

What Happened to my National News?

There is absolutely nothing wrong with showing your age. At the age of 81 I just naturally do it everyday with my beautiful aging marks on my face, my taste in music, the lack of quickness as I lift myself from the floor and the news.

Speaking of the news, what in sam hill is going on with the news? Watching the commentators is like watching a tag team wrestling match. Each commentator tries to outdo one another to see who can laugh the loudest, tell the most jokes and get the most airtime. The people behind the desk remind me of the Three Stooges, Mo, Curly, and Larry.

I realize our attention span has decreased since 2000. It is sad to report that a goldfish has more of an attention span than we do, 9 seconds to our 8.25 seconds. Women do better than men. The people broadcasting from the idiot box believe we need to be entertained with their constant interruptions and their belly laughs.

I firmly believe most of the over-paid personalities doing the news should spend their time on Saturday Night Live. I have a hard time believing when they are broadcasting serious news like the war in Ukraine when they spend the rest of the time doling vaudeville acts like Mo, Curly, and Larry.

Here goes that age thing again but give me real news reports like Walter Cronkite, Katie Couric, Edward Murrow, Jane Pauley, Bob Woodward, Christiane Amanpour, and Dan Rather. They can all crack a smile, but they knew how to deliver the news.

If we think we have to be “entertained” in order to hear the news, then we all need a wake- up call. To date, goldfish are still ahead of us when it comes to our attention span.

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