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Blog Outline

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Title: What Does it Mean to be Well-Informed?

Course Topic: Impact of social media on individualism, collectivism and culture. (SP/Social Context)

In the United States, President Trump has said that mainstream media is the enemy of the people. These statements seem intended to devalue investigative journalism and the pursuit of truth. There are many available sources for news and information, but it is not easy to discern which of those sources are accurate and trustworthy. As the New York Times article indicates, there is good journalism being done at a variety of media outlets.

I value being well-informed and therefore I want to explore development of best practices for receiving accurate news and information in the current environment. I want to touch on the following:

- How can I feel comfortable that the news I am receiving is being accurately reported?
- Can I evaluate news items individually or at the level of the news media outlet?
- Can I avoid being trapped in a filter bubble?
- Can I maintain my own agency in these decisions, even if a third-party service may provide a better alternative?

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