Critical Thinking makes us better students, better citizens, better individuals.

A Mediated Experience is when a 3rd-party is controlling the information you are receiving.

A less mediated experience is less filtered, less controlled.

A highly mediated experience is more filtered, more controlled.

Questions For Analysis

Which would you rather have a highly mediated experience (more filtered, more controlled) or a less mediated experience (less filtered, less controlled)?

Here’s what critical thinker Constantine Amentas said. “I would rather have a less mediated experience so that I can get all the facts and not what someone else wants me to believe.”

Here’s what critical thinker Christine Luciano said. “I would rather have a less mediated experience because it provides me with more information and from that I can draw my own opinions.”

Why do you think so many people choose to read highly mediated news (more filtered, more controlled)?

Here’s what critical thinker Megan Jordan said. “I think people prefer to read highly mediated news because it’s one point of view, so they do not need to really think through what they are reading. It’s easier to follow one view point instead of several.”

Here’s what critical thinker Norbu Gyaltsen said. “It may be because so many free newspapers don’t report in detail on major world news. They rather focus on gossip or sensationalized news.”

Here’s what critical thinker Heidi Sanchez said. “Often times people don’t like to challenge themselves and go the easy route.”

Why do you think more professionals choose to read less mediated news (less controlled)?

Here’s what critical thinker Joel Severino said. “Because they would rather get all the facts and make their own conclusions.”

Here’s what critical thinker Emily Hong said. “Because they are reading for concrete information to gain knowledge of the situation without the bias perspective.”

Here’s what critical thinker Nia Leary said. “It is up to the professional who is more educated on the topic to analyze the information provided and choose a stance.”

What are the dangers of reading highly mediated news?

Here’s what critical thinker Oluwadamilola Adesuyi said. “You will think with the mind of someone else rather than your own and that is bad because not everything someone else thinks is right.”

Here’s what critical thinker Monica Parfait said. “The more mediated news can lead people astray. They are biased and they don’t tell the story from both sides.”

Here’s what critical thinker Leandra Barragan said. “The dangers of reading highly mediated news is that it does not allow you to critically think on your own or create your own opinion because it’s more biased.”