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Open to the World

In society, many people attain their knowledge through their local news broadcast channel or any social media outlet. Some of this information can be viable and some of it can be altered to fit a narrative or agenda that is told to be given. I would even get my information from my local news channel and hear what the reporters have to say. These local broadcasts are a powerful tool to spread information to thousands or even millions of people in a city, state, or even the whole county. Not even tv channels, many people, especially the youth would hear information from Instagram, TikTok, etc. With the countless amount of people that have these apps gets their main education from the videos that pop up in their recommendations. At one point, many people would trust the information that they are receiving just because it's showing up on their social media account and would not even bother to look further to opening their perception of more than one source. Many would be confident that the information consumed by a narrative is what true.

In my case I don't have the social media accounts listed above, this eliminates the fact that I would receive the information from, probably, a one-sided source. With many issues that are occurring in the world, it's important to find something to be informed about relating to me,

to get a better understanding. I would normally see people stuck more on one side of the information and trust everything that their ears listened to. I would watch videos on how people would be divided based on what they believe and would not be open to another side of their belief. I would think to myself how it is possible that so many people would get into arguments and even physical altercation because they stand on one point. At the end, it's understandable that they probably received their information from the belief that they are stuck on, and this is being driven by lack of questioning your surrounding sources.

At times, I would hear what my local news channel has to say and immediately take in the information being spewed. I normally don't care about some situations but when I hear something that concerns me in a way that can affect me in the future, I would get a grasp on what's going on. I would then see the way the crucial information that is being spread to others might affect them/get a reaction. Many of the issues that had many people in the country in search of information to be aware of their surroundings are happening in the last decade.

Many people when they hear news related articles, they would consume that information in an instant. Due to this, many people would feel a strong way on what they agree on and would get annoyed if someone else saw a different perception of the same information. Back in 2020, the BLM organization brought in many attentions based on a death that happened in Minneapolis. Many people saw the video of what happened and acted on emotions. Although the actions that was made of that cop were unnecessary, many people viewed the victim as a martyr or a public figure to support, not getting a good understanding of the background that the victim had and what he did prior. The organization made nationwide headlines and people would support it based on the trend and anyone that opposed it was "racist". People would eventually donate to the organization because it was viewed as supporting and bringing awareness to the

black community. At the end, it was said that the money people sent was being used by the leader of the organization for her own profit rather than spending it to help the black community. This information backfired on the public as people would senselessly be stuck to this organization not looking out for the negatives and what can be going on backstage.

Another situation that required people to be informed of both sides of information was during the buildup of the 2020 presidential election. Most of the American population had it out to get Donald Trump out of the White House. Many people were under the influence of the mainstream media from one side and especially due to the fact many people in this country have social media. Due to the mainstream media, the idea that the president was not in favor of the African Americans in this country, the LGBT community, and his view of immigrants in this country. People genuinely hated the man not opening their eyes to any positive attribute. In contrast of what is being spread on the internet, I informed myself of what was said from both sides, and it turns out that the president respects his citizens, no matter what color, gender, identity, etc. For the articles that he did not side with African American, he is recorded to like them and help the community economically, contrast to his competitor, he said racial remarks to the black community and his crime bill about 3 decades ago gave the black community a huge disadvantage to be incarcerated more than any other race. In the aspect of the LGBTQ, he publicly stated that he is with the community even though he is a Christian. Now with the aspect of the immigrant issue, many believed that he was, in some sort, “torturing” them with camps when they were constructed beforehand. With these ideas presented to the public, many people still made it a mission to vote blindly against him without even trying to figure out any contrast of what is being said about the president.

With this main information that can be viewed as one, I questioned myself if everything I hear from common news outlet can be trusted and should I put my beliefs to one side. With the multiple issues that are happening right now, with the presidential election next year and I can vote, to outside world conflict, and economical issues, I can have my own view and deep search to see how I can get a better perceptiveness on society.