



Mass Communication Gatekeeping Theory

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Aims

- Definition
- Background
- Five key factors
- Journalism principles
- Contemporary gatekeeping

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Gatekeeping Theory

- •Russell (2019)
- 'the control of information as it passes through a gate'
- 'gatekeeping is the process of selecting, and then filtering, items of media to be presented to an audience'
- NOT Censorship

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Background

•Kurt Lewin (1943)



• 'Forces behind food habits and methods of change'

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Background

•David Manning White (1950)



Mr Gates (Newspaper Editor)

Disclaimer: The Editor image is not the real Mr Gates



Five Gatekeeping Factors

- •Shoemaker & Vos (2009)
- 1. Individual
- 2. Routine
- 3. Organisation
- 4. Extra-media
- 5. Ideology

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Journalism News Criteria

- 1. Strong impact
- 2. Captivating topic
- 3. Familiarity
- 4. Proximity
- 5. Timeliness & novelty

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Gatekeeping in the 21st Century

•Groshek & Tandoc (2016)







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Media online

- •Shoemaker & Vos (2009)
- Audience Gatekeeping



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Summary

• To what extent can we really trust the media to provide us with unbiased, truthful, honest news that is not subjective to opinion, political or financial incentives?

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