Information Cycle: The Process by which Information Grows

How News Rolled Out After London Bombing in 2005

Social Media
The increase in mobile phone use, many with built-in cameras, and electronic social networking tools, such as Facebook and Twitter, mean that more instantaneous information sources are produced than ever before.

Television & Radio
Shortly after the event has occurred, information will begin to be disseminated in other formats such as television, radio and internet based newspapers.

Newspapers
Includes national and global print and online newspapers.

Popular Magazines
A week to a month later, magazine articles will begin to appear as such as this special edition of 'Time' magazine which was published just over a week after the bombings took place.
Scholarly Journal Articles

Numerous scholarly articles have been written on the London Bombings in the months and years following the event.

If you want to find scholarly articles on a topic, a great source is EbscoHost & Gale databases.

Books, Films and Documentaries

Several years after an event takes place reference materials and encyclopedias, like the ones pictured, will be produced which include references to the incident.

Government Reports

This report by the Government’s Intelligence and Security Committee was published in May 2006.

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Advantages:

- Research by experts in their field and reviewed by peers
- Comprehensive analysis on a very specific topic
- Bibliography of cited works can lead to other relevant sources
- Writing contains specialized language

Disadvantages:

- Usually only available by subscription or through libraries
- Published less frequently than popular magazines
- Focus of article may be too narrow for general research needs

Advantages:

- In-depth coverage of topics from many perspectives

Disadvantages:

- Length of time to publish prevents locating breaking news topics
- Length of book or detailed coverage not conducive to quick overview

Advantages:

- Breadth of coverage
- Statistics
- Official government viewpoint on a topic

Disadvantages:

- Publication may be written for governmental officials
- Legislation can be hard to track

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