Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Newspapers and magazines are the best ways to learn about a foreign country.

In modern era, with developing transportation means and because of disparate reasons such as work, spending vacation and so on, people need to travel other parts of world, consequently, they need to catch some rudimentary information about their destination. Since newspapers and magazines came into being until two last decades, they were one of the most popular ways for collecting information about other countries. As time passed, their popularity paled and they replaced by new technologies such as internet, television and so on. Although these days minority of people still hold their belief to newspapers and magazines as main source of information, majority of them, especially new generation tend to use new technologies and I firmly believe that because of tens reasons that I will mention a couple of which in following paragraphs, newspapers and magazines cannot be useful as new technologies do.

First and foremost, the reason why it is not a prudent way for gaining information about other counties from magazines and newspapers lies in this fact that this kinds of mass media because of different reasons such as advertisements’ income usually boast about attractions of other countries and their information is almost inaccurate and untrustworthy. Besides, reporters preparing articles for magazines and newspapers usually like their articles be seen more and more, therefore, unconscious inclination toward exaggeration is obvious in their articles. For instance, last summer one of my friends, based on one of well-known tourism magazine decided to spend his vacation in Malesia. When it comes to word, he mentions some terrible memoir about his journey to Malesia and usually complains about some controversy reports which were demonstrated in magazine. his journey would be more memorable had he searched meticulacely.

Another worthwhile reason to be mentioned is that although using other mass media such as internet and television is not thoroughly impeccable- because of online identification of this media- they provide up to date and almost more reliable information than magazines and newspaper. Using internet as online media and television as up to date mass media, enable users to find their favorite accommodation and reserve it with least problems. By only a simple search, people can access massive amount of information about destination and latest change which is happened in their target country. For example, one of my younger brothers studies in Germany, before immigrating to Germany he obtained many practical information about his university and reserved his dormitory and ticket. He identified Germans and their culture also, accordingly without any problem he departure from Iran.

To recapitulate, considering the mentioned reasons above people emergence of new technologies such as internet and social media and so on, bring new ways of collecting information about other cultures and foreign countries. I think with advent of this kinds of technologies, traditional methods of gaining information not only about other cultures but also other topics, will have been supplanted by new discoveries. It is highly recommended that governments and private companies working in tourism industry release their information in internet and keep them up to date.

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