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**Exclusion of Evidence in a Trial**

**Introduction**

The contemporary state of journalism looks quite different than it used to be, and the host of other social media sites have changed the field of journalism even further by giving empowering average citizens to make and report news like never before. Nowadays, people get their news quite instantly and most of them come through social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and other blogs. The rise of social media as a means to obtain and share information and news has formed the social media networks. These networks are online publications who work as a community of editors and writers that what news is and what is not, known as a kind of ‘news bank'. The social media sites permit users to submit and share videos, pictures, articles and other news stories. Later the editors determine the items that need to be featured. For them, these publications are an excellent way to get noticed and express journalistic freedom. While many of the stories go viral and bring a few hours of fame to the potential publications and writers.

**Description**

The founder of eBay launched a new social journalism project with an aim to bring global news directly to viewers through social media and inspire a community of readers to contribute by pitching stories. Moreover, the readers will have to comment and share the stories. Social media sites like this are natural process seeing the number of social media sites present to share and use. One must wonder for the future of Fox News, CNN, BBC and NBC. It has been years that the concept of “citizen journalism” has widely been used to pronounce the reporting by average citizens. The idea came during the events of the Occupy Wall Street movement and the Arab Spring where journalists were not present. This unavailability created a vacuum that the average citizen has been filling by using tools like Facebook, Twitter and blog writers. The prevalence of citizen journalism was increased by social networking and made it possible for average people to report the news. Most of the time, these reports are quicker than the other traditional networks who have to send photographers and reporters. However, currently, certain key news publications are accepting citizen journalism as the social news networks are changing with the passage of time.

For Americans before countering various elements of trust on the social media sites, it is important to create a working description of the trust itself. The information on social media sites is disposed to change. It is probably reliable due to its editorial and structural features of the social media sites. Because there exist a lack of professional gatekeepers who could monitor the quality of information on these sites. In addition, numerous information genres tend to converge on these sites. Therefore, it becomes difficult to distinguish information and the social media sites are a relatively new phenomenon as a lot of behavioural and environmental cues are missing in the social media sites.

**Conclusion**

Lastly, social media sites will continue to change the course of journalism and the way it was being gathered. However, traditional journalists would possibly find sources and disseminate information by exploiting social media tools. In this regard, an eyewitness can become a reporter, but the people still require a traditional journalist to confirm the facts. Perhaps in the future, journalists will not be pure information disseminators but in fact truth disseminators. People would see the happenings on Twitter, Facebook and blogs, but confirm it through BBC, CNN and Fox News.