

## The Problem: Fake News + Social Media



It's clear to me: Barring revelation, what we focus on is all we'll ever see.

The news media filters what they allow us to receive and for how long we receive it, all in the name of presenting the truth. This means we only receive what they decide to present – that's called 'filtering the news'. For example, in the national news in Australia we hear a lot about politics, when there's something controversial, but not all the nice things that occurs in parliament. There's many items on shootings, car accidents, cars running into homes, house fires, bushfires, sport star misdemeanours, bkie wars, crime, etc. There's very little about what's influencing our nation internationally and almost nothing of positive news. This is censorship without the title.

The problem with our national and international understanding is not just "fake news"<sup>1</sup>, it's social media as well. We've been hijacked by the aggressive Left wing to support their various agendas because the populace relies on social media to inform them. How many young people (<50 yoa) watch or listen to the news, or read a newspaper so they can get the bigger picture?

Last week I heard a 40-year-old man complain about the wet weather. I responded that I was really looking forward to the rain. He thought I was mad. I asked him if he knew NSW was in the worst drought in living memory. He replied that he hadn't heard about it.

Need I say any more!

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1 – News that isn't verified but presented in a way that the public think it's the truth.