



Media Professionals' Attitudes Toward NHI Disclosure Questionnaire

Purpose: This brief questionnaire explores how media professionals view the possibility of official disclosure concerning non-human intelligence (NHI) and the media's responsibilities in reporting such information.

Definition: For this questionnaire, disclosure refers to an official government or institutional acknowledgment of credible evidence of non-human intelligence.

Responses are anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers.

Professional Background

1. Primary media role

☐ Journalist or reporter	☐ Editor or producer
☐ Broadcaster or host	☐ Documentary filmmaker
☐ Digital or social media professional	☐ Communications or public relations
☐ Other _____	

2. Years working in media

☐ Fewer than 5	☐ 5 to 10	☐ 11 to 20	☐ More than 20
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Attitude Statements

Please mark one response for each statement.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral or Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree

1. The possibility of NHI deserves serious and responsible journalistic investigation.

1	2	3	4	5
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2. Media coverage of NHI is often shaped by stigma, ridicule, or fear of reputational harm.

1	2	3	4	5
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3. I would feel professionally comfortable reporting on credible evidence related to NHI.

1	2	3	4	5
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4. If disclosure occurred, the public would initially experience significant confusion, anxiety, or distrust.

1	2	3	4	5
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5. Media organizations should prepare reporting guidelines before any formal disclosure occurs.

1	2	3	4	5
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6. Journalists covering disclosure should consult mental health professionals as well as scientific, military, and government experts.

1	2	3	4	5
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7. Sensational or speculative reporting could increase public fear and social instability.

1	2	3	4	5
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8. Government transparency would be essential for maintaining public trust following disclosure.

1	2	3	4	5
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9. Media professionals would benefit from training on the psychological and cultural consequences of disclosure.

1	2	3	4	5
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10. The media has an ethical responsibility to help the public understand disclosure without minimizing uncertainty or exaggerating threat.

1	2	3	4	5
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Overall Assessment

3. How psychologically prepared do you believe the public currently is for credible confirmation of NHI?

☐ Not at all prepared	☐ Slightly prepared	☐ Moderately prepared
☐ Very prepared	☐ Fully prepared	

4. How prepared is your media organization to report responsibly on such an announcement?

☐ Not at all prepared	☐ Slightly prepared	☐ Moderately prepared
☐ Very prepared	☐ Fully prepared	☐ Unsure or not applicable

Open-Ended Questions

5. What would be your greatest professional concern if disclosure occurred?

6. What resources or guidance would help media professionals cover disclosure responsibly?

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Scoring and Interpretation Guide

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Important: This is an exploratory descriptive scoring framework. It is not diagnostic, predictive, or norm-referenced and should be reconsidered as validation data become available.

Scoring Rules

1. Score Items 1–10 exactly as marked (1–5). There are no reverse-scored items.
2. Calculate the four domain scores below. Do not calculate a single 10-item grand total because the items represent different dimensions.
3. Items 11–12 are separate preparedness ratings. Items 13–14 are qualitative. Do not add Items 11–14 to the domain scores.

Domain Scoring Worksheet

Domain	Items	Raw Score	Average	Higher Score Indicates
Journalistic Openness & Professional Comfort	1, 3	___ / 10	___	Greater support for serious investigation and professional comfort reporting credible NHI evidence.
Perceived Stigma & Public-Risk Concerns	2, 4, 7	___ / 15	___	Greater perceived stigma or reputational pressure and concern about public or social harm from disclosure-related reporting.
Preparedness & Expert-Guidance Orientation	5, 6, 9	___ / 15	___	Stronger support for advance guidelines, expert consultation, and training on psychological and cultural consequences.
Transparency & Ethical Responsibility	8, 10	___ / 10	___	Stronger support for government transparency and careful, non-sensational public communication.

Domain average = raw domain score ÷ number of items in that domain. All domain averages therefore range from 1.00 to 5.00.

1.00–2.49	2.50–3.49	3.50–5.00
Lower endorsement	Mixed / intermediate	Higher endorsement

Preparedness ratings (Items 11–12): code Not at all prepared = 1, Slightly prepared = 2, Moderately prepared = 3, Very prepared = 4, and Fully prepared = 5. For Item 12, “Unsure or not applicable” is not scored.

Interpretation Notes

- **Journalistic Openness & Professional Comfort** reflects endorsement of serious investigation and reporting comfort; it does not indicate belief that NHI exists.
- **Perceived Stigma & Public-Risk Concerns** reflects perceived barriers and potential harms; a higher score is not inherently better or worse.
- **Preparedness & Expert-Guidance Orientation** and **Transparency & Ethical Responsibility** reflect support for planning, expert input, transparency, and careful communication.
- **Items 11–12** are separate preparedness ratings. Items 13–14 are qualitative and should be reviewed separately.

Use the pattern across the four domains together with the two preparedness ratings and qualitative responses as the primary interpretation. These descriptive bands are not clinical cutoffs or population norms.