SAN RAMON, Calif. – October 20, 2021 – A new survey conducted by Mopria® Alliance, a global non-profit organization providing universal standards and solutions for print and scan, addresses the value tied to using paper as a communications medium versus usage of devices such as a smartphone or laptop, and the preferences of using each for various tasks. The 20-minute survey was conducted online with US consumers ages 18-64. Overall, the survey showed that printed paper continues to be valuable for a variety of reasons.

Top Survey Takeaways

Balancing on and off screen time is a challenge

- 16% of adults set screen time limits for themselves
- 52% of families with children have limits on screen time
  - Yet, most are unsatisfied with their ability to balance on and off screen time
  - The survey reveals that most seek paper as a way to take a break from screens

Some tasks have a strong paper preference

- 51% of respondents state that when writing lists or taking notes, paper is their go-to
- 43% of respondents indicate they prefer reading a book or newspaper using a hard copy, paper version
  - Respondents who prefer paper usage for the above tasks show a very strong liking for it and would have a difficult time switching to digital formats
    - Nearly two thirds of them would feel awful without a paper book
    - 61% of respondents would feel terrible if they couldn’t use paper to write a list or keep track of events

Digital devices are useful for speed, but paper is able to do it all

- When asked to describe the main reasons for using either paper or digital devices, respondents revealed that:
  - Digital is mostly used because of its speed and convenience, but can be fatiguing and addicting
  - Digital can make consumers feel distant from the world around them and lose human connections
  - Digital can make consumers feel overly connected through work
  - Paper helps consumers to improve focus and keep track of tasks easier
  - Paper makes them feel good and less tired
  - Paper allows them to feel more productive
  - Only 13% of survey respondents disagreed with the statement that paper helps you comprehend better
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