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The main purpose of the passage is to

- A) analyze the technological developments that have affected the production, circulation, and reception of news stories.
- B) discuss changes in the perception of the news media as a source of public knowledge.
- C) show how journalists' frames of value influence the production of news stories.
- D) challenge the conventional view that news is a form of public knowledge.

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According to the passage, which expectation do traditional authorities now face?

- A) They should be uninfluenced by commercial considerations.
- B) They should be committed to bringing about positive social change.
- C) They should be respectful of the difference between public and private knowledge.
- D) They should be transparent about their beliefs and assumptions.

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Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

- A) Lines 2-5 ("Unlike . . . people")
- B) Lines 20-21 ("The production . . . process")
- C) Lines 33-38 ("As part . . . decisions")
- D) Lines 43-46 ("Editors . . . viewers")

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As used in line 24, "common" most nearly means

- A) numerous.
- B) familiar.
- C) widespread.
- D) ordinary.

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The authors most likely include the extended quotations in lines 43-53 to

- A) present contradictory examples.
- B) cite representative opinions.
- C) criticize typical viewpoints.
- D) suggest viable alternatives.

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The authors indicate that the public is coming to believe that journalists' reports should avoid

- A) personal judgments about the events reported.
- B) more information than is absolutely necessary.
- C) quotations from authorities on the subject matter.
- D) details that the subjects of news reports wish to keep private.

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Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

- A) Lines 12-16 (“Thus . . . them”)
- B) Lines 30-33 (“They . . . others”)
- C) Lines 40-42 (“Not surprisingly . . . authority”)
- D) Lines 70-77 (“There . . . own”)

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As used in line 74, “raw” most nearly means

- A) unfiltered.
- B) exposed.
- C) harsh.
- D) inexperienced.

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Based on the table, in which year were people the most trusting of the news media?

- A) 1985
- B) 1992
- C) 2003
- D) 2011

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Which statement is best supported by information presented in the table?

- A) Between 1985 and 2011, the proportion of inaccurate news stories rose dramatically.
- B) Between 1992 and 2003, the proportion of people who believed that news organizations were biased almost doubled.
- C) Between 2003 and 2007, people’s views of the accuracy, independence, and fairness of news organizations changed very little.
- D) Between 2007 and 2011, people’s perception that news organizations are accurate increased, but people’s perception that news organizations are fair diminished.

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The 2011 data in the table best serve as evidence of

- A) “political disengagement by the majority” (line 51).
- B) “the professional claims of experts” (lines 65-66).
- C) “scepticism towards the epistemological authority of expert elites” (lines 69-70).
- D) “the supremacy of the clickstream” (line 81).