

## Module 10 Assignment

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1. First key idea – There are realities that impede our ability to get objective news.
  - a. A key idea I have learned is that there are realities that impede our ability to get objective news.
  - b. In other words, there are things that happen in our reality, in our life, and in our surroundings that may make it difficult for us to have access to and consume objective news, or rather it makes it easier for us to *not* look for objective news.
  - c. An example of this idea manifesting in the real world is how it is very easy to access information that is biased towards our own particular point of view. If for instance, I am thinking about the idea that drinking alcohol has benefits, I will be able to find this information a belief that drinking can be good for you. It is then easy to neglect, if I were not practicing critical thinking, the other of the information that may give evidence of the disadvantages of drinking alcohol.
  - d. An analogy or illustration of this idea can be described as follows. There are two boxes. One has red cups and the other has green cups. You are then tasked to find what colored cups the boxes have. You open one box and find that there are red cups. You don't open the red box and just assume and report that both boxes have red cups.
  
2. Second key idea – Social media is an unreliable news source
  - a. A key idea I have learned is that social media is an unreliable news source.
  - b. In other words, not everything you consume on social media is real and it cannot be used to validate your beliefs and find reliable information. One must go to unbiased news sources or look at multiple news sources to search for answers that can be deemed reliable.
  - c. An example of this idea manifesting in the real world is how in my own social media (Facebook) right now, I see photos of screenshots of Twitter (X) posts. At first glance, these posts may look legitimate and lead people to believe that the person who seemed to post that tweet did so. However, if you look at the person's Twitter (X) account, you will find that they did not post that tweet. These posts may range from celebrity gossip to posts impersonating a political figure.
  - d. An analogy or illustration of this idea can be described as follows. A person is hungry and eats junk food. He keeps eating junk food but is never satiated and even feels worse. Once he eats more healthy food, he begins to feel better and has consumed more nutrition than before.
  
3. Third key idea – News media is biased and is limited in its objectivity
  - a. A key idea I have learned is that news media is biased and is limited in its objectivity
  - b. In other words, news captures a snapshot of a particular moment and of a particular time. It is not able to capture all perspectives and everything

that has happened in an event. It can be biased in that it has only gotten the information it has gotten, and not all information and all its details. However, it can still be objective in that it deals with factual information.

- c. An example of this idea manifesting in the real world is how news media may report on a fire that happened on a particular day, interview some people, report what time the fire was told to be started, etc. However, it is unlikely that they will be able to interview everyone nor is it likely that they will have a 100% accurate record of what happened to each person affected and how the fire started.
- d. An analogy or illustration of this idea can be described as follows. The information news media presents are but a black dot on a whiteboard. It is there but it does not capture all the information.