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Are we turning Deaf?

In our super-connected and media enabled world; it is obvious that everyone has lots to say. Fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression further gives a tremendous boost to the masses for independently and fearlessly raising their voice. This has led to the development of various channels and modes of communication through several media. Facebook, twitter, YouTube, Blogs and many other online channels of expression are a result of the strong desire of expression, concealed deep within us.

On the other hand, listening is also equally an essential part of not just learning, but also developing ones understanding about the world as well as self. Various mythologies across the globe have stressed upon the importance of company of learned people and great speakers for the same reason. However, this aspect of communication is heavily suffering because of its super-developing counter-part. This is gradually resulting into a deaf mass of expression-freak individuals.

Let's try and understand the serious consequences of this scenario world-wide...

Something to Say



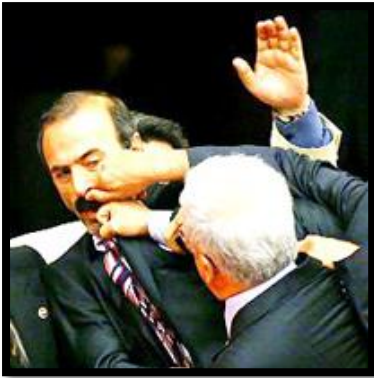
Be it a relevant subject of discussion or not, we somehow; always have something to say and express as an opinion. Sometimes, we are even completely ignorant about the reality and still manage to hypothetically develop enough matter to preach and stand for. The situation spoils even further, when we chose to stand for a wrong cause, just because it appears 'unique' in the discussion. This ultimately forms a babbling group of speakers with the most stupefied discussions and arguments which ultimately make no sense.

Always Right

The freedom of speech and expression often turns up to be bigger disaster when it combines with the super-egoistic assumption that we are always right. The democratic platform of discussions enables everyone to stand for their opinion. This aspect is highly misused to generate a state of inconclusiveness, when the others seem to be on the winning side of the discussion.



Tit for Tat



It is commonly experienced during the debates, that the core subject is left far behind and all the attention of the speaker is on retaliating to the previously stated arguments. This creates a situation in which, even carefully listening hardly makes any sense! However, this situation can be easily controlled by a skilful moderator and even abruptly creating silence. This can bring the adrenaline rush of the speakers down and hopefully give them a realisation of the horrified situation.

Too much Noise

Bomb blast, murder, rape, robbery, scandal, corruption, global warming, aliens and almost all other subjects that could shake huge masses, few decades back; today are found struggling for their own place in the newspapers and internet, over the editor's desk. This is the biggest problem faced by the Journalism field and media today. The world is witnessing tremendous flow of information every second. This creates a big problem in prioritising and contextualising the relevance and importance of the information on a global level. This is a scenario of too many cooks, spoiling not just one dish, but all the existing food! This ultimately creates insensitivity in the audiences and devaluation of the knowledge itself.



The Expression Addiction



Completing the circle; is a problem that is more on a personal level. It is the very addiction of expressing! The desire of staying connected and updated about others as well as constantly updating others about self; is a big socializing addiction within itself. We can easily witness almost all the social media flooded with people irrelevantly and unnecessarily vomiting information about even the silliest of happenings in or around their life. This amplifies all the problems mentioned earlier and takes them to a completely new level.