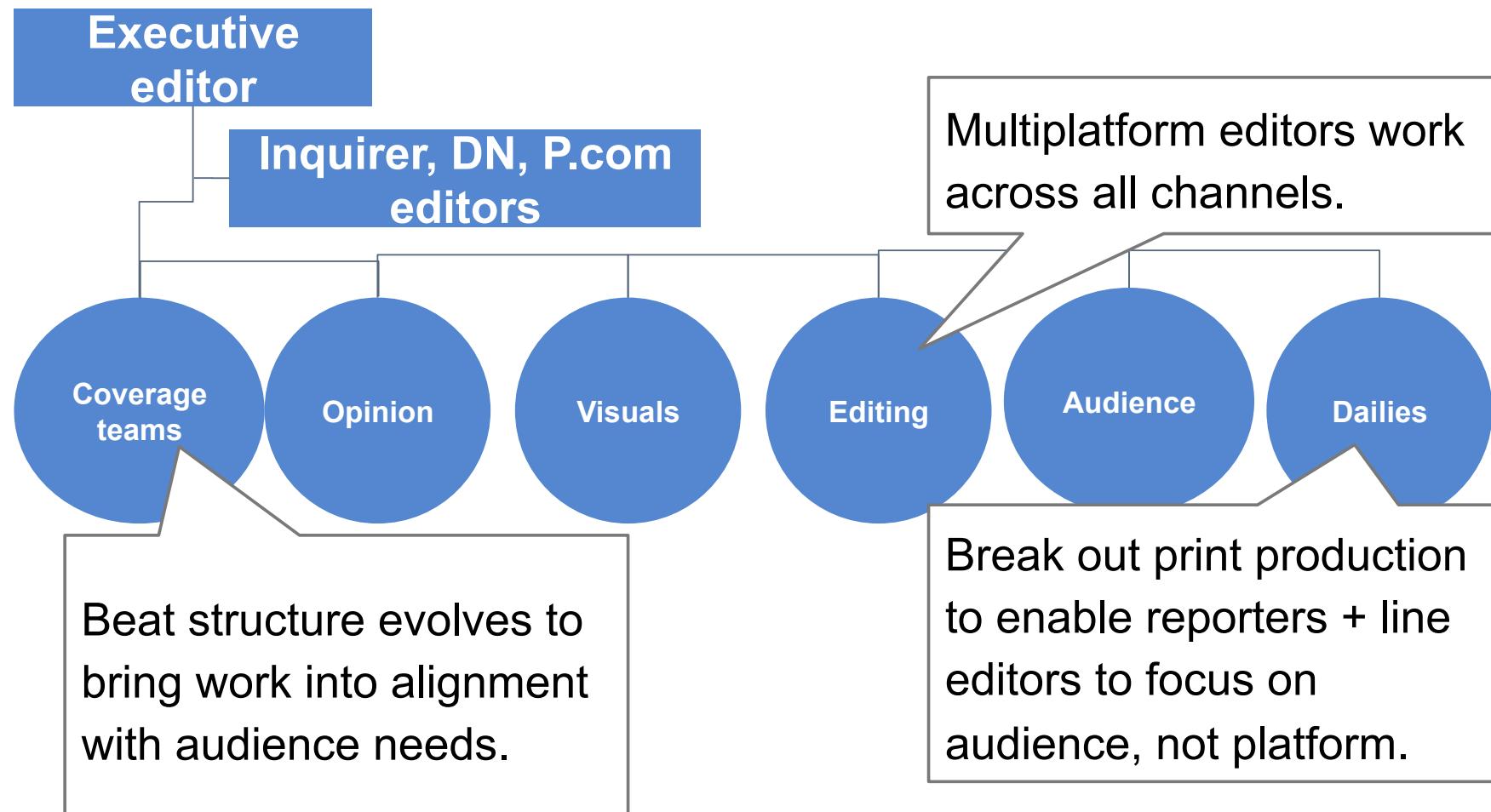
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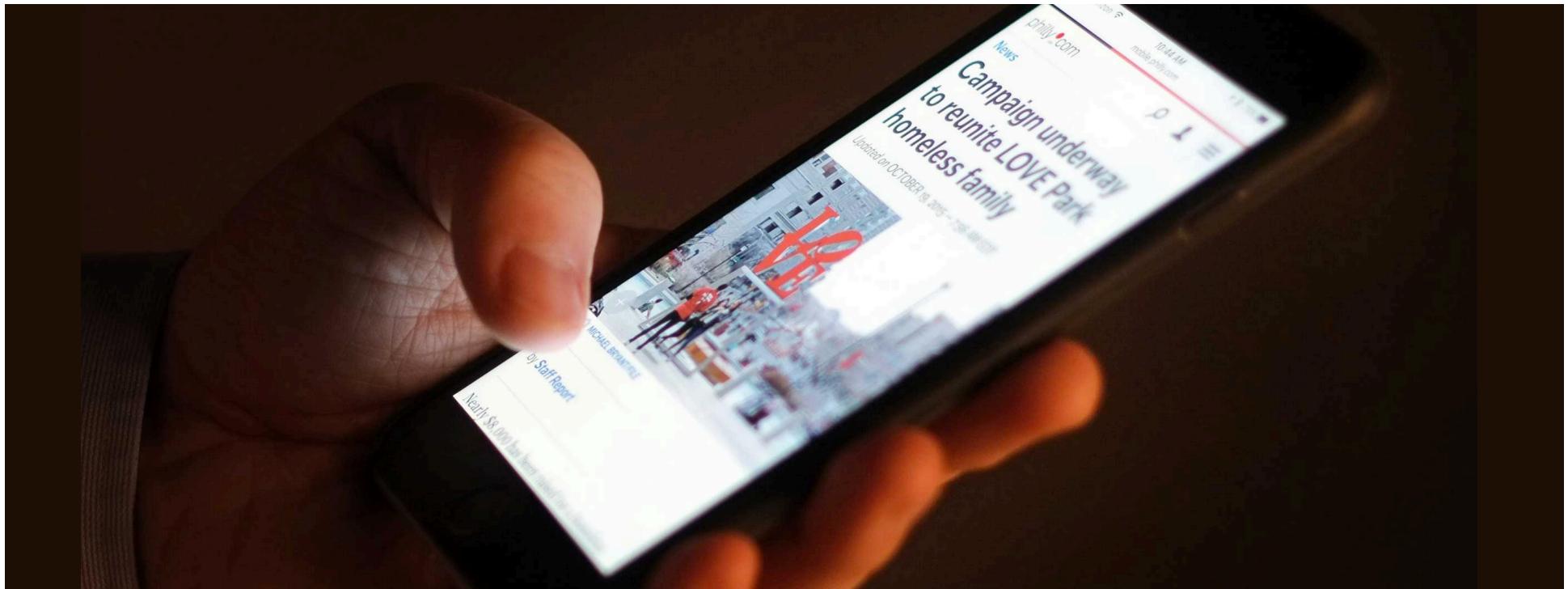


# New structure for PMN newsroom





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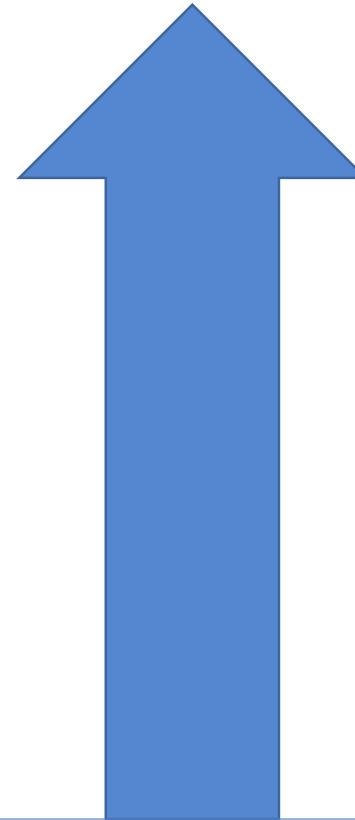
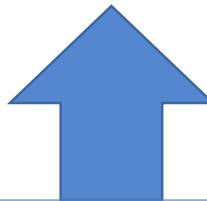
# Recruitment of great, diverse talent





# Great start to digital subscription sales

***PMN paid digital  
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