

*Some people think that the news media nowadays have influenced people's lives in negative ways. Others disagree and say that they have been **more** positive.*

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

People hold varying opinions as to how individuals' lives have been affected by news agencies. Whereas some argue they have negatively impacted our lives, it seems the positive effects of their practice outweigh the unfavorable qualities.

There are several reasons why the work of news publishers are thought to be detrimental to society (to the detriment of society). Firstly, the abundance of dark news has rendered people both pessimistic and hopeless about the future to come. While mainly broadcasting stories on wars, environmental disasters, and poverty, the news media paint an unrealistically dark picture for their audience, which leads to people becoming bitter and in some cases suffering from undue stress. In addition, the current affairs are believed to increasingly be distorted on either political or financial grounds. With these agencies mostly being managed with skewed views, there is a fair chance that they would broadcast news in favor of their respective party, thus resulting in less faithful information and knowledge for consumers.

The news outlets, however, have a unique ability to educate their viewers in many aspects of life. For one, by continuously reporting environmental hazards with which the world are struggling, it would be more likely to raise awareness among the individuals on these issues, and as a result, each person would contribute more actively to conserving the nature. For another, not only does reading news allow people to become more well-informed, but also it makes them active in political rallies. The more conscious people become, the better worlds' leaders are to be elected. Finally, what people read on news channels ordinarily cultivates many positive habits. For example, the sports section of newspapers, extremely popular among young people, can encourage a reader to take up a sport, hence healthier people.

In conclusion, although the news published by media might cause problems in some areas of life, I am holding on to the view that it has been more beneficial, and it is time people and the governments alike recognized their imperative role in a modern society.