

Social Media

Social Media vs. Main Stream Media


- Main Stream media decides what they think their viewers will find relevant or newsworthy
- Users of Social media set what content they find relevant or interests them.
- Main Stream media is edited to what producers feel is newsworthy or relevant to the topic
- Social Media is portrayed from an individuals view
- Sometimes there is a large disconnect between what mainstream media thinks is "top news" and what social media users consider newsworthy



Social Media

Platforms

- FACEBOOK
- offers variety of ways to publicly or privately share data about their life, and to find friends, classmates and others who might interest them.
- You can post public thoughts on others' pages, send them private emails or chats, search for people from your past or connect with people with the same interests as you.
- FACEBOOK HAS a REPORTED 1.23 billion subscribers
 - 757 million log on each day
- According to 2012 Census report – US population ~ 313 million



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- TWITTER
- **Twitter** is an online social networking and micro blogging service that enables users to send and read "tweets", which are text messages limited to 140 characters.
- Registered users can read and post tweets, but unregistered users can only read them. Users access Twitter through the website interface, SMS, or mobile app

Twitter has a reported 500 million users

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LinkedIn Social Media
Platforms

- LinkedIn
- LinkedIn is a social networking website for people in professional occupations
- Registered users can network with other professionals, search jobs, and send messages to other registered users.
- LinkedIn is unique in the fact that its based upon professionalism. If friendship is rejected you will be scrutinized. Other users can also ENDORSE others skills

LinkedIn has a reported 259million users (93 million or ~30% US)

 Social Media
Platforms

- Instagram
- Instagram is an online photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos, apply digital filters to them, and share them on a variety of social networking services, such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Flickr.
- A distinctive feature is that it confines photos to a square shape, similar to old instant Polaroid images
- Users are also able to record and share short videos lasting for up to 15 seconds
- Instagram has a reported 150+ million users

You Tube Social Media
Platforms

- YouTube
- YouTube is a video sharing website which users can upload, view, and share videos.
- Unregistered users can watch videos, and registered users can upload an unlimited number of videos.
- Receives 4 billion views per day, 100 hours of video uploaded every minute.
- According to Nielsen YouTube reaches more US adults ages 18-34 than any cable network.



Social Media in Disasters

- Internet is redundant, works even without cellular service
 - Link to other information / other sites / other users means less repetitive work
 - Share Pictures, Videos, Maps, Instructions
 - Instantaneous broadcast life saving messages
 - Use it for intelligence gathering
 - Maintain an central point of communications
- EASY, Mostly Free, accessible on almost any platform



Social Media in Disasters

Real World uses of Social Media


- Twitter users on the ground sent out vital information about the **Mumbai Terrorist Attacks**, including emergency phone numbers and the location of hospitals. They also sent out information about the need for blood donations, and where to donate
- The Australian County Fire Authority used Twitter to send out information on the fires, how to donate ,money, blood, and where to seek emergency help



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- The Red River was cresting at record flood levels in North Dakota and Minnesota. 2600 people were getting updates delivered via @FEMA Twitter
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recalled salmonella-tainted pistachios products. Over 3000 people found out through the agencies Twitter Feed.
- The Red Cross Tweets inform followers on locations of shelters, first aid, personal preparedness, and how to care for pets in crisis situations.



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Using Social Media

Crowdsourcing

- “practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people”
- This process is often used to subdivide tedious work
- Mapping areas after disasters, mark hazards, increase situational awareness, and list goes on

APPS

- FEMA – “Disaster Reporter”
- Univ. of Hawaii – “help ME help”



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Monitoring Social Media

APPS

- FEMA – “Disaster Reporter”

Allows users to upload Disaster Related images to FEMA’s website and add a short text description. Images have to be geo tagged and go through approval process






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allows trained professionals and civilians to mark up a map in real time with the location and photos of downed power lines, damaged structures, fires, road obstructions and other hazards.





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Best Practices in Crisis Communications

- Plan before the Crisis occurs.
- Listen and Respond to the concerns of the public or your audience.
- Be open, honest, and transparent.
- Develop strategic relationship with other credible sources before the crisis occurs.
- Be available, current, and accommodating to the mainstream media during the crisis. Establish a spokesperson to continue the dialogue.
- Communicate with sympathy and understanding
- Provide messages on how the public can avoid risk or harm



In Summary

- Use it to your advantage
- Use it often, but not too often
- Social Media is a powerful tool (#1 use of internet)
 - Broadcast Worldwide to Billions of users
 - Just of many tools of the trade
- Power to the People / Empower the public





In Summary

Every Success Begins with a failure

“Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.” - anonymous



Any Questions?
