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Inequality of Voice:  
A Quote Analysis from Robert Frost

For every opinion you hear in the media, there are thousands of other voices that do not get heard. Robert Frost's quote conveys that not all perspectives get to be heard and it is often the case that voices without substance are the loudest. This is especially important in today's world where status determines reach, consumers are taught to prioritize flash over content quality and important stories get overshadowed.

Money and power can drastically change the type of voices that get to be heard by the masses. The current news climate is an example of this. Powerful and wealthy news outlets write countless stories about meaningless approaches of political style that matter little to the outcomes of the average citizen. This is done in search of ratings and money.

Consumers are impacted as well. In the modern age they are trained to prioritize eye-catching media rather than meaningful content. A prime example is *TikTok*'s algorithm for creating individualized pages designed to retain users. The goal is to increase the dopamine high while scrolling the app. However, due to the short run time, this type of content does not contain significant value or meaning beyond flashy entertainment.

In this type of world, ideas of substance with good intent are overshadowed as a result. Scientists have emphasized the severity of global warming for years to the public with little

impact towards the cause. Stories of abuse get overlooked everyday and victims continually suffer in the dark. Brilliant novels are eclipsed by thirty second dance routines.

Although it may be difficult to garner attention against a backdrop of money and algorithmically driven mediums, there is still room for an eloquently stated idea to shine through. Frost's quote should be thought of as a challenge to those who have something to say. The power of a singular writer who can represent a community and ideas bigger than themselves can still change the world.