Today’s Information Landscape

Where do you get information? **Check all the sources you use at least once a week.**

- [ ] Newspapers (online or print)
- [ ] Magazines (online or print)
- [ ] TV news
- [ ] Radio news
- [ ] Podcasts
- [ ] Family & friends
- [ ] YouTube
- [ ] Snapchat
- [ ] Instagram
- [ ] TikTok
- [ ] Reddit
- [ ] Twitter
- [ ] Facebook
- [ ] Other: _________________________

What information sources were available 50 years ago? How does this compare with the sources available today (above)? **To determine the pros and cons of this shift, think through the following questions:**

How much information do you think people were able to easily access 50 years ago vs today?

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Who decided what was published to a wide audience 50 years ago vs. today?

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How do you think this change affects peoples’ ability to find credible information?

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How do you think this change affects peoples’ shared understanding of the world?

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Watch the first part of the Crash Course episode Introduction to Navigating Digital Information, from the **beginning to 7:43**, to review main points about the shift in how we find, share, and produce information. Listen for **how the media environment has changed** and some of the **cons** that come with that shift.

**Exit Ticket: Pros and Cons of Today’s Media Landscape**

50 years ago, the media environment ____________________________________________

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but now

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Today’s media environment has many pros, but two of the cons are:

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This matters because ____________________________________________

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