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Lecture 2

# THE EVOLUTION OF MEDIA

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#### **OUTLINE**

- 1. Media: definition, functions.
- 2. The history of major media formats (Pre-Industrial, Industrial, Electronic, Information ages of media).
- 3. Types of media. New and traditional media.
- 4. Mass media as business.



#### **MEDIA**

- Media (pl. of "medium") communication channels (networks)
  through which news, entertainment, education, data, or promotional
  messages are disseminated.
- Media are the means and instruments used to deliver messages to or from a targeted audience, and can add meaning to these messages.
- Mass media are the cultural industries that produce and distribute songs, novels, TV shows, newspapers, movies, video games, Internet services, and other cultural products to large numbers of people.

**Critical thinking** ← → mass media

### **FUNCTIONS OF MEDIA**

- Providing and exchanging information
- Reporting the news
- Identifying public problems
- Setting the public agenda
- Storing/spreading knowledge
- Socializing
- Shaping values
- Providing a political forum
- Making profit
- Entertainment
- A watchdog for government, business, and other institutions



### **MEDIA EVOLUTION**

What format/equipment did people use in different eras:

- 1. to store information?
- 2. to share or broadcast information?
- 3. to communicate with each other?

Pre-Industrial Industrial Electronic Information



## **PRE-HISTORIC ERA**

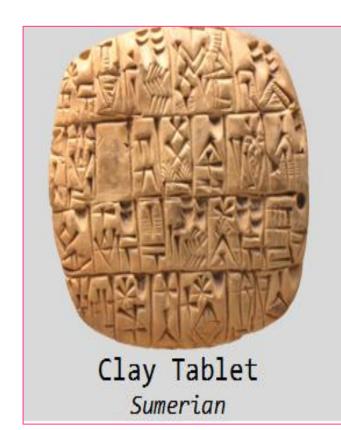
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## **PRE-INDUSTRIAL AGE**





Papyrus Mayan



Manuscript Sanskrit

# **PRE-INDUSTRIAL AGE**

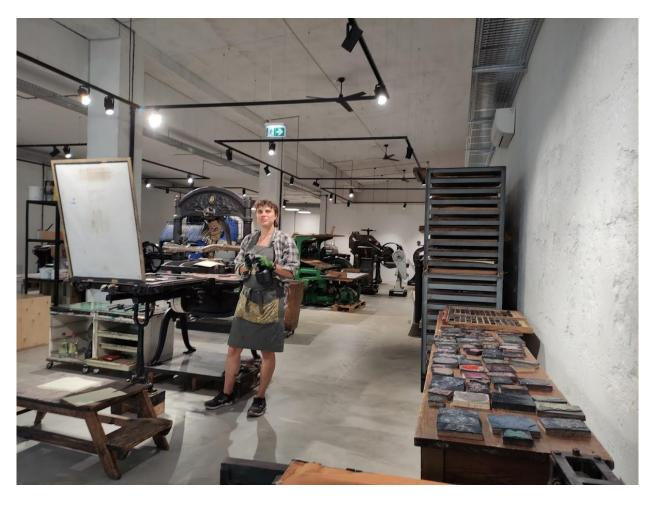








# **GUTENBERG'S PRESS**







# **INDUSTRIAL AGE**









## **INDUSTRIAL AGE**



Telephone



Typewriter

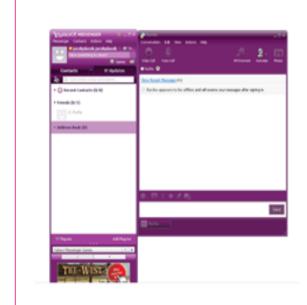


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## **ELECTRONIC AGE**



### **INFORMATION AGE**



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### **NEW MEDIA VS TRADITIONAL MEDIA**

- ✓ Time (specific/instant)
- ✓ Reach (local/world-wide)
- ✓ Longevity (one time/cumulative)
- ✓ Flexibility for changes (none/anytime)
- ✓ Commitment (contract/none)
- ✓ Restricted at space (Yes/No restrictions)
- ✓ Convenience (not convenient/convenient)
- ✓ Tracking (hard to track/track everything)



## **NEW MEDIA VS TRADITIONAL MEDIA**

TRADITIONAL MEDIA	NEW MEDIA
One-Way Conversation	Two-Way Conversation
Closed System	Open System
Mass Marketing	One-on-One Marketing
About ME	About You
Professional content	Brand and User-Generated Content
Polished Content	Authentic Content
Paid Platform	Free Platform
Controlled Communication	Unstructured communication
Pre-produced/ scheduled	Real time creation
Formal language	Informal language
Passive Involvement	Active involvement

### **TYPES OF MEDIA**

Print

- newspapers
- magazines

Broadcast (transmitted)

- television
- radio



- outdoor advertising
- mobile billboards



- web-sites
- social media

































## **PRINT MEDIA**

Books/Textbooks

Newspapers

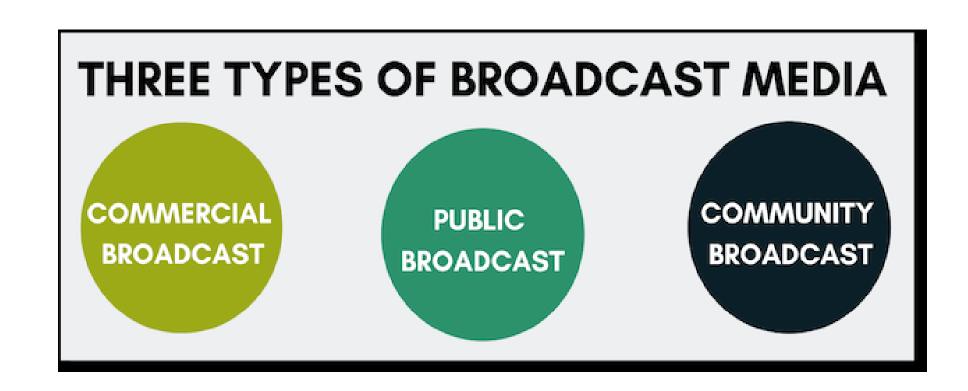
Newsletters

Magazines

Handout



#### **BROADCAST MEDIA**



# SUPPORT (OUT OF HOME) MEDIA

Media used to reinforce messages sent to target markets through other more "dominant" and/or more traditional media (often employ 'guerilla marketing')

- Outdoor advertising
- > Aerial advertising
- ➤ Mobile billboards
- > In-store media
- Promotional products
- > Yellow pages
- > Other media









#### TRADITIONAL MEDIA

Watch the video and answer the questions:

- 1. What are traditional media?
- 2. What are the main types of traditional media?
- 3. What are the differences between them?
- 4. Why is it important to know who owns the media?











#### TRADITIONAL MEDIA

- state owned by the government
- public owned by a large amount of the public
- private owned by a private person/company

Why is it important to know who owns the media?



#### **MEDIA OWNERSHIP**

- Numerous media companies are registered in offshore havens (Cyprus, Belize, and the British Virgin Isles). Why?
- -This makes identifying the true owner complicated, and demonstrates the non-transparent business conduct by some media corporations.

Why is the transparency of media ownership important?



### MASS MEDIA AS BUSINESS

- Mass media form a massive profit-centered business!
- Contain all core aspects of a business: purpose, offerings, strategies, organizational structures, infrastructure, staff, trading practices, policies.
- Media industry is a multi-faceted market.

• Subsectors: publishing, news agencies, audio, TV, video, and film

production.





# MEDIA BUSINESS STRUCTURE

