

# Social Media and the Democratisation of Information

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#### **OPENING THOUGHTS**

information, transforming people from content readers into publishers. It is the shift from a broadcast mechanism, one-to-many, to a many-to-many model, rooted in conversations

between authors, people, and peers.







#### **OPENING THOUGHTS cont'd**



 The digital universe is the marketplace of ideas. It's where brands are praised and criticized. Where public policy is shaped. Where stakeholders make their voices heard. And where today's high-stakes communication battles are won or lost. An Organisation's digital footprint represents its brand, reputation



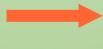


#### Communication vs Social Media

#### COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

Space defined by media owner



Space defined by consumer

Brand in control



Consumer in control

One way/ Delivering a message



Two way/ Conversation

Repeating the message



Adapting the message

Focused on the brand



Focused on the consumer

Entertaining



Influencing, involving

Company created content



User created content

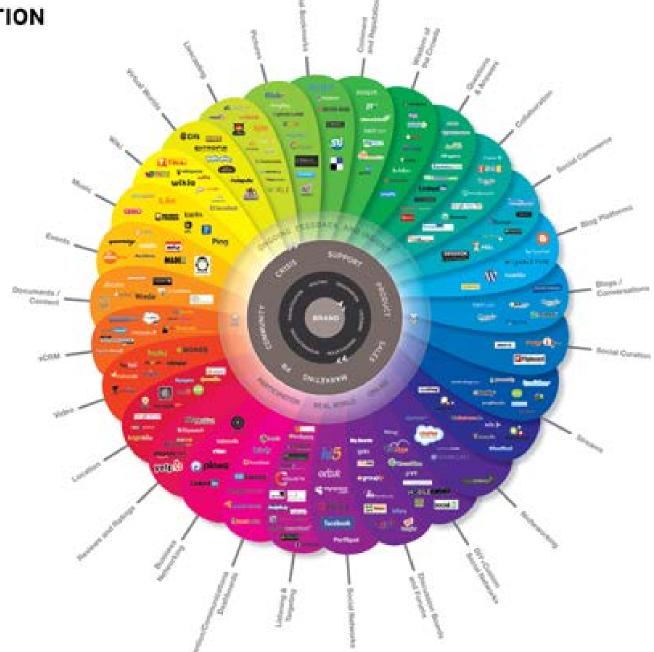


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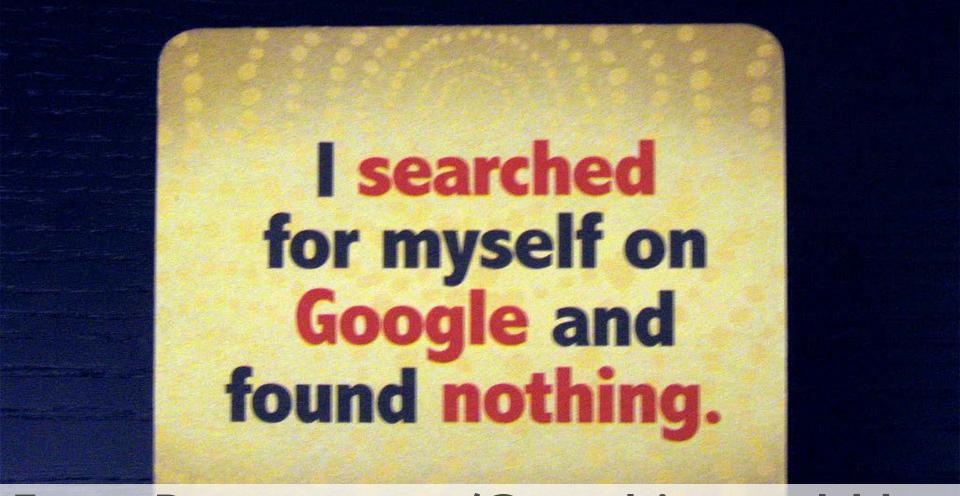


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#### **E-CONVERSATIONS**



For a Programme/Org, this would be tragic, lamentably TRAGIC!

## CONVERSATIONAL FOCUS

Raise Awareness

Influence Policies

Reach new Audiences

Engage Decision Makers

Inspire Action Collaborate with Partners



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### Social media is big, evolving and here to stay

