Do I Have a Duty to Read the News?

a philosophy talk by

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It is a widely shared view that citizens ought to be informed. In practice it is equally common to act as if there is no reason to read the news. Professor Brown argues there is nothing wrong with failing to pay attention to large swaths of serious, hard-hitting, accurate journalism. Yet, she also argues that you have a standing reason to attend to what is happening - you ought not be indifferent to the lives of others. This obligates you to pay attention to the category of news often considered most expendable, the lives of distant others whose circumstances we cannot change.

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