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Real News--Media and Truth in the Internet Age

If given the choice between all information and correct information, what should you choose? Should we censor information to contain only facts? Who could we trust to decide what the truth is? Humans are biased and the truth is subjective.

These days, it's hard to know what is true on the news. Why do lies sometimes get spread on the news? The answer is simple: it is too hard to check everything. People report what they believe is the truth. Belief and fact are not always the same.

People who work in the news industry have the ability to spread their beliefs to millions. They have the power to influence the 'truth' to a crowd of waiting ears. People trust the news to contain truth, so it is a big responsibility.

As regular citizens, what can we do? Are we doomed to watch and believe lies peddled by the media we've grown to trust?

I don't think so.

I believe that we should each strive to change this trend.

Change is hard. Change doesn't happen overnight. Change happens through your efforts when you believe that change is worthwhile. It is hard to check everything but please try! Be critical! Be thoughtful!

Never accept what is presented to you as fact. Challenge the world around you until you find the truth. I challenge each and every one of you to change the world in the pursuit of truth.