**Some people think that the news media nowadays have influenced people's lives and it is a negative development. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

We are living in a world where each and every change can be covered by multinational news agencies, and thanks to the recent telecommunications solutions people from all walks of life have access to the latest news across the globe. When it comes to the effects of news coverage and its consequences on people's lives, I hold that despite the widespread criticism~~s~~, the benefits of news medi~~a~~um far outweigh~~s~~ the drawbacks.

Today news agencies are playing a pivotal role in success of societies almost all around the world. These corporations can show different aspects of an incident, hence the ~~independence~~ importance of their independency. Many a political party who has established their own news channels are trying to interpret events to their side, and ruin their competitors. Certainly, ordinary members of society are the main targets of such biased news, and undoubtedly this news is not always aligned with people's advantages.

Though ~~the~~ news coverage can work as an effective deterrent against abuse of power by officials, being exposed to ~~each~~ such a heavy bombardment ~~is~~ of discrimination, scandals, embezzlement, and child abuse can have an adverse impact on our mental well-being. Perhaps it was owing to the limited number of news agencies and lack of means of telecommunication in the past that many believe that our world has become a horrible place compared to decades ago.

To put it in a nutshell, with respect to opponents I strongly believe that in spite of disadvantage, free flow of information is an indisputable requirement for a transparent community preventing decision-makers from wrongdoings. I also believe these corporations should be free to ask any relevant question ~~from~~ to/of anyone in power without any~~the slightest~~ fear or hesitation.