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Subject: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Jethro](#) on Sat, 09 Mar 2019 14:38:23 GMT  
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There are many radio personalities that think that their opinion is the truth. It can be amusing sometimes but thinking about other people who believe everything they hear from that radio announcer, then that becomes annoying to me, especially when that person is a part of my family.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sat, 09 Mar 2019 15:25:42 GMT  
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To me, the proliferation of radio "personalities" that promote their conspiratorial bias are of the lowest form of hucksterism. I think some people are validating their own prejudices through these media charlatans. It seems disturbing and degrading to our culture.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Groot](#) on Sun, 10 Mar 2019 13:19:01 GMT  
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You both have a good point on this, but this is the effect of free speech. Everyone has the right to express themselves even when what they are saying is pure fantasy or conspiracy. We also have our own right, the right to change the channel. :d

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 10 Mar 2019 15:10:25 GMT  
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Free speech though does not mean one has a right to shout fire in a theater without cause. It's gotten to the point that extremists are promoting their provocations enough to be libelous. Or worse, inciting criminality. Unfortunately, the proliferation of unsubstantiated information via internet and social media is disguised enough to degrade the ability of just tuning out. Fake news has entered our social vocabulary and it's implication's have dubious meaning's. These day's, being vigil sifting out the manure seems to require a shovel.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Newjack](#) on Mon, 11 Mar 2019 00:44:28 GMT  
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Well said, Rusty. I agree with you. It seems like every other schmuck has a YouTube channel, Podcast, Twitter account, whatever else where they blast their views 24/7 and it's taken as gospel by their followers, no matter how ridiculous the message. How they even get followers in the first

place is a mystery to me!

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Reggie](#) on Sat, 16 Mar 2019 12:41:48 GMT  
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Rusty wrote on Sun, 10 March 2019 10:10 These day's, being vigil sifting out the manure seems to require a shovel.

I can't agree more. The lies and the garbage that is being proliferated these days are much more than the truth. I don't know why people these days are so gullible in whatever they see in social media or even in the mainstream media.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 17 Mar 2019 23:04:07 GMT  
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It seems I am ever in need of a bigger shovel. :x

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [TheWanderer](#) on Mon, 18 Mar 2019 07:03:49 GMT  
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Social media, eh...personally, I try and stay as far away from it as possible. I just ignore it all. Of course, you can't escape everything, and I know just as well as anyone else does about "fake news". Seems to be a lot of it these days coming from all sides.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Jethro](#) on Wed, 20 Mar 2019 01:51:28 GMT  
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So I opened this matter to the family that has a different opinion, which was guided by what he was listening to on the radio. We ended up agreeing to disagree, but to respect each other's point of view. Still, I can't believe that he follows all the crap that the media is saying.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Wed, 27 Mar 2019 20:55:09 GMT  
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Have you heard of groupthink? If one is biased to begin with, and find's a topic('s) that resonate

with their bias, then, a format such as radio talk is a easy way to reinforce their bias. They don't have to research anything regarding their position of a topic. They have the "group" that promotes it's validity. It's an easy cop out of doing some homework to gain some insight on how it stands up to other view's. Any debate, becomes an emotional quagmire.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Jethro](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2019 22:59:54 GMT  
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Rusty wrote on Wed, 27 March 2019 15:55Any debate, becomes an emotional quagmire. You can say that again because this always happens with my brother and me when we talk about his ridiculous ideas and opinions. The thing is that he sees my viewpoints ridiculous, as well.

Have we gone into a society that is so gullible into accepting everything, like the Earth is flat?

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2019 23:45:20 GMT  
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Quote:Have we gone into a society that is so gullible into accepting everything, like the Earth is flat?

<https://www.tfes.org/>

The flat earth society have a format of legitimacy that makes seemingly rational account obstinately to all manner of scientific and historical evidence to the contrary of their reasoning. This is groupthink embedded in concrete. Some would probably support their fantasy even if they went up to visit the international space station. It must be trying for you knowing your sibling is swayed so by petty reasoning. Mark Twain's views on travel is as good a sentiment for this subject as I can figure.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Jethro](#) on Sat, 06 Apr 2019 16:14:04 GMT  
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You are right about the groupthink being embedded in concrete. The thing is that I know that my brother is intelligent. I guess I have to apply what Einstein said for my experience with my brother. Einstein said, "the difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limit!"

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Malfoy](#) on Sun, 07 Apr 2019 13:10:14 GMT

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I agree with the title. There are opinions that were formed based on facts and others were formed based on other opinions. Determining the difference is sometimes blurry because some people think of opinions as facts.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 07 Apr 2019 15:37:12 GMT  
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I feel it's herd mentality based on personal biases. It's so easy today to seek out and find groups to reinforce this thinking. Instead of stepping away and viewing the alternative, doing some homework so to speak. Einstein sure got it right. Stupidity and self delusion knows no bounds.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Jethro](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2019 16:13:00 GMT  
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One of the things that will tick me off is that my brother believes other people's opinions instead of his own family. Sometimes I think that he purposely does this to show his open rebellion towards his own family.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2019 18:27:42 GMT  
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That could be. Just spiteful obstinance. Maybe he'll grow out of it. Guess you'll just have to roll with it and keep the peace.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Wed, 01 May 2019 15:49:27 GMT  
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More and more people seem to be practicing Confirmation Bias these days. They will listen to talk shows or other people who share the same viewpoint, thus confirming their view. I believe this is why less and less people actually debate issues and would rather argue their point.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Sun, 05 May 2019 20:41:18 GMT  
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That is your opinion, buddy. :lol:

That sounds about right though. I blame the media, left wing identity politics and a gullible public for leaning to the side of anger and divisiveness.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 06 May 2019 15:07:38 GMT

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You would think with all the available means to seek out rational pro and con information to arrive at a reasoned guide to ones compass to the way of the world, and have an aspiration to improve our lot. People still embrace archaic ideology immersed in conspiracy theories. Copping out of just looking things up and actually reading what the subject matter is all about.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions

Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Sun, 12 May 2019 20:24:04 GMT

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People are lazy. It is much easier to take someone at their word and form an opinion on that, rather than do a little research for themselves. As if the truth doesn't matter anymore.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions

Posted by [Newjack](#) on Tue, 14 May 2019 04:35:05 GMT

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Confirmation bias is powerful. With so much information being easily available, this problem has gotten worse over the years. You can type in anything you want on Google and find something that supports your position. Most people (some still do) don't go and read the info that supports the opposing side. I've witnessed many conversations online in the past few weeks that end up with members being ganged up on, insulted and banned for simply having a different opinion than the moderator. People just can't wrap their head around differing viewpoints.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions

Posted by [Jethro](#) on Tue, 18 Jun 2019 16:08:04 GMT

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In conclusion about this matter, I accepted that my brother has his own way of thinking. It doesn't

mean that I concede to his point of view. I only try to respect his views, no matter how crooked it is.

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Subject: Re: Opinions Remain As Opinions  
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2020 03:21:10 GMT  
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Jethro wrote on Tue, 18 June 2019 11:08In conclusion about this matter  
For now.....

Very seldom does anyone state their opinion so persuasively that it changes someone else. The best it can do is convince someone that the others' opinion is solid enough to incorporate parts of into their own.

I call that growth and I think it's a good thing, so listening objectively to others' opinions is not a bad thing.

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