



# Converging Toward Precarity: Journalism in the digital world

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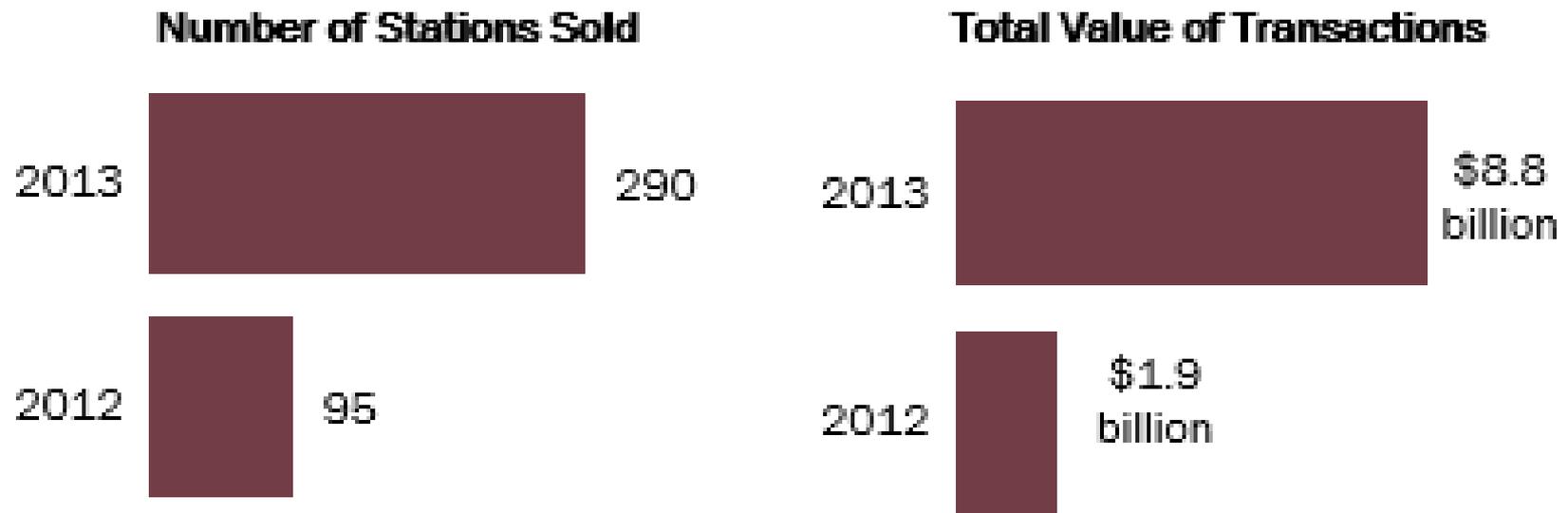
“The biggest argument for robot journalism is that it frees human reporters to do the kind of deeper reporting only people can do. That is likely true, and pretty cool.”

- Francie Diep, *Popular Science* July 1, 2014



# TV: a year of massive consolidation

## Local TV Acquisitions Hit a Record in 2013



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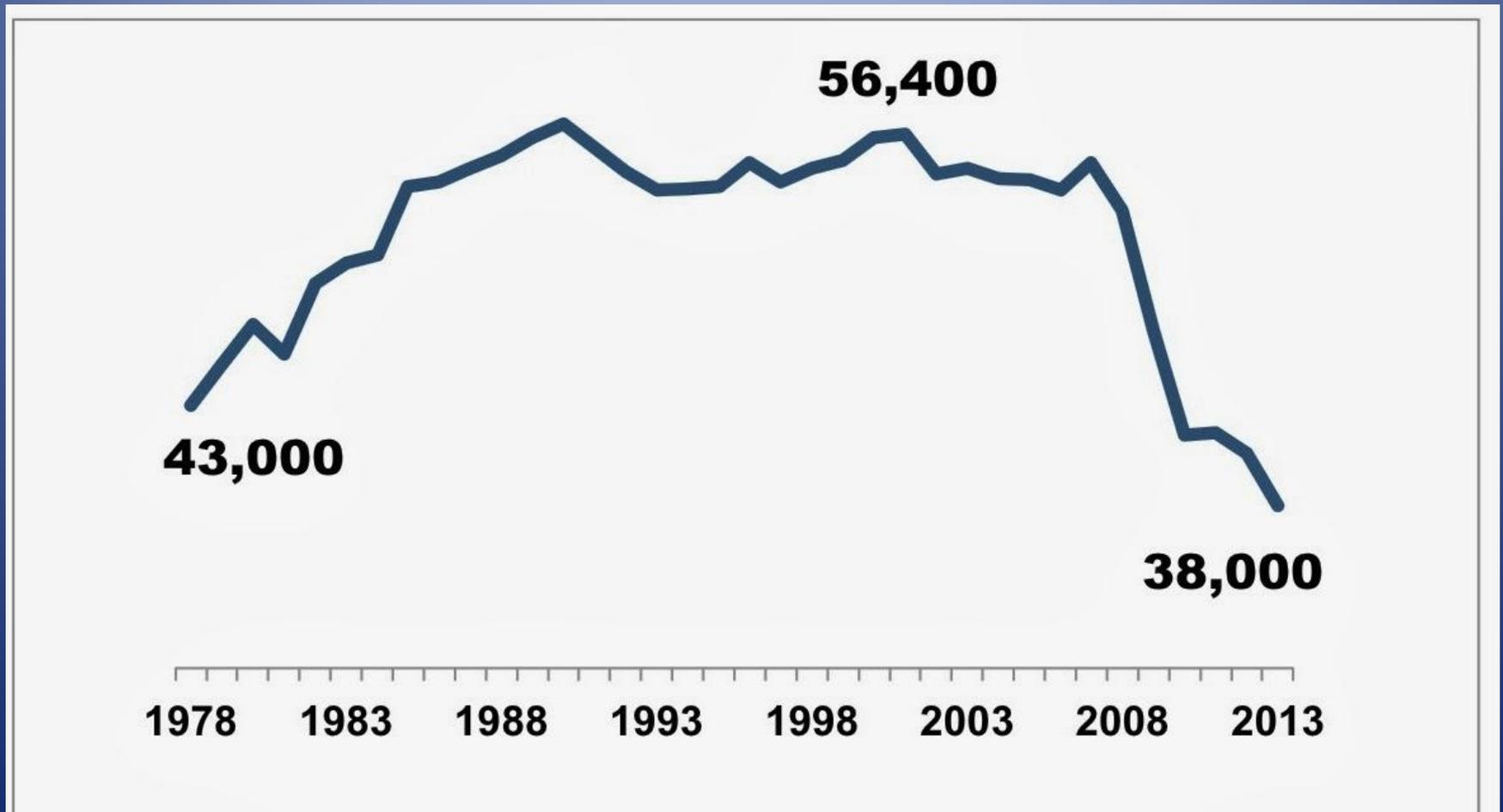
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# Fewer owners, less local news

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# Newspapers: Newsroom employment declines

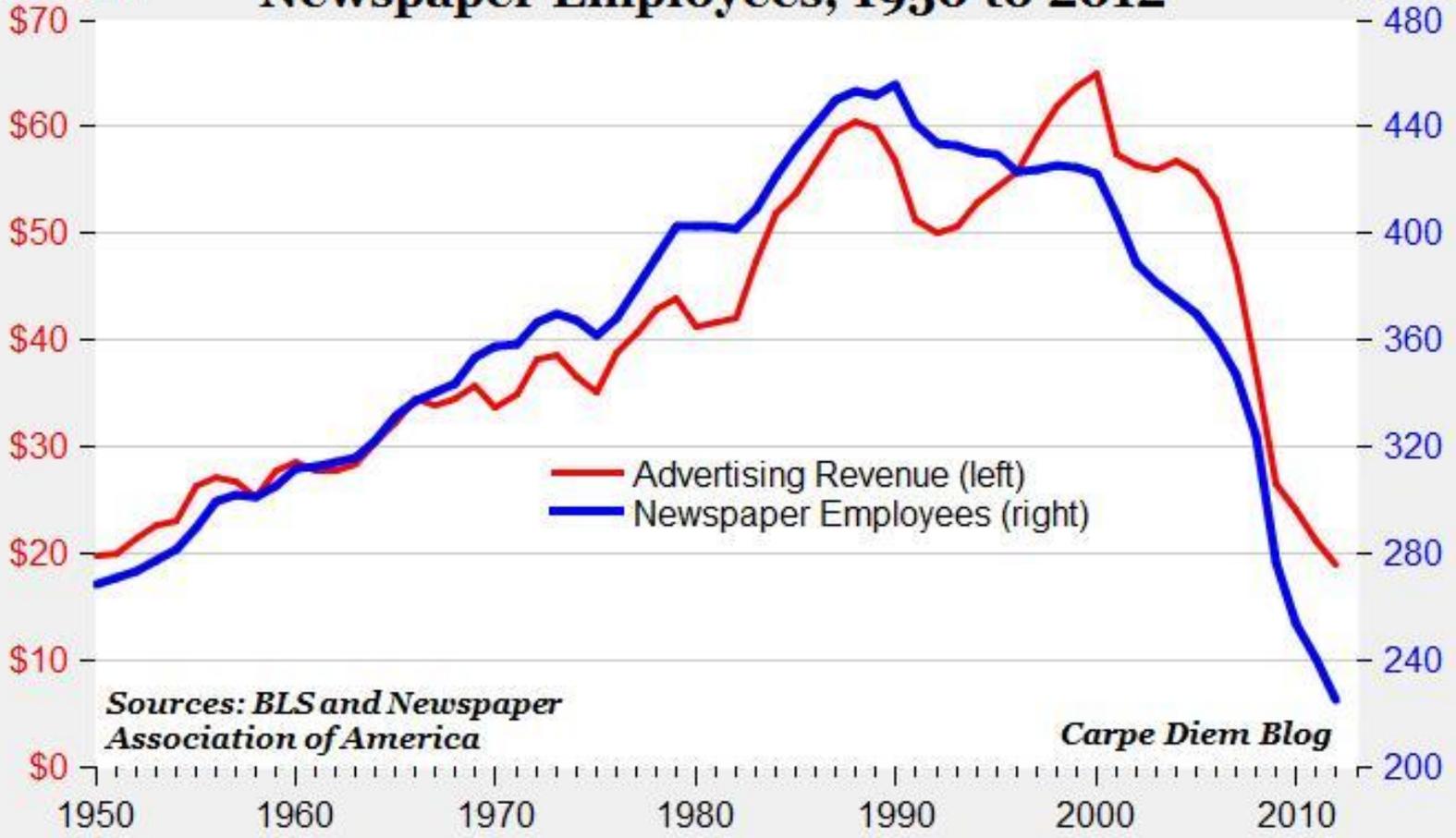


- American Society of newspaper editors

# Newspaper Advertising Revenue and Newspaper Employees, 1950 to 2012

Billions of 2012 Dollars

1,000s



Sources: BLS and Newspaper Association of America

Carpe Diem Blog

# Fewer editors, more pages

- Centralized production – Postmedia
- Outsourced production – Page Masters
- Double branding – Gannett

# Haven't we heard this before?

- With national and international content coming from USA TODAY, Gannett's community newspapers will have more resources to devote to local coverage, said Robert Dickey, president of Gannett's U.S. Community Publishing division.

- USA Today, Dec. 11, 2013

- Gannett laid off 230 newspaper workers in mid-2013. This followed 2011 layoffs that shed 700 jobs.

- Gannett blog

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# Online-only outlets

- “Our first-ever accounting found roughly 5,000 full-time professional jobs at nearly 500 digital news outlets, most of which were created in the past half dozen years.”
- The “Big 30” account for 3,000 of those jobs.

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## University of Saskatchewan fires dean who criticized spending cuts

A University of Saskatchewan dean who spoke out about the university's efforts to muzzle senior administrators has been fired, stripped of his tenure, had his retirement benefits revoked and was escorted off campus by security



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University of Saskatchewan dean Robert Buckingham, pictured in a university newsletter in 2012, has been stripped of tenure and banned for life for speaking out about cuts.

By: **Tim Alamenciak** News reporter, Published on Wed May 14 2014

A University of Saskatchewan dean who spoke out about the university's efforts to muzzle senior administrators has been fired, stripped of his tenure, had his retirement benefits revoked and was escorted off campus by security.

Robert Buckingham, former executive director of the University of Saskatchewan's School of Public Health, was dismissed from both his role as the executive director of the school of public health and a tenured professor Wednesday morning because of a letter he wrote in which he detailed efforts to keep senior leaders in line over a new plan to cut spending and potentially merge his department with another.

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## Fired University of Saskatchewan dean back at work as tenured professor

[Allan Maki](#)

The Globe and Mail

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After being fired, banned and stripped of his tenure and benefits, Robert Buckingham has returned to his office at the University of Saskatchewan.

On Wednesday, he was once again a tenured professor. He was not, however, dean of the School of Public Health. That title was taken away last week as punishment for a letter Dr. Buckingham made public called *The Silence of the Deans*. In it, he detailed how some deans were told that if they criticized the university and its TransformUS project, their tenure would be cut short.

## **University of Saskatchewan reverses part of the decision regarding Executive Director of the School of Public Health**

(U of S press release)

“Academic freedom and tenure are sacrosanct at the University of Saskatchewan. This case, however, is not about academic freedom. Dr. Buckingham was removed from his executive director position for acting contrary to the expectations of his leadership role.” U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac said. “Dr. Robert Buckingham, who was terminated from his position on May 14, will not return to that leadership position. He will, however, be offered a tenured faculty position. The confusion on this issue stems from differing interpretations based on his contract. Because we hold tenure in high regard, we will immediately reverse that part of our initial decision.”

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