

Media Bias Assignment

1. Identify three media outlets to analyze. Choose one from each column.

Note: I used the following PEW study to choose these sources: <http://www.journalism.org/interactives/media-polarization/>

Trusted by viewers with consistently liberal ideological views	Trusted by viewers with mixed ideological views	Trusted by viewers with consistently conservative ideological views
NPR: http://www.npr.org PBS: http://www.pbs.org/newshour/ New York Times	CNN: http://www.cnn.com ABC News: http://abcnews.com NBC News: https://www.nbcnews.com	Fox News: http://www.foxnews.com Breitbart: http://www.breitbart.com Wall Street Journal: https://www.wsj.com/europe

2. Select a political news topic and read the articles on the three different news outlets and answer the following questions:

a) What information do they all include?

b) How is the information different? Be specific and cite evidence. Pay attention to information cited in one news source, but not the others and language/word choice. Was there leading or subjective language to favor one point of view over another?

3. Repeat the exercise, but this time choose one media outlet from each column below.

Leans Left (Liberal)	Leans Right (Conservative)
Huff Post: http://www.huffingtonpost.com Democracy Now: https://www.democracynow.org Daily Kos: https://www.dailykos.com	Drudge Report: http://www.drudgereport.com TheBlaze: http://www.theblaze.com InfoWars: https://www.infowars.com

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5. Do you agree with the “leans left” or “leans right” label for each site? Why or why not? Be specific.