

With just 20 years old, Catarina Vila Nova, student of Journalism and Communication, holds already a consistent opinion on the current scenario of the new journalism. Nowadays, information flows faster and faster and it is there that the new brackets also win the protagonism.

With the growing trend of online media, the newspapers in printed version begin to invest mainly in digital versions. And yet that many of these components have still completely free editions, Catarina sees only advantages in this new era of information. The "lower prices" and the information without limits correspond to the real need of young people today.

On the other hand, Catarina highlights the predominant role of the Internet nowadays. According to her, this support "already outstripped all the means of information and communication and a person, is not only informed if you do not want." Still, this young student warns of the fact that not all information be completely "reliable".

"As in everything there are positive and negative aspects." On the one hand, "is positive, the exponential increase of information" and the highest diversity of sources. But on the other, Catarina believes that today there are no filters. Thus each one "should have their own filters and confidence in the means of communication which follows". Faced with this reality, considers that it would be important to promote an education to the media, capable of helping people to choose more easily the best information available.

Moreover, Catarina still speaks of the new scenario created by social networks. Admits that it is there, that many times find news at first hand, but it is also a good place of departure to a further research. Aware of this emerging power, Catarina doesn't look with good eyes upon the ease with which some newspapers acquire readers on social networks, particularly with dubious and sensational titles.

But as already mentioned, the problem always part of people and the use that they make with the Internet. Even so, the young student highlights the role of Facebook as a good tool to find information, often without being really looking.

Finally, Catarina reveals itself truly as a "habitué" of newspapers online. Highlights examples in Portugal, as the "Observador" and also "The Guardian", leading international journal that follows carefully. Increasingly rare, is the reading of a newspaper in printed version. But still she admits: "at least in the summer, I like to buy newspapers and read them, because it is when we have more time and more relaxing days."

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