## Public opinion on broadcasting and education in The Netherlands

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## Public broadcasting in NL...



UMBRELLA TV CHANNELS

PUBLIC
BROADCASTERS

EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTERS

## School television

- Schooltv founded in 1963
- Used by $90 \%$ of primary schools
- Used by $40 \%$ of secondary schools
- Fit with curriculums and learning targets
- Weekly magazines most popular
- Multimedia: - TV programs/Video/DVD

- Print materials
- Websites
- on-line videobank


## Adult education

- RVU founded in 1931, Teleac in 1963
- >1000 hours TV and >800 radio a year
- on science, health, culture, history, work, etc
- Reaching more than $90 \%$ of adults a year
- Multimedia: - TV \& Radio
- Books (courses)
- Program websites
- Educational websites


## Dutch media policy debate

- Level of state funding?
- Position of member-based broadcasters?
- Support organizations or functions?
- Which functions?
- What about education?



## Public survey on broadcasting and education

- Public survey under a random sample of 512 Dutch citizens of 13 years and older

What's the Dutchman's view on broadcasting and education?

## Public broadcasting and democracy

"Public radio and television support youngsters to become democratic citizens"


Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"Public radio and television have a positive impact on the functioning of our democracy" Don't know

4\%
Not agree
 48\%

## Conclusions on broadcasting and democracy

- Many take a neutral view
- But discussion on role of media in politics can be fierce...
- Positive opinion on the contribution of public broadcasters to democracy (youngsters even more positive!)
- Negative opinion on contribution of commercial broadcasters


## Public broadcasting and education

## "Public broadcasters play an essential role

 in education in The Netherlands" Don't know

Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"Public radio and television help to increase general knowledge of youngsters"

Don't know


Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004

## "Radio and television contribute

## to our knowledge economy"



Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"Has a radio or television program ever been a reason for you to start a hobby, training or study?"


## "Eduction should be one of the primary tasks

 of public broadcasting" Don't know3\%

Not agree $33 \%$

Neutral
37\%
Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"Schools should make more use of audiovisual teaching material" Don't know

Not agree 15\%


Neutral
36\%

## Conclusions on <br> broadcasting and education

- Highly positive views on the importance of public broadcasting for education
- Mixed views on the priority education should have in overall public broadcasting tasks
- Youngsters and adults have similar views on the role of broadcasters in education


## New media and education

"PC and Internet are important for me in learning for school, work or hobby"


Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"PC and Internet still become even more important for me in learning for school, work or hobby"

Not agree Don't know


## "I want to watch educational programmes at moments that suit me best"



Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004
"I would strongly support the launching of a new TV channel, just for education" Don't know 4\%

Not agree 24\%

Agree
34\%

Neutral
38\%
Source: Intomart GfK/Educom, November 2004

## Conclusions on broadcasting and new media

- PC and internet heve become essential educational means for a vast majority of people
- And are still becoming more important
- Strong interest in on-demand educational radio and television content (strongest for youngsters)


## Köszönöm a figyelmet!

