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**The South Korean Media in the Post-Truth Era**

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How will the current "post-truth" trend (the notion that individual sentiments and ideals precede objective truth) shape South Korean society? Seeing and believing only the information one wants to, the so-called "fake news" seems to have a huge influence on the framework of news and journalism in South Korea. In considering this, does text messaging expand the participants of communication? Or does it reduce communication to that only between enclosed groups of people who share the same beliefs? Together, we will reflect upon "the South Korean media in the post-truth era."

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