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ANNOTATION: *This article explores the historical development and evolutionary stages of mass media, beginning with early communication practices and moving toward contemporary digital platforms. It examines the technological, social, and cultural factors that shaped mass communication at different periods.*

Special attention is given to the transformative impact of print, broadcast, and digital media on information dissemination and public engagement. The findings highlight that the development of mass media is closely tied to advancements in technology and the growing needs of society

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INTRODUCTION

Mass media has played a crucial role in shaping human communication, social awareness, and cultural exchange throughout history. From the earliest forms of oral storytelling to modern digital technologies, each stage of media development reflects the progress of human civilization.

Understanding the historical trajectory of mass media helps researchers evaluate how communication systems evolved into today’s complex information environment.

This article presents a comprehensive overview of the major developmental phases of mass media and analyzes their significance in the context of global communication processes.

LITERATURE REVIEW



Scholarly sources indicate that mass media development passed through several major periods: oral communication, manuscript culture, print revolution, broadcasting era, and digital communication.

Researchers such as McQuail, Briggs, and Burke highlight that the invention of the printing press by Gutenberg marked a revolutionary shift in information accessibility. Later, the emergence of radio and television created new opportunities for mass influence and real-time communication. Contemporary literature emphasizes that digital media,

especially the Internet and social networks, has dramatically changed communication speed, audience reach, and interaction patterns. Scholars note that today's media environment is characterized by decentralization, user-generated content, and rapid information exchange.

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

The analysis shows that each stage of media evolution introduced new mechanisms of communication:

Oral traditions enabled direct interpersonal exchange of knowledge. Manuscript and handwritten texts preserved cultural and scientific information.

Print media democratized access to information and supported the rise of education and journalism.

Broadcast media (radio, television) increased the influence of mass communication on political, cultural, and social life.

Digital platforms transformed traditional communication into interactive, global, and instantaneous processes.

The study concludes that advancements in technology directly influenced the speed, reliability, and scale of information flow, shaping public opinion and global connectivity.

CONCLUSION

The history of mass media reflects the continuous improvement of communication tools and methods. Each stage contributed to expanding the role of



media in society. Today, digital technologies dominate the communication sphere, offering unlimited opportunities for information access and interactive engagement.

introduces challenges such as misinformation, digital dependency, and information overload.

A comprehensive understanding of media history helps predict future trends and supports the development of responsible and ethical communication systems.

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