



Handout 6

JUMBLED PARAGRAPHS

What this task requires:

- The academic paragraph below should be cut up into its constituent sentences
- Each pair of students is to receive a set of these sentences (jumbled up)
- Using the information contained in the 'Academic writing: Constructing a paragraph' handout, students are to reconstruct the paragraph so that the sentences are in the correct order.

The influence that these blogs - and blogs generally - have on mainstream media and public opinion is a subject matter that deserves consideration.

As of December 2008, an estimated 133 million blogs have been catalogued since 2002, and at least 900,000 new posts, or blog entries, are produced every single day (Technirati, 2008a).

Since their introduction around 1999 (Herring, Scheidt, Kouper, & Wright, 2007), blogs have grown exponentially in popularity, making them one of the most prominent activities on the Internet.

This vast quantity of information and immense opinion conglomerate is generally known as the *blogosphere* (Quick, 2002).

Although it is true that many of these blogs do not strictly cover topics that deal with current events and political information, some of the most widely read blogs discuss public affairs, and in some cases have done so with great impact on the wider media discourse (Wall, 2005).

(Humero Gil de Zunigga, (2009). Blogs, journalism and political participation. In Z. Papacharissi. (Ed). *Journalism and Citizenship*, 108-109, New York: Routledge)