

QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire has been prepared for research on the topic "Freedom of Speech and Expression in respect of Social and Electronic Media." The researcher intends to study the awareness and exposure of media-related laws in the society as well as the emerging vices like paid news in broadcast media and provide his suggestions. The questionnaire includes open-ended as well as close-ended questions which may be filled up accordingly. (i.e. For open-ended questions, kindly give your personal opinion while for close-ended questions, kindly select one of the options given against the question). The information provided shall be used for research purpose only and details of the subject shall be kept confidential.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

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| (a) Name: | |
| (b) Age: | (c) Gender: M/F |
| (d) Qualification: | (e) Profession: |

(A) Print Media:

1. Which newspapers do you prefer to read?
(a) English (c) Regional
(b) Hindi (d) Any
2. Do newspapers have a more authentic version of facts than the news channels? Yes/No
3. (a) Are you aware of any law/body governing print media?
Yes/No
(b) If yes, kindly mention the name/s.

(B) Electronic Media:

4. Which news channels do you prefer to watch?
(a) English (c) Regional
(b) Hindi (d) Any

5. Does a round-the-clock follow-up of any news story on electronic media help in finding out new facts?

Yes/No

6. (a) Are you aware of any law/body governing electronic media?

Yes/No

(b) If yes, kindly mention the name/s.

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(C) Social Media:

7. Are you active user of social media?

Yes/No

8. Which purposes do you use social media for?

(a) Leisure activity

(c) Finding information

(b) Latest events/current affairs

(d) All of the above

(e) Any other

9. Do you participate in online opinion polls, tweets, etc.?

Yes/No

10.(a) Are you aware of any law/body governing social media?

Yes/No

(b) If yes, kindly mention the name/s.

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(D) Questions related to all 3 media forms:

11. Which form of media do you prefer for getting information about current affairs?

(a) Print media

(c) Electronic media

(b) Social media

(d) All of the above

(e) None of the above

12. Which is the most appropriate form of media regulation?

(a) By an external body
regulation

(c) Both, external & internal

(b) From internally (d) No regulation

13. (a) Are you aware of the term “paid news”?

Yes/No

(b) Kindly mention any one story in print/electronic media which according to you is in nature of “paid news”

14. (a) Are you aware of the term “media trial”?

Yes/No

(b) Kindly mention any one story in print/electronic media which according to you is in nature of “media trial”

15. (a) Are you aware of the term “sting operation”?

Yes/No

(b) Kindly mention any one story in print/electronic media which according to you is in nature of “sting operation”

(E)Personal experience of media exposure:

16. Have you ever participated in any of the following?

(a) Debate

(c) Opinion Poll

(b) Talk show

(d) All of the above

(e) None of the above

17. Kindly share your experience of participation. i.e. Topic of debate/talk show/opinion poll and whether you could fully express yourself or not.

(a) Topic: _____

(b) Whether you could express yourself fully: _____

(c) Any _____ other details: _____

(F)Article 19(1)(a) of Constitution of India:

18.What should be the extent of protection given to freedom of press?

- (a) Specifically covered under Art.19(1)(a)
- (b) Impliedly covered through judicial decisions
- (c) Through both (a) and (b)
- (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

19.Should there be any additional restrictions other than those mentioned in Article 19(2) that limit the freedom of press?

- (a) Yes, more restrictions are needed
- (b) No, only those currently available are sufficient
- (c) No restrictions at all on freedom of press
