

Date: _____

①

Day: _____

Truth is a rare commodity despite the freedom enjoyed by the print and electronic media

Outline

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement

Despite the freedom given to print and electronic media, truth is rare to find. However, by ~~taking corrective measures~~, social media and print media can be revamped to project truth.

Plz c essay statement

2) Overview of print and social media:

3) How truth is a rare commodity despite the freedom enjoyed by print and electronic media?

(i) Pressure from government and corporate owners hinders the projection of truth.

(ii) Partisan media outlets project Propagate news rather than objective reality

(iii) Spreading information without fact checking leads to the dissemination of misinformation

(iv) Entertainment news to get TRP obstructs the coverage of truth
Abundance of news makes it difficult to distinguish truth from lies.

(v) The increase trend of social media journalism without having the required credentials reduces the coverage of truth.

U have creative mind
Just make short and pitch phrases

4, Measures to enhance the spread of truth by media outlets

(i) Enhance media literacy to distinguish truth from fake news

(ii) Legal protection to journalists from the undue

pressure of high authorities ✓

(iii) Institutions to regulate the news content to reduce the likelihood of fake news ✓

(iv) Strengthening of defamation law to discourage misinformation ✓

(v) Impose penalties and fines for disseminating fake news ✓

6) Conclusion ✓

Essay

"If you are not careful, the newspaper will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing oppression" (Malcolm X)

He aptly highlighted the fact that media outlets do not project credible news. In the age of information, truth is increasingly become rare due to pressure from high authorities. Similarly, partisan media outlets spread biased news not objective reality. Moreover, spreading information without prior fact-checking and important of news hinder the coverage of truth. Therefore, certain measures should be taken to enhance the dissemination of truth by print and social media. These measures include enhancing media literacy

Propagate truth

Policy shift is need of hour

and extending legal protection to journalists from external pressure and threats. Furthermore, imposing strict penalties and strengthening defamation law can discourage the spread of misinformation.

Therefore, despite the freedom given to print and electronic media, truth is rare to find. However, by taking corrective measures, social media and print media can be revamped to project truth.

Print media and electronic media are two forms of mass communication. Print media is a traditional way to convey information in the form of physical printed materials. Print media encompasses newspapers, magazines, books, journals. On the other hand, social media is a modern tool of disseminating information through electronic devices.

(6)

Date: _____ Day: _____

It includes Television, radio and internet.

Truth is a rare commodity due to pressure from government and corporate owners which hinder the projection of truth. People with high authorities intimidate journalist to project the news which serve their hidden agendas. For instance, during water gate scandal President Nixon of the US put pressure on the Washington Post ~~to not give coverage to the scandal.~~ Thus, the undue pressure from the authorities deters journalists from reporting truth.

Partisan media outlets project biased news rather than objective reality. These outlets aligned themselves with a particular party, as they receive funds from it. As a result, they glorify the policies of one party and bash the policies of another party. For example,

Fox News, an American News channel, is aligned with Republican party and the Microsoft National Broadcast Corporation (MSNBC), an American news channel, has its tilt towards Democratic party.

Thus, partisan media outlets hinder the projection of truth as they pursue the agendas of a particular party and protect its interests.

Spreading information without fact-checking leads to the dissemination of misinformation. In the race to give coverage to a particular news, media houses often neglect the verification of a particular piece of information. As a result, misinformation spreads like wild-fire. For example, during COVID-19, social media circulated fake news regarding the origin of virus and the effectiveness of vaccines against the disease. Thus, dissemination of news without

verifying the credibility of information source leads to the spread of fake news.

Good effort as command over language is fine

Infotainment of news to get TRP (Television Rating Point) obstructs the coverage of truth. The sensational news gets more viewership; therefore, truth is compromised for the personal benefits of media outlets. They do not even hesitate from ~~sensationalizing~~ ^{sensationalizing} the tragic crimes. To illustrate, every development of Zainab Ansari's rape case and Dua Zehra missing case was presented in a dramatic manner that had nothing to do with the reality. Thus, infotainment of news is another impediment to the coverage of truth.

Abundance of news makes it difficult to distinguish truth from lies. Every journalist interpretes news as per his own worldview. This leads to

(9)

the different interpretation of one news. As a result, it becomes difficult for readers to get down to the bottom of truth. For instance, Yuval Noah Harari stated in his book "21 lessons for 21st Century", "Censorship no longer works by hiding information from you; censorship works by flooding you with immense amount of misinformation or irrelevant information." Thus, abundance of information hinders truth from reaching people.

The increase trend of social media journalism without having the required credentials reduces the ~~coverage of truth~~. Most of the people who are not adept in the art of journalism use social media to share information without checking the credibility of information. This break opens the flood gates of fake news. Thus, social media journalism, particularly journalists having rudimentary

Blends both truth and lies

knowledge about the art of journalism, adds to the prevailing trend of misinformation

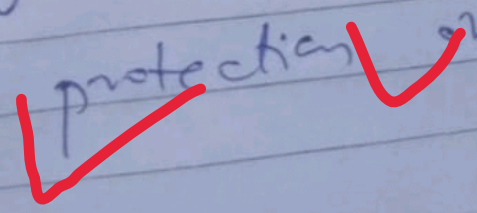
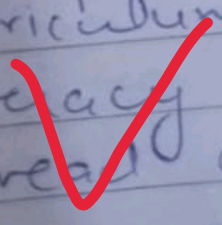
The preceding paragraphs explained how truth is a rare commodity. Now, in the following paragraphs corrective measures will be explained to enhance the spread of truth by print media and social media.

Plz try to have more mature transition

Enhance media literacy to distinguish truth from false news. People will not fall prey to false news and misinformation after acquiring media literacy. For instance, Finland inculcates media literacy in all stages of life by its part of the national curriculum. Thus, media literacy prevent the spread of false news. legal protection should

Sentence structure is good

But need more focus on keeping these short and word choice also needs improvement



Date: _____ Day: _____
be provided to journalists
from the undue pressure
of authorities. It will
give rise to press freedom
and the dissemination of
truth. Several countries have
passed legislation in this
regard. For instance, the
Press Act (1969) is a
remarkable legislation to
protect journalists, passed
by Norwegian Parliament.
Thus, legal protection to
journalists paves the way
towards Press Freedom
and spread of credible
news.

Institutions should be
established to regulate the
news content to reduce the
likelihood of fake news. These
institutions will regulate
the content of print
media and social media
for fake news. For example,
Pakistan Electronic Media
Regulatory Authority (PEMRA),
a federal institution,
regulates the media.

content. Thus, establishment of independent institutions help in the dissemination of truth and prevent the spread of misinformation.

Write complete sentence plz

Strengthening defamation law to discourage misinformation. It will discourage people to spread fake news about others, as it would have legal repercussions. Several countries have passed defamation laws. Notably, the UK Defamation Act 2013 acts as a barrier against spreading calumny. Thus, strengthening defamation laws help prevent the spread of fake news.

Imposing strict penalties and fines for disseminating fake news pave the way towards responsible journalism. The fear of fines and punishments deters people from spreading disinformation. As a result,

(13)

People verify the facts before printing it in the newspapers and putting up on the social media. For instance, in Singapore people are charged with \$36,000 fine and 5 years imprisonment. Thus, fines and punishments prove to be effective tools against the perpetrators of disinformation.

In a nutshell, despite the freedom given to print and electronic media, truth is a rare commodity. It has several reasons: tampering with news on the behalf of high authorities, partisan media outlets, infotainment news and avoidance of news. Therefore, several measures should be taken to combat the menace of disinformation. It includes legal protection to journalists, enhance media literacy and laws to discourage the spread of

Good effort

Keep writing please

(14)

fake news. Thus, by following
all these measures in
letter and spirit, print
and social can be
revamped to project truth
and to prevent fake news.
