

Social Media & [do, ré..] Me





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How has social media changed the way we consume and understand information?

Social media platforms changed the way we consume and understand information, by changing it from a daily, limited-number-of-pages newspaper, to a perpetually continuing, rush of articles, videos, and posts. There's more news you can get online now than you ever could before. So instead of having one point of you to follow or discard, you have many, many, options of different views and opinions.

When you see “news” on social media, do you research further?

Depending on the story, I may take the time to research farther. If it's some blog post about a funny cat, then it doesn't really matter and there's nothing really to research anyways. Now, on the other hand, a news story about Russia's attack on Ukraine, deserves a dig deep into the news sites of the internet.



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Why the internet?

What value do you get from online social interactions?

Not all information you can get online is largely useless or harmful. Some information can be used for research. Through social media, it's possible to follow a professor on Instagram, and learn many things you wouldn't otherwise.

Describe the role of social media and social currency shaping youth culture?

With likes being such a tangible thing to represent your popularity, how others view you has become something that can be precisely measured, in likes, in follows, in shares.. As well, something this accessible has allowed people to basically make it as out there, as they are themselves when you pass them in the hallway, so it can be an important part of someone's self expression. Youth culture now is also more centered around such things. Fashion trends, music tastes and other such things, are all affected by social media.

When you post online, do you consider how the post may be seen by others? Explain.

I don't really post online, but as I'm sitting here writing this, to later put it on my blog, I am definitely considering how it may be seen by others. My name is attached to this, and although it would be a challenge for a complete outsider to guess my identity, my classmates could probably do it quite successfully, and I spend a lot of time with my classmates, so it's generally best to make a good impression. Real life conversations are much more relaxing in the sense that there's usually no strict record of them, and there's more to it than letters on a screen. I definitely put a lot of meaning into intonation, and tone, and try to pick up on and consider it when other people are speaking.

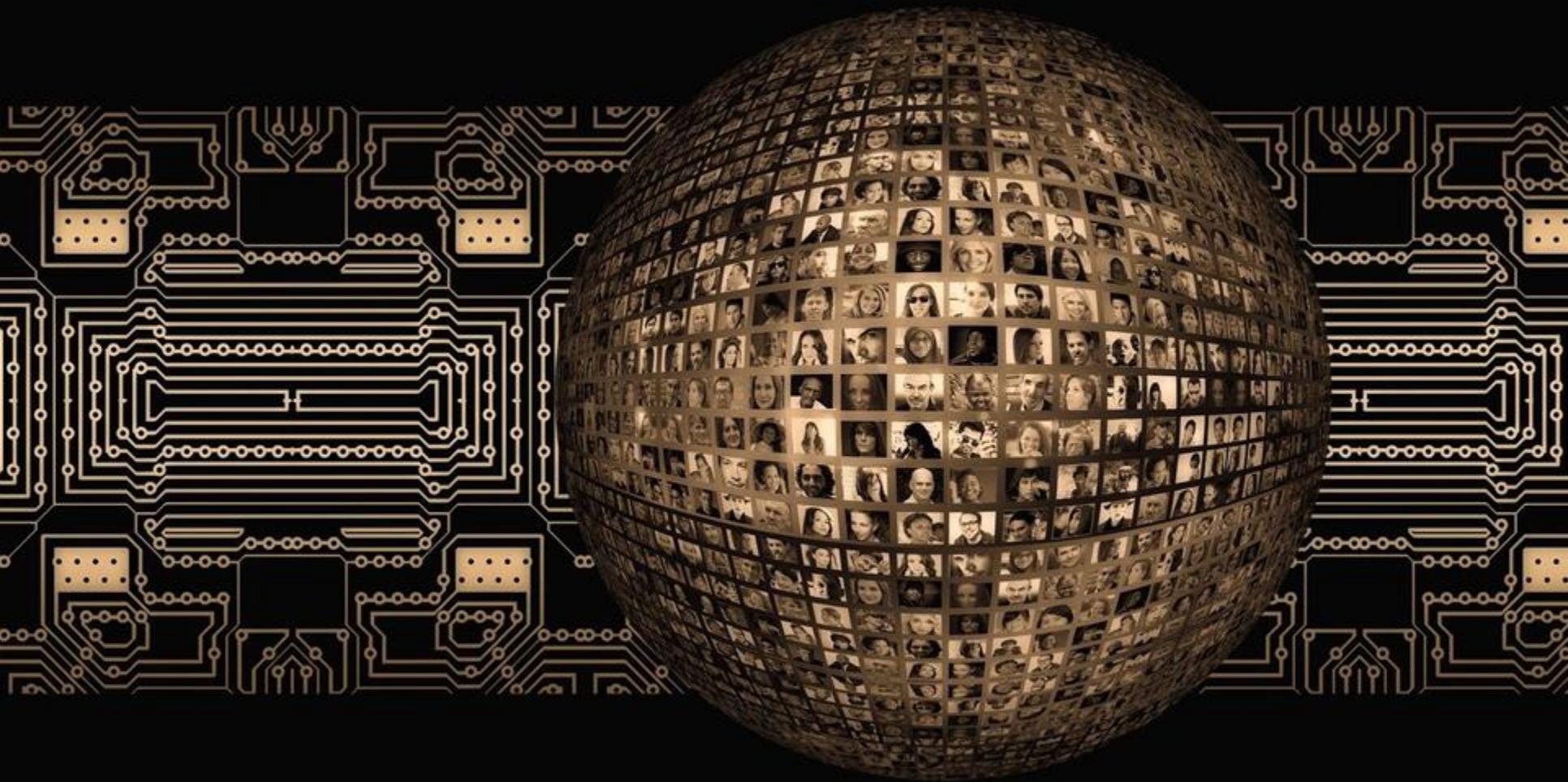


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Find the differences; Today and the world of Black Mirror, Nosedive

Do you see any similarities between the world presented in this video and the world you live in?

Yes, I do. The people in the video cared about how other people see them. And so do I, so do we, as people. Also, they judged each other based on the ratings, as you could see them as easily as you could their clothes and haircut.

How does the main character gain and lose points? Why are these points important to her?

The main character gains or loses point when other people rate her, either in person when they see her, or simply online. These points are important to her because everyone can see them and she is being judged constantly about the points. She cannot ever make a first impression, not affected by what other people have already said about her.

How would your social interactions change if you were a character in these videos?

I think I'd talk to people even less. I suppose the solution to such an anxiety inducing life would be to hide away in libraries always and to not talk to anyone and hope to not be noticed. I think that dressing in bland-er, darker colours could help. Perhaps I'd also stare at the sky or the floor more as well, to at least try and not infringe on the tiny bit of privacy people have over their social status.



What values might be derived from this type of social interaction?

Well, people will try to please others, and be more careful even about people they have no association to because you can still be rated anonymously. Maybe such a life would make people think twice before being rude to others, even if it's for a selfish reason. Also, that would be a cool thing to try and manipulate just for fun. Like see whether or not wearing certain colours could influence your ratings, or perhaps things like haircuts and your oBut now, instead of studying qualitative reactions, you have definite numbers. Although, it is a pity that it can't be wiped clean, as a control variable. But you could attempt getting family members on board, and asking them for certain ratings to mapilute it to be roughly the same when you start experiments.

How to make eye contact with yourself 101: find a nice clear puddle and the **{reflection}** shall find you

How did you tell the difference between facts and interpretations, opinions, and judgements?

I used my own, opinionated, and biased judgements.

Jokes aside, I needed to analyze evidence from different perspectives.

Ok, ok, it's hard to know anything with absolute surety. But, we can generally agree that to know something, you just need sufficient evidence that you have a good reason to trust or believe in. Facts are often statements, backed up by evidence or research. Interpretations often sound like opinions, but about more theoretical or confusing things. Opinions are often emotional(ly backed), and clearly show a stance on a topic. Judgements usually describe things, i think, as you need to be judging something or someone for it to work.

How did you analyze evidence from different perspectives?

To analyze evidence from different perspectives, it is good to attempt to put yourself in other's shoes, so to speak. And when reading opinions of different sides, consider their main points, and beliefs. Also, it's probably a good idea to use a dictionary to understand words you don't know that seem important, as your guess may have just sabotaged their whole stance.



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