

## **“Is the Digital Culture Making Us Stupider?”**

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1. How Journalism Got “Uber-ized.”
2. Implications for the economics of news
3. The news as “low-hanging fruit”.
4. Clickbait and digital detox
5. Does digital make us question everything?
6. Can journalism be saved? (See #7)
7. The role of “News Literacy”
8. Transparency in News
9. What is reliable information and how to spot it
10. The Role of “V.I.A.” (Verification, Independence and Accountability)

Further Readings:

*On the narcissism of journalists:*

Janet Malcolm, *The Journalist and the Murderer*, New York, 1993.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Journalist\\_and\\_the\\_Murderer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Journalist_and_the_Murderer)

*On the Canadian dilemma in the news industry:*

Mike Gasher, et al, *Journalism in Crisis*, Toronto, 2016.  
<https://utorontopress.com/ca/journalism-in-crisis-2>

*On the digital culture in the surveillance state:*

Emily Bell and Taylor Owen, *Journalism After Snowden*, New York, 2017.  
<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/journalism-after-snowden/9780231176132>

*On the value of long-form non-fiction (aka journalism):*

John McFee, *Draft No.4*, New York, 2018.  
<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780374142742>

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