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YouTube  
comment section

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1. Recently, Youtubers such as RD English (阿滴英文) and TGOP(這群人) have become a hot topic. They have attracted the public's attention and made enormous influence. What kinds of influence might "self-media" bring to the society? Please write a composition in about 300 words. The composition should include your observations and opinions under this issue.
2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。
3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

In 2013, I registered a Youtube account and started watching videos about this game Minecraft. Few Taiwanese Youtubers existed back then. Now self-media has become a blooming industry - there are thousands of Youtubers, each of them has different content and caters to different communities. Not only does self-media enable us to gain new perspectives, but it also serves as a great platform for people to demonstrate their talents no matter how trifling they could be.

First of all, platforms such as Youtube are like pots of merging ideas. Whenever someone uploads a video, people watch it and absorb the thoughts of the videomaker. Next, they organize their own ideas and express their opinions in the comment section down below the video. Aside from the idea the video is conveying, people would also be swayed by the comments. And it goes on and on. Take myself as a concrete evidence: more often than not when I'm watching videos, I'll scroll through comments at the same time, learning from self-media as well as getting extra information from the responses. The replies are so versatile that the viewers could be discussing about totally different topics under the same video. I believe that it's the difference in the viewers' age, their professions, and their interests that contributes to the platform's versatility. It's easy to see that self-media has created a place for us to share ideas. Unlike the archaic online forums, platforms that self-media is on have a more diverse viewers group. Whether this is a positive influence remains debatable.

Additionally, the rising of self-media opens up unprecedented opportunities for talented artists to show off their knowledge in specific domains. Some can even make a living out of it! I've seen video about a 14-year old boy talking about the fourth dimension, about intelligent college students recommending books to people, and even just some stoners smoking marijuana. Videos on the most mundane topics could blow up in a day. This encourages tremendous amount of

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creators to dive into the industry of self-media. It seems to me that everyone could be a YouTuber nowadays.

There's no doubt that self-media has made its impact to our society. From 2013 to this day, I've noticed that self-media stimulates new ideas to be formed and encourages trivial knowledge to be spreaded and seen. It truly leads to a lot of merging ideas.