Web journalism: a new form of citizenship?

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The present forms of citizen journalism which are steeped in advocacy and investigative ethos borrow largely from the journalism practiced during the periods discussed earlier. The traditional media in Nigeria has on its heels an army of citizens in the fight to ensure good governance.


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