

Community Comment Script re Mantova Media

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Since the election there have been dissappointed people using social medial platforms - facebook and twitter - to vent their frustrations. What's most shocking about it, is the fact they share and reshare articles from the New York Times, LA Time. NPR: whats shocking is they continue to rely on news agencies that failed to correctly report on the election.

Most of the institutions in our life move between the centralized to decentralized. Anyone over 40 years old will remember that there were only a few news channels on your TV. The news that everyone depended on was produced under one roof.

In the 1980's Rush Limbaugh began to break that news monopoly. Fox News and CNN drove media to a 24/7 business in the 90's and on the web we got instant far-ranging news from the Drudge Report. Perhaps that is why both Dan Rather and Brian Williams disgraced themselves by fabricating news. My point is that over the last couple decades the media has moved from being centralized to decentralized.

Today, the way we get our news is so decentral, that we take information obtained from wikileaks more seriously than anything in the New York Times. We rely on heroes like Investigative Journalist James O'Keefe to record officials admitting to crimes.

Biased Newspapers? Nothing new in America. Go back to the founding of the country and you will see partisan papers, but what makes the readers today different from back then is all about maturity.

Think back to when you were in school. When you read a book, your job was to understand the words and remember what you read. Eventually you mature, and your reading changes. You read something and then you decide whether it is true or not. Well, the problem with many is they are still in the read without discriminating phase.

Our technology provides so much information, yet too many people rely on the biased, group-think of what could be called "the old guard media."

If you were surprised and upset by the presidential election, you should consider bringing new sources of news into your life

For me personally, I keep up on current events through the Drudge Report, Rush Limbaugh Show and a few online pundits like Bill Whittle. Through Youtube I also am able to see the top storiesthat the news agencies report. There is a huge world of great news reporting and analysis--go check it out!

This has been Anthony Mantova of Community Comment.

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