

Social Media, Blogs, Reddit, etc

- Written by the general public
- Eyewitness accounts are often the first information we have, but they are subjective
- Sometimes these sources talk about stories that are underreported in other source types

News Media

- Written/reported by professional journalists
- Stories must meet editorial standards of that publication
 - Stories are vetted by fact checkers, editors, producers and publishers
 - Reporting should be kept separate from opinion and advertising
- Stories will always evolve over time, sometimes initial reporting will be wrong

Popular Magazines and Longform Journalism

- Written by journalists or professional writers
- Most magazines have publishing standards and process similar to newspapers
- Process stories and in-depth feature articles provide the big picture about an event because there has been time for the story to come out
- Interviews and profiles can be subjective and stories can be stylized

Academic (Peer-Reviewed) Journals

- Written by a scholar or researcher within a particular discipline (i.e. psychology, communications, nursing)
- Publishing process:
 - Reviewed by a panel of scholars with expertise in the field for validity and quality
 - Authors are asked to make revisions based on panel feedback
 - Article can be rejected if it doesn't meet standards
- Current events topics can take months or years to make it into academic journal

Books, Encyclopedias, etc.

- Written by professional writers, scholars, journalists, sometimes others
- Publishing process:
 - Most book publishers have editorial standards that a book must meet to be published
 - Books are usually reviewed of a book by an editor and/or fact checkers
- Current events can take years to make into a published book
- Book length and distance from initial event allows for a broad overview of a subject