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- How do the headlines of social media control your mood and cause you anxiety?
- Reflect on the countless hours of your time spent on social media, TV, news, all of which influence your emotions and behavior?
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