

The Age of **Fear** and **Anxiety**



The political role of the New Age Media

Old Age Media

- Print – Radio – TV
- Reporting – Informing
- 6:30 – 11:00
- Local – National – Intl'
- Editorial Accountability
- Trusted Sources
- Journalistic Integrity
- Single Source
- Relatively apolitical
- Limited Text Internet

New Age Media

- [cable] TV – Internet – Radio
- Entertainment : spin – opinion
- 24/7
- Global – Domestic – Regional
- Blogs, iReporter, fake news
- The source “makes” the news
- Glen Beck–Keith Oberman
- Too much info–no validation
- Totally political
- High speed – Rich Media

The Good the Bad and the Ugly

- It's all there in real-time
- You can find it when you need it
- You are globally connected - mobilized
- Separate the truth from fiction @
- Fraud and manipulation @
- Misinformation and disinformation @
- Propaganda @ 21:09
- FUD @
- Apathy and Cynicism @

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- Cold War Balance of Power – East – West Alliance – 3rd World
- Post Cold War Power Vacuum – American Hegemony
- States (China, India, Iran) and non-states (Al Qaida) ascendancy
- State of instability, volatility, conflict (Sudan, Yemen, Iran, Pakistan, Mexico, Ukraine...)
- Fear of and fear from (sanctions, terror, propaganda) political weapon by states, rogue states, ~~non-state, NGO~~
- Major threats – Security, financial stability, environmental sustainability, cultural and religious disharmony
- Population FUD – Cannot decipher the truth , predict the consequences
- Result: apathy, cynicism, extremism, militarism
- Balancing or stabilizing power – New World Order