

The 'Media'

In the 21st Post-Truth Century

Resentment; angst and distrust rule the Day

Fortunately, I grew up in an age where **Newspapers** were reliable sources of truth and information. Sadly, I'm aging in the era of 21st Century 'media' that is cloudy; fogged with bias and confusion sprinkled in among the dissemination of the news of the day.

#FortheRecord: I was born in **1960**. I was 3 when **JFK** was assassinated; 8 when **RFK** and **MLK** were shot to death, and 9 when **America** [landed on the Moon](#).

My, how times have changed. [Walter Cronkite](#) never lied to me, intentionally, that I know of and the unshaken faith in 'Media' was a part of my childhood. It even became my profession. And, it has [tumbled out of control as much as the shuttle Discovery](#) did the year I graduated from college.

I, like many People, have had prolonged questions about the outcome of the 2016 election. It's not that I question the results; it's not that I won't support the **45th PEOTUS, Donald J. Trump**. What I viewed, during **President Obama's** two terms, was more of a revelation of the two America's these days. What I note now, with this result, is the clearly defined separation of Americans.

It used to be at times Like these we turned to the 'Media' for explanations; reasons; causation's and facts. Now, we turn to our particular form of news feed to reinforce our own ideologies. Never looking for commonality; only rationale for why we feel how we do.

[The History of Journalism](#), as defined by *Wikipedia*, is a pretty good place to begin, I surmised. Always feeling that word of mouth was the best - and original - form of advertising and continues today to be best way to achieve success on many levels, so it was - and is - with Journalism even in the 21st Century.

However, in today's age of multi-media formats; TV; newspapers, radio stations and websites it all gets so fuzzy but **#truth** remains static.

That is if, we see, **facts as facts**, eliminating emotion from the equation. I don't know how that's done.

What I do know, is if we are to come to a better understanding of the way forward, then comprehension of the basic elements of fact from fiction have to be at the forefront.

Take a moment and read this article from the [Washington Post](#), if you will, please, and answer the question posed in the last sentence of the article.

Can you offer an answer?

I did.

And, for the moment, I'll keep that to myself.

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