

## The Propellers of the World

Journalism is more than just a practice; it is the conveying of information in a way that entices and engages audiences across the globe. Journalism shapes the world socially, economically, and politically. Personally, I love journalism because it gives insight on important issues that would otherwise be nonexistent. Without journalism, the world would be a very dull, uninformed place, and I for one am extremely grateful that the term “journalist” exists in the English language, as well as in the job market.

I am a journalist. I crave to “be in the know,” to be aware of my surroundings and of how those surroundings are affecting me personally, as well as the world as a whole. Journalism is not just about writing articles and reporting on significant occurrences in the world; journalism is *everything*. Communication is what keeps the world running, and journalism is the prime vehicle for transporting information from one source to the next. In order to keep journalism alive, journalists need to not only divulge important information, but also explain *why* certain information is crucial to the sustainment of the world’s social, political, and economic structures.

Helen Thomas, a previous White House journalist, once said, “We don’t go into journalism to be popular. It is our job to seek the truth and put constant pressure on our leaders until we get answers.” The trouble with journalism nowadays is that people are too complacent with average and predictable answers. Journalism exists so that the hard questions have answers, and good ones at that. Being a journalist requires one to be driven, self-motivated and persistent. Not everyone has these key traits, but those that do are the reason journalism is alive today. Journalists need to step out of their comfort zones in order to truly deliver what the public wants,

which is the cold-hard facts. After all, if journalists will not tell the truth of a story, then who will?

In general, journalism *is* story-telling. However, it is very strategic, thought out story-telling. Anyone that enters the journalism field expecting to tell cookie-cutter, plain-Jane stories might as well change his or her major now. The reputation of journalism struggles because journalists fail to put memorable lines in the readers' minds. People crave to hear what they are least expecting, and it is journalists' job to discover what it is that people *are not* hearing.

How can journalists better engage their readers while producing expert quality work? The answer is simple: view the world not as string of people, places and occurrences, but rather as a vast land of unanswered questions that need to be brought to light in order for the world to properly function. After all, without journalism, the human race would simply not advance; it is journalists' job to constantly propel the world into the future, into what could be, as well as back into the present where the issues stand to be noticed.