People are now exposed to more information than ever before, provided both by technology and by increasing access to every level of education. These societal gains, however, have also helped fuel a surge in narcissistic and misguided intellectual egalitarianism that has crippled informed debates on any number of issues. Today, everyone knows everything: all voices, even the most ridiculous, demand to be taken with equal seriousness, and any claim to the contrary is dismissed as undemocratic elitism. More information isn’t making us any smarter; it’s turning us into an army of ill-informed and angry citizens who denounce intellectual achievement and distrust experts. This is a threat not only to our well-being, but to the future of our democratic institutions.

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