

# THE FLOW OF INFORMATION

## Internet, Facebook/ Social media, TV, Radio

- Blogs, tweets, etc.
- News reporting
- Written by anyone
- Details
- Most up-to-date information
- Scene “on the ground”
- Firsthand accounts
- Might contain errors
- No analysis

## Popular magazines

- Popular topics, current affairs
- Geared to general public
- Written by journalists
- Who, what, when, where, why
- Early analysis
- May have editorial/opinion
- Graphics, photographs, diagrams
- No list of sources
- Not scholarly

## Books

- In-depth coverage of a topic
- Fiction v. non-fiction
- Non-fiction audience usually specialized
- Written by scholars or specialists
- Deep analysis
- May contain list of sources
- May be scholarly

**EVENT**

Minutes/  
First Hours

24 hours/  
First Day

Week/ First  
Weeks

6 months -  
Year

1-2 Years

3+ Years...

## Newspapers, TV

- News reporting
- Longer reports
- Even more details
- Most up-to-date information
- Geared to general public
- Written by journalists
- Beginning of analysis
- May have editorial/opinion
- Photographs

## Scholarly or academic journals

- Research results
- Application of theory
- Geared to scholars/ specialists
- Written by scholars/ specialists
- Highly detailed examination of events
- Deep analysis
- Peer-reviewed to ensure credibility and accuracy
- May include data, statistics
- Bibliography or list of sources included

## Reference sources

- Encyclopedias, almanacs, atlases, dictionaries, etc.
- Factual information
- The “big picture”
- Overviews from specialists
- Convenient summaries
- May include data, statistics, directories, bibliographies