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## Big hashtags for journalists

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Twitter is an exciting place for new and seasoned journalism professionals to come together and share ideas and opportunities. One key to optimizing your Twitter experience is to take advantage of its [hashtag resource](#), which links related topics together with a simple # at the beginning of a word, acronym or phrase.

Over the past few weeks, I've researched some of the most frequently used journalism-related hashtags and their benefits. For new tweeters out there, or those still thinking about using Twitter, I hope you'll take advantage of these hashtags for journalists and all those interested in such topics.

Leave a comment below and tell us what journalism-related hashtags you like to use. Of course, the below list isn't exhaustive. Thanks in advance for your input.

### Most Common:

[#journalism](#) – Obviously one of the most encompassing journalism-related tags, it is the most used and is great for mixed industry-related posts. While similar, each of its three following variations often differs in content.

[#journno](#) – One of the four most encompassing related tags for journalism trends, it is great for mixed industry related content.

[#journos](#) – See above.

[#journ](#) – See above.

[#news](#) – A wide array of real-time, streaming news content as well as trends.

### AP Style:

[#apstyle](#) – For talking about thoughts and trends related to the Associated Press Stylebook.

[#apstylechat](#) – Monthly chat devoted to various issues of the Associated Press Stylebook.

### Professional Development:

[#journchat](#) – Weekly chat (Mondays, 8 p.m ET) between journalists, bloggers and PR pros.

[#wjchat](#) – Weekly chat (Wednesdays, 8 p.m. ET) for Web journalists discussing all things journalism, technology, ethics, content and the business of journalism on the Web.

[#pubmedia](#) – Weekly chat (Mondays, 8 p.m. ET) for public service media practitioners and supporters. Also for general topics in public media outside of weekly chat.

[#spjchat](#) – Weekly chat (Thursdays, 8 p.m. ET) sponsored by SPJ DePaul University chapter and national Digital Media Committee. Features specific topics and trends in the profession. Founded by Mike Reilley.

### Sources:

[#HARO](#) – Help a Reporter Out is for journalists seeking sources for a wide range of specific topics.

[#journorequest](#) – Similar to HARO and mostly used by UK journalists seeking sources for a wide range of specific topics.

[#ddj](#) – Geared towards data driven journalism topics, trends and tips. [Added:1/20/11]

[#datajournalism](#) – Focused on methods and advice for finding data. [Added:1/20/11]

### Editing and Jobs:

[#copyeditor](#) – Includes thoughts, tips and frequent copyediting jobs that come available. [Added:1/20/11]

[#copyeditors](#) – Mostly thoughts and trends, the one character difference provides diverse content from the above hashtag. [Added:1/21/11]

[#copywriter](#) – Great for thoughts, advice, jobs and trends on copywriting.

[#journalism #jobs](#) – Resourceful combo for finding journalism and media jobs.

### For Fun:

[#jppeeve](#) – Where journos and others vent their journalism pet peeves about style, grammar, clichés, newsroom issues other news topics.

[#partylikeajournalist](#) – Often humorous, sarcastic, celebratory thoughts from journalists in action.

[#followjournal](#) – recommended journalists to follow on Twitter by Journalism.co.uk. [Added:1/21/11]

**Open Government and Freedom of Information:**

[#FOIA](#) – Current news and trends concerning the Freedom of Information Act and public records on the local, state and federal levels.

[#FOIAchat](#) – Weekly chat (Fridays, 2-3 p.m. ET) focused on issues in freedom of information and public records.

[#opengov](#) – Covers news, trends and strategies for developing better open government and public records access.

[#ogov](#) – Covers news, trends and strategies for developing better open government and public records access. Content often varies from [#opengov](#) content.

[#opendata](#) – Another source for information and trends involving open government and public records.

[#edem](#) – Open government trends and news related to electronic democracy. [Added:1/20/11]

[#pressfreedom](#) – Covers trends, struggles and those fighting for unabridged free speech and press freedoms. [Added:1/28/11]

**Digital Journalism:**

[#jtech](#) – Designed for topics involving journalism and technology.

[#digitaljournalism](#) – Content related to the digital application of news.

[#hyperlocal](#) – Refers to stories and events that are located within a well defined, community scale area.

[#ireport](#) – Derived from CNN’s public journalism initiative that allows people from around the globe to contribute pictures and video of breaking news stories from their own towns and neighborhood.

[#crowdsourcing](#) – Trends on leveraging the mass collaboration enabled by Web 2.0 technologies to achieve business goals.

**Photojournalism:**

[#photojournalism](#) – Latest trends on news photography content.

[#photojournalist](#) – Often showcases trending photojournalists and their work.

[#tog](#) – Trends, thoughts and other news pertaining to photographers. [Added:1/28/11]

[#togs](#) – The once character addition creates similar but diverse content. [Added:1/28/11]

**Academic:**

[#ascj](#) – Content related to the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at USC.

[#cojosm](#) – Content for online journalism, social media and other trends from the BBC College of Journalism social media trainers. [Added:1/20/11]

[#cronk](#) – Trends and news related to ASU’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, for coverage of public policy issues affecting Arizonans. [Added:1/28/11]

**Here are some other Twitter resources for journalists**

[What the Hashtag](#) – Helps to distill chatter and analyze real-time metrics for hashtags.

[@Tagalus](#) – A dictionary-type resource for hashtags and their meanings.

[Media On Twitter](#) – A database of over 2,000 media and journalism professionals on Twitter.

[40 Writing Hashtags for Twitter](#) – A collection of hashtags for writers, editors and publishers.

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