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**Chapter 1**

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Which of the following *best* characterizes Americans' knowledge of public affairs today?

- ☐ Millennials are better informed than older generations by a wide margin.
- ☐ Americans are consistently shown to be among the most well-informed when compared to people in other democracies.
- ☐ Most Americans today are far better informed than previous generations, though knowledge levels are still rather low.
- ☐ Misinformation is now at its highest level in the history of polling.
- ☐ Baby boomers have been shown to be the most well-informed generation, while younger generations know little about public affairs.

**References**

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Critical thinking is best described as

- ☒ the process of forming an opinion after weighing the relevant facts.
- ☐ discounting the news from ordinary media outlets.
- ☐ rejecting the accounts of bureaucrats and finding alternative versions online.
- ☐ assuming that all news presents lies until alternative truths present themselves.
- ☐ trusting your instincts on the way the world works.

### References

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