

Communication Technologies

Early Communications

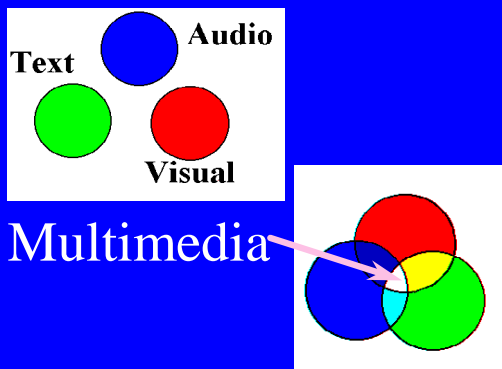
- Spoken Word
- Drums & Smoke
- Paintings

The Written Word

- “Knowledge is Power”
- The Power Elite
Religious leaders
- Messengers & Sealed Scrolls

Communications Today

- Written Words
- Telephone
- Radio
- Television
- Multimedia



Communications— Mid 1440s

- Verbal & Visual methods
- Guttenburg Bible
- Movable Type
- Mind Your ‘p’s and ‘q’s

Demonstration!

When lay people can read...

- Shared Knowledge
- Less reliance upon memory
- Break out of family professions

Print Media

- Books and newspapers
- Shared public opinion
- Commerce & Business transactions

Communications— Mid 1800s

- Electrical Theory
- Electronic Communications
- Morse Code—1844
- Bell—Telephone

Wireless

- Radio—1920 Election results
- Television—1939
- Government Regulation of Spectrum

Privacy Concerns

- Whose data is it?
- Who gets it?
- Who controls access?
- What could the “bad guys” do with it?

Dangerous Knowledge

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