

Mass Media project

Directions: With a group of no more than 3 people, select a topic from the list below and search for at least 5 news articles from the links that follow. Be sure to find multiple ways in which the media portrays the same topic. Write a response to each of the questions below to be ready for your presentation. **This Project is Due**_____.

Suggested Topics

- Economy/Recovery
- Republican/Democratic National Convention
- President Obama job approval
- Vice President Joe Biden
- Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney
- 2012 election
- Health Care reform
- Republican Vice Presidential Nominee Paul Ryan
- Campaign Finance
- Immigration reform
- Guantanamo Bay detainees
- Afghanistan
- Environment
- Abortion
- Glenn Beck
- Others...

Questions:

1. What are the different ways your topic is portrayed in mass media? How is it being skewed or manipulated and to meet certain goals?
2. What is the most extreme example of your topic being portrayed in a biased manor?
3. Why would different media outlets portray the same story or topic in different lights? How does bias become a political tool?

Web Sites:

<http://www.heritage.org/>

<http://www.cc.org/>

<http://www.newsmax.com/>

<http://www.cnsnews.com/welcome.asp>

<http://www.drudgereport.com/>

<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/>

<http://www.thenation.com/>

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/>

<http://www.moveon.org/>

<http://www.americanprogress.org/>

<http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=>

<http://www.freedomforum.org/>

<http://www.aim.org/>

<http://www.alternet.org/>

<http://www.fair.org/index.php>

<http://www.mediachannel.org/>

<http://www.govexec.com/>

<http://www.democracynow.org/>

<http://www.tnr.com/>

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Questions: (5 pts per question)

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Well done w/examples

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