

New Chance for Media Literacy in Armenia

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Livestreamed revolution

Media was streaming 24/7











People are the+ media

* New wave of disinformation

- Huge amount of user generated content
- Fake accounts and webpages
- Misleading and manipulating articles
- Silence of broadcast media





+ Pashinyan demands live broadcast on Public Radio

+ Grassroots efforts against fake news

- Black & white lists
- Fighting and reporting fakes
- New platforms and alternative channels



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Telegram channel became the alternative

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+ High interest in news



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+ Facebook live as a challenge for professional media?

New reality for media

- Government largely using social media
- Media not controlled anymore but ownership still is an issue
- Public interest in news
- Media still unsure about its changing role



Media is a key actor in promoting media literacy

- Be honest about ownership, finances and policies
- Fact checking and verification
- Not fear but employ the new media
- Educate the audience on and off air
- Encourage the audience to be critical



In the morning on Heratsi street, when the black car drove towards the people, I barely managed to escape being run over. You don't know who is at the wheel, what goal they have and what they will do to you. That was the only dangerous moment.

Since the campaign plans were rapidly changing, and there was a lot of action, it meant that once in a while we had to empty our storage and be ready for the unpredictable.



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⁺Media literacy in Armenia

- Not officially part of the school curriculum
- Over 400 teachers and lecturers trained and use ML handbook
- Promoted via non formal education in Yerevan and regions
- Resources are open and available on <u>Media.am</u>
- MoU with the MinEdu



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Gaming for media + literacy education

+ Literatus checks

- Misleading headlines
- Fake accounts
- Photo and video
- Sources
- Statistics
- Scientists
- Hidden agenda
- Propaganda
- Paid content











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