**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to learn about a foreign country is to read newspaper and magazines from that country.**

Since many years ago, humans have started to live together and shaped groups. These groups, over years, became more complicated and, finally, societies were established. These societies not only have different sizes but also have different cultures. Needless to say, there are many different approaches that can be used to learn about these societies, especially foreign ones. However, the controversial question which arises here is whether reading newspaper and magazines from a foreign country is the best way to learn about that country. As far as I am concerned, it is not the best way that can be used to learn about a foreign country. In what follows, I will support my perspective.

First and foremost, some aspects of foreign countries cannot be shown by their newspaper or magazines. In the newspaper and magazines, only the description of some issues can be found and it is impossible for them to cover all subjects in a foreign country. For example, by reading a newspaper from a country, we barely can learn about their accent and it is necessary to visit that country or at least watch some movies about that country. My own experience demonstrates this issue, too. Two years ago, for example, I started to learn about the Aboriginal people of Australia. At that time, I read so many books and magazines about them, but I could not find anything about their special ceremony in these books. Therefore, I decided to travel to Australia and meet those people. By visiting them, I was able to see their ceremony and learn so many new things about them that were not mentioned in books and magazines. Had I not visited them, I would not have been able to learn about their special ceremony.

Another point which deserves some words here is that newspaper and magazines are not completely impartial. This is because newspaper and magazines usually get some of their budgets form political parties or even they are run by these parties. Therefore, newspaper and magazines are forced to write based on these parties’ attitudes and benefits, not reality. These parties, for instance, have a tendency to show economic situations better than what really they are. As a result, it is difficult to find out about the real economic situation of a foreign country by reading newspaper. For example, the result of the study in my own country revealed that three quarters of magazines are related to political parties. The study showed there is a direct correlation between the context of these magazines and their supporter party. In other words, the more dependent a magazine becomes, the less impartial it would be.

In short, all the aforementioned points lead us to the conclusion that reading newspaper and magazines is not the best way to learn about foreign countries. This is because newspaper and magazines are not completely impartial as well as some aspects of foreign countries cannot be presented in this way. However, this does not mean that magazines and newspaper cannot be useful at all, but they can provide people with some information about foreign countries and cultures.

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