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**Discuss IT Topic:** In today's world of instant gratification through social media, apps, and 24 hr. broadcast news on all day, where do you as an individual take the time to actually form opinions of daily issues that you read about, rather than side with a point of view given to you by your phone, tablet, or television? What is happening here? Do we just allow the exchange of information to be downloaded into your mind, like a picture without rationalizing and instantly reacting to what you see, read or hear? Can you give an example of a moment when you instantly reacted to what you saw on these devices, when in fact it was either false, misguided, or simply wrong? Explain...

**Response:** Please make sure all grammar, spelling, indentation, and punctuation is correct.

There are 7 billion people in the world, and yet in many stories, only two sides. People nowadays tend to just pick a side because it's more appealing to them, and they don't really take the time to do their own research and really *choose* a side based on background information. We assume in articles that all the information is given to us and that's all there is to it. However, the one who wrote and published that article was most likely bias, and so they give more information about their side, specifically positive info, and leave out the benefits of the other side in order to sway their readers. And everyone just swallows that information and agrees to it blindly. That's why there are so many ignorant people in the world. They just read one article and think they know *all* about it, when in fact, they don't know squat. And on top of that, those people would assume that everything on the internet, on the media, is truth. We do just allow the exchange of information to be "downloaded" into our minds. I, myself, am included. When I heard about the story of Harambe, I assumed that it was the mother's fault for leaving her child unattended near the enclosure. After doing a little research, I have formed the opinion and come to the conclusion that the incident was the zoo's fault for not setting up a good enough barrier between the tourists and the animals. They just put a short wooden fence that is about 2 feet tall, and dig a trench, knowing if a gorilla felt like being a rebel, it could just climb down the trench and back up and run around where the people are. The mom not paying attention was just a factor, but was not the entire reason for the event.