

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN POLITICS:

Media & Politics

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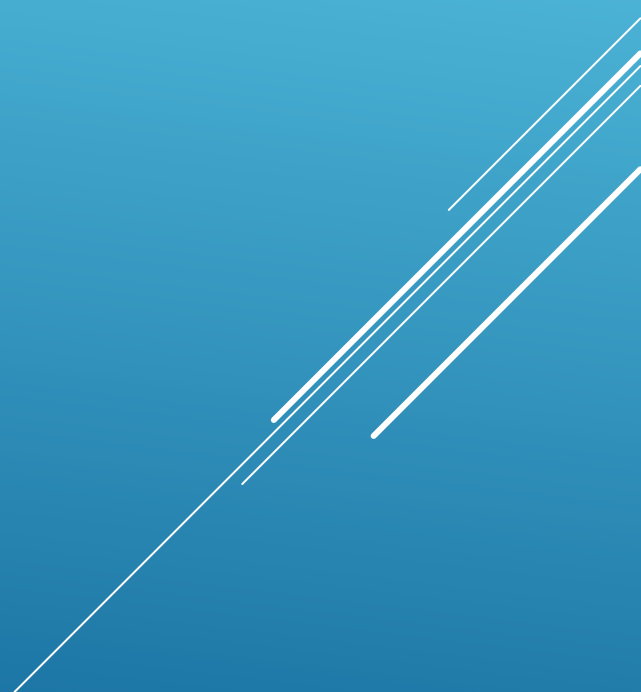
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INFO

There was a time when Media & Politics played nice together and the American Public felt inclined to tune into the news. This working relationship and inclination seemed to have evaporated right before our eyes. A lot of the blame is on the two parties involved, the White House, and News Corporations but some of the blame is on us as citizens and contributors to society. These 3 acting agents seem to be a recipe for disaster in a never-ending bicker fight. A fight we as the American People are caught between dividing us even more than we have already been divided.





MY RESEARCH

- ▶ In 2017, 77% of Americans owned Smartphones and 95% owned cell phones
- ▶ Also in 2017, study conducted by Journalism.Org showing that about 66% of U.S adult population got news info through social media
- ▶ This creates a severe lack of legitimacy as well as verification process, allowing misinformation to spread

“ “IT TOOK THE TRUTH ABOUT SIX TIMES AS LONG AS FALSEHOOD TO REACH 1,500 PEOPLE.” – NBC NEWS

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- Vast Majority of misinformation spread relates to social and political issues, Including Inequality, Race Relations, Foreign Policy, Tragedies and Economic Statistics
- Twitter for example, sees that 74% of the non-white population gets their information from twitter news sites (Focal Point of a Majority of Domesitc Issues) as well as 60% of non-college grhaduates and among those with a degree, Social Media News use has gone down steadily over the past 5 years.



WHAT DO I PLAN ON DOING ABOUT IT?

Individuality is key.

RESEARCH OPINIONS

Fiance (Isabella): News is news, ill start watching it again when Pres. Trump is out of the white house.

Brother (Logan): Ignorance eliminates competition.

Ismael (Friend): Its up to the public to educate themselves. Unfortunately, this is the system America creates, a learn what we want and disregard what we don't.

DIFFERENCES/SIMILARITIES

Talk about this.

WHAT I LEARNED

- Not only are the numbers staggering, they are gross. Misinformation causes destabilization and disruption and not only needs to be stopped, it should be of the utmost importance to our political leaders.

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