



SOURCE-RY

The Magic of Extemp Sources
Or
Defense Against Alternative Facts



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Having a large number of people
in a society who are misinformed
is absolutely devastating and
extremely difficult to cope with –
Stephan Lewandowsky,
University of Bristol

Long, long ago...

- Back when Moses was on my extemp team...
- We had tiny budgets and subscriptions to the “big three”.



...or if we were really lucky...

TWO GERMANY'S UNITE AFTER 45 YEARS WITH JUBILATION AND A VOW OF PEACE

In Appeal for Support for Budget, President Calls Plan Best for Now

By David S. Broder... The President called the plan the best for now... He said the budget would be a landmark in the history of the German people...

Pivotal Moment for Bush

By Andrew Ross... The President's budget is a pivotal moment for him... It is a test of his leadership and his ability to lead the country...

Top Soviet General Tells U.S. Not to Attack in Gulf



Gen. Mikhail M. Moiseyev, chief of the Soviet General Staff, speaking at a press conference in Moscow... He said that the Soviet Union would not support any military action in the Gulf...

A MILLION IN BERLIN



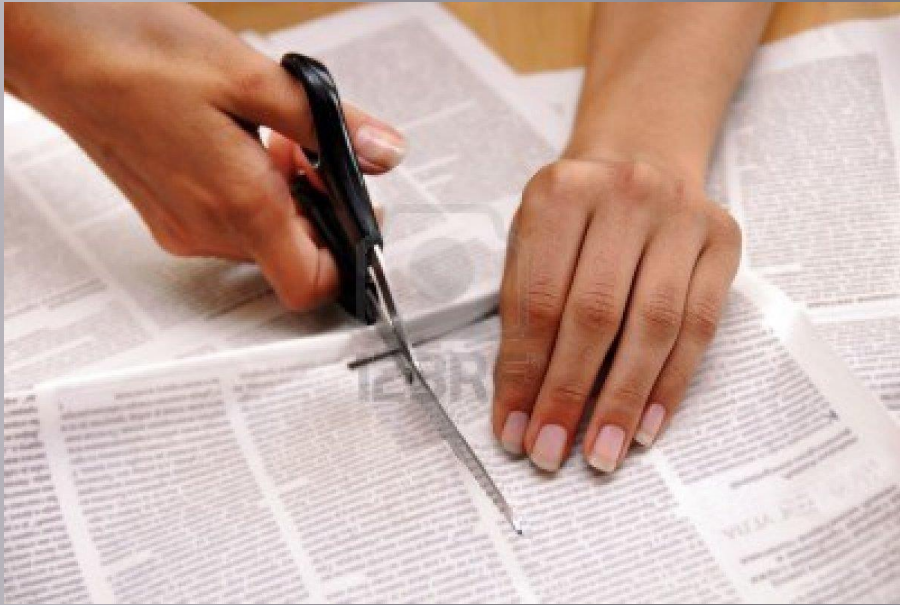
Senate Confirms Souter, 90 to 9, As Supreme Court's 105th Justice

By Richard L. Berke... The Senate confirmed Stephen Breyer as the 105th justice of the Supreme Court... The vote was 90 to 9...

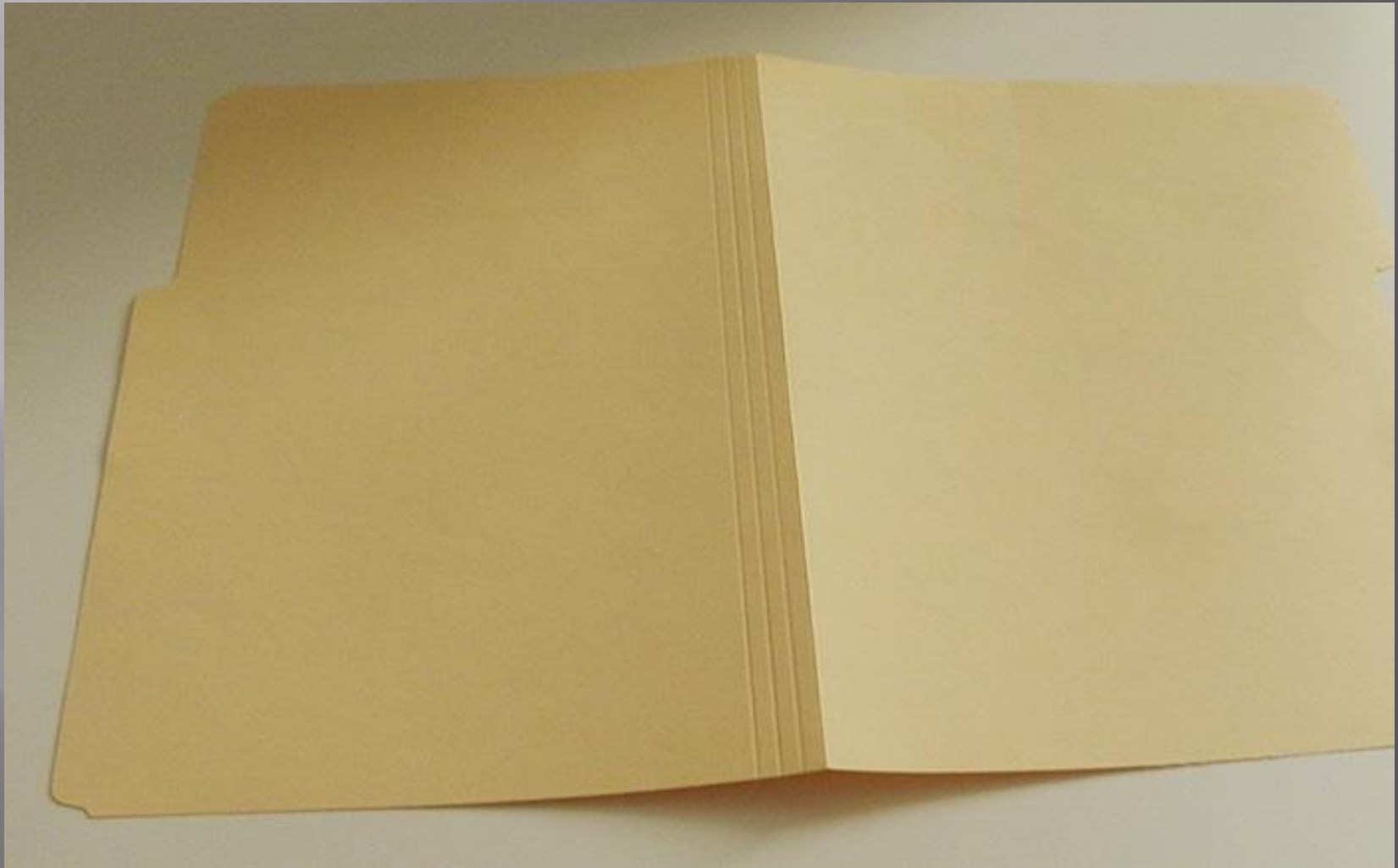
Bitter Dispute Is Threatening Program for Marrow Donors

By Gina Kolata... A bitter dispute is threatening a program to recruit marrow donors... The program is essential for patients with leukemia and other blood disorders...

By Michael S. Gordon... The House of Representatives passed a bill... The bill would provide for the expansion of the Federal Reserve...



And even then...sometimes...



And then Al Gore invented the internet.





And then, finally...



Now the sky's the limit on sources!

- ▣ Lots of free newspapers and magazines online.
- ▣ Cheap computers.

- ▣ But that can also cause problems.
 - Ease in finding sources can lead us to use the wrong kinds of sources.
 - ▣ Wire reports
 - ▣ Opinion articles with no warrants
 - ▣ Blogs written by non-credible sources
 - ▣ Magazines or newspapers that are highly biased

Our goals today

- ▣ Discuss most commonly used sources
- ▣ Discover less commonly used sources
- ▣ Decipher the difference
- ▣ Determine the best sources to use in a variety of situations
- ▣ Discuss how to recognize and avoid bias and “alternative facts.”

Two small caveats:

- ▣ I am not an expert. Do what works best for your team.
- ▣ This is not an all-inclusive list. Do your own research and find out what sources work best for you and your team.

Why do we source?

- add credibility
- clear up confusion
- provide empirical data



Sources do NOT...

- ▣ ... provide all of your analysis.
- ▣ ... provide a list of theories from experts.
- ▣ ... substitute for your own analysis.

Your goal is to

- ▣ integrate the ideas of the experts into your own analysis.
- ▣ read bits and pieces of analysis from the experts and synthesize these theories into your own.
- ▣ add your own personality.
- ▣ allow your own theories to guide your speech

The mental file cabinet

- ▣ Practice...Practice...Practice!!!
- ▣ Many topics, many topic areas
- ▣ Build a “mental file cabinet” with drawers for topic areas
- ▣ Draw a topic, assemble points from the drawers
- ▣ Open your files to get the most recent evidence



But to do that, you need **GOOD**
sources!



The rise of viral fake news



Story: pedophile ring including members of the Democratic National Party was operating out of a the basement of a popular pizza restaurant in Washington DC.

Response: man opens fire with an assault rifle.

Note: The pizza place does not have a basement.

Pope Francis shocks world, endorses Trump for President. (WTOE Channel 5)



Trump Removes MLK Bust from White House (Time Magazine)



Trump sent his own plane to
rescue stranded Marines.
(Sean Hannity)



The State Department's Entire Administrative Team Just Resigned (Washington Post)



So what is “fake news?”

PolitiFact:

"Fake news is made-up stuff, masterfully manipulated to look like credible journalistic reports that are easily spread online to large audiences willing to believe the fictions and spread the word."

Fake News

- ▣ NewsWhip – 10% of the 200 most engaged stories on social media about the two French presidential candidates in the two months before the election were from fake news sites.
- ▣ More than 30 % of the top 200 stories about the two U.S. presidential candidates were from fake news sites during the two months before the election.

BREAKING NEWS CONSUMER'S HANDBOOK

FAKE NEWS EDITION

1. Big red flags for fake news: ALL CAPS, or obviously photoshopped pics.
2. A glut of pop-ups and banner ads? Good sign the story is pure clickbait.
3. Check the domain! Fake sites often add “.co” to trusted brands to steal their luster. (Think: “abcnews.com.co”)
4. If you land on an unknown site, check its “About” page. Then, Google it with the word “fake” and see what comes up.
5. If a story offers links, follow them. (Garbage leads to worse garbage.) No links, quotes, or references? Another telltale sign.
6. Verify an unlikely story by finding a reputable outlet reporting the same thing.
7. Check the date. Social media often resurrects outdated stories.
8. Read past headlines. Often they bear no resemblance to what lies beneath.
9. Photos may be misidentified and dated. Use a reverse image search engine like TinEye to see where an image *really* comes from.
10. Gut check. If a story makes you angry, it's probably designed that way.
11. Finally, if you're not sure it's true, don't share it! *Don't. Share. It.*

ON **[THE MEDIA]**

ONTHEMEDIA.ORG

But there's a bigger problem for
extempers

Media Bias

Wikipedia: the bias or perceived bias of journalists and news producers within the mass media in the selection of events and stories that are reported and how they are covered.

The term "media bias" implies a pervasive or widespread bias contravening the standards of journalism, rather than the perspective of an individual journalist or article.

Kinds of media bias

Coverage bias – issues or actors are more or less visible in the news

Agenda bias – coverage of issues or actors based on their ideology

Statement bias – framing of stories slanted toward a particular viewpoint

Kinds of media bias

Advertising bias – selecting stories to please advertisers

Concision bias – selecting stories that are easy to explain

Corporate bias – selecting stories to please owners

Mainstream bias – selecting stories that everyone else is reporting

Kinds of media bias

Sensationalism – favoring the exceptional – gives the impression that rare events are more frequent than common ones

Coverage of Immigration





- ▣ The left: 1,500 children separated from parents at the border, lost
- ▣ Right: It's not like he's doing this to the people of Idaho or Texas.

Chyrons during Comey testimony

Comey: “Those were lies, plain and simple.”

MSNBC

COMEY: TRUMP LIED
ABOUT REASONS FOR
FIRING

CNN

COMEY: TRUMP ADMIN
LIED ABOUT ME & FBI

FOX

COMEY: CONCERNED
PRES MIGHT LIE
ABOUT MEETING

Comey discussing FBI role

MSNBC

COMEY: WROTE MEETING
NOTES BECAUSE I
"KNEW" I MIGHT NEED
RECORD TO DEFEND
MYSELF, FBI

CNN

COMEY: TRUMP ADMIN
"CHOSE TO DEFAME ME"
AND FBI

FOX

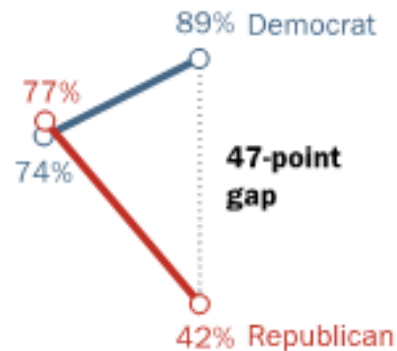
COMEY: THE
PRESIDENT ONLY
EVER ASKED ABOUT
ONE FBI
INVESTIGATION

Pew Research Report

Parties show more disagreement on attitudes about news media

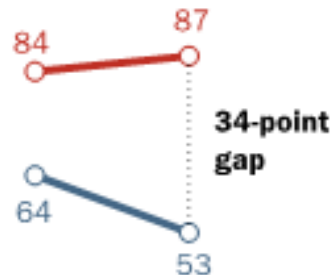
% of U.S. adults who say ...

Media criticism of political leaders keeps them from doing things they shouldn't



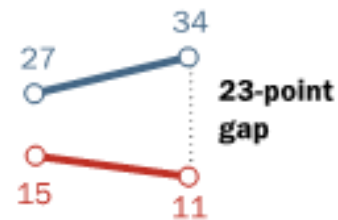
2016 2017

News organizations tend to favor one side



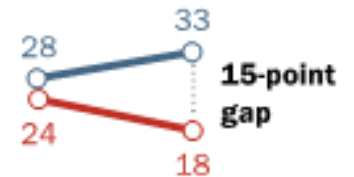
2016 2017

Information from national news organizations is very trustworthy



2016 2017

National news media do very well at keeping them informed



2016 2017

Note: Independents not shown.

Source: Surveys conducted March 13-27, 2017, and Jan. 12-Feb. 8, 2016.

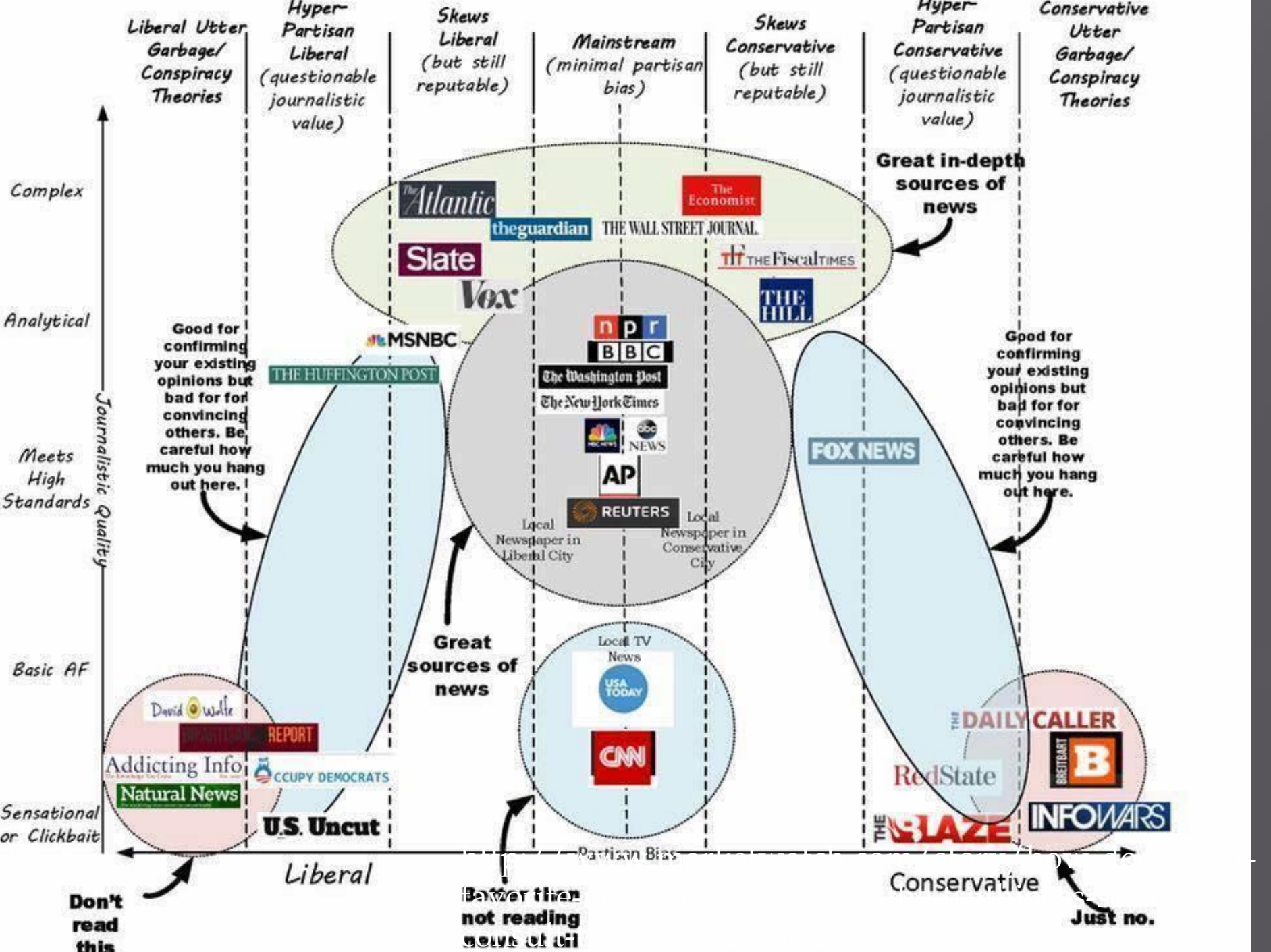
"Americans' Attitudes About the News Media Deeply Divided Along Partisan Lines"

Recognizing and Avoiding Media Bias

- ▣ Be aware of sources
 - Overuse of “official” sources
 - Look for a more broad spectrum of sources
- ▣ Look for racial and gender diversity
- ▣ Look at the point of view
 - Are those affected by the issue given a voice in coverage?
- ▣ Is there a double standard?
- ▣ Do stereotypes skew coverage?

Recognizing and Avoiding Media Bias

- ▣ Unchallenged assumptions (ex: coverage of a woman's sexual history during a rape trial)
- ▣ Loaded language (“heart-wrenching tales” versus “stories”)
- ▣ Lack of context
- ▣ Headlines and stories that don't match
- ▣ Prominent coverage of important issues



Complex

Analytical

Meets High Standards

Basic AF

Sensational or Clickbait

Liberal Utter Garbage/Conspiracy Theories

Hyper-Partisan Liberal (questionable journalistic value)

Skews Liberal (but still reputable)

Mainstream (minimal partisan bias)

Skews Conservative (but still reputable)

Hyper-Partisan Conservative (questionable journalistic value)

Conservative Utter Garbage/Conspiracy Theories

Good for confirming your existing opinions but bad for convincing others. Be careful how much you hang out here.

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Great sources of news

Great in-depth sources of news

Don't read this

Better than not reading news at all

Just no.

Liberal

Partisan Bias

Conservative

The Atlantic

theguardian

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The Economist

Slate

THE FISCAL TIMES

Vox

THE HILL

MSNBC

THE HUFFINGTON POST

npr

BBC

The Washington Post

The New York Times

NEWS

AP

REUTERS

Local Newspaper in Liberal City

Local Newspaper in Conservative City

FOX NEWS

Local TV News

USA TODAY

CNN

David I. Walter

REPORT

Addicting Info

CCUPY DEMOCRATS

Natural News

U.S. Uncut

THE DAILY CALLER

RedState

THE SLAZE

BRITBART

INFOWARS

Mediabiasfactcheck.com

- ▣ Independent, online media outlet

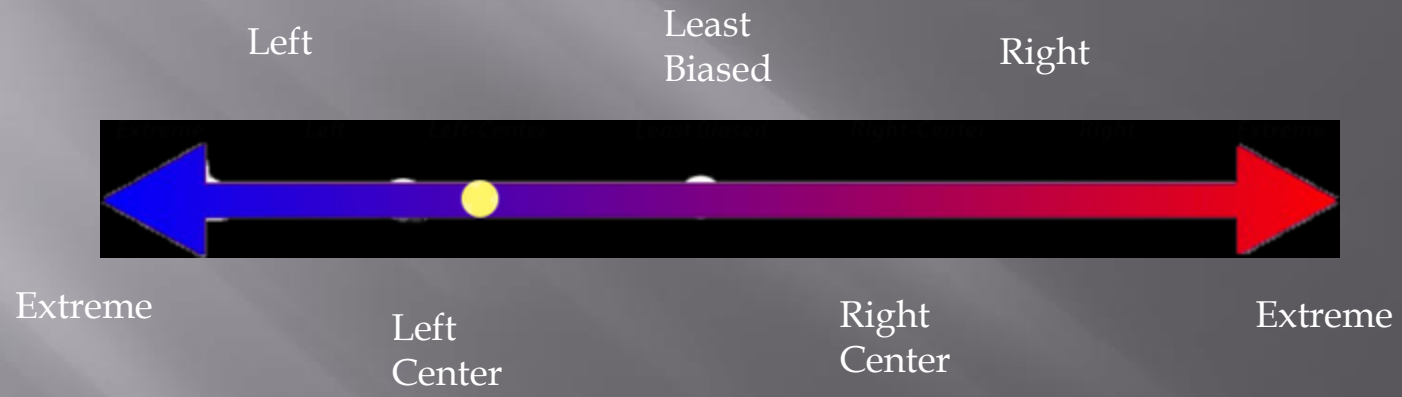
- ▣ Methodology

 - Biased Wording

 - Factual/Sourcing (providing evidence and sources)

 - Story Choices

 - Political Affiliation (examination of ideology through content and wording)



Least Biased

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



- ▣ Foreign-policy think tank
- ▣ “dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States”

China Daily



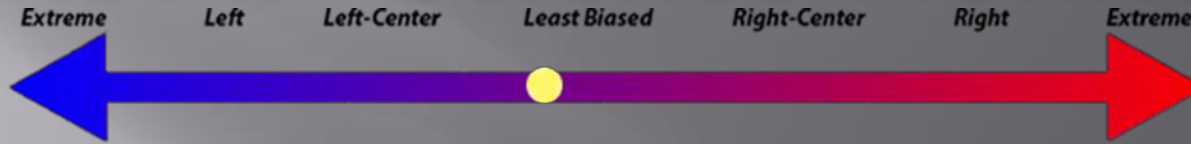
- Daily Chinese newspaper with balanced coverage of US news

Center for Strategic and International Studies



- ▣ Factual reporting: Very High
- ▣ bipartisan, nonprofit policy research organization dedicated to providing strategic insights and policy solutions to help decision-makers chart a course toward a better world.

Christian Science Monitor



- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ international news organization that delivers global coverage
- ▣ very slight left leaning bias in reporting, but is always factual

Financial Times



- international daily newspaper with a special emphasis on business and economic news
- Reports news with minimal bias
- Has an editorial stance that ranges from right-center to left-center.

Foreign Affairs



- American journal of international relations and U.S. foreign policy
- Factual reporting: high
- published bimonthly by the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonprofit, 4,900-member organization, think tank and publisher that specializes in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs.

Foreign Policy



- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ American news publication focused on global affairs, current events, and domestic and international policy.

Gallup



- ▣ Factual reporting: very high
- ▣ American research-based, global performance-management consulting company known for public opinion polls conducted worldwide
- ▣ provides research and strategic consulting to large organizations in many countries

International Business Times



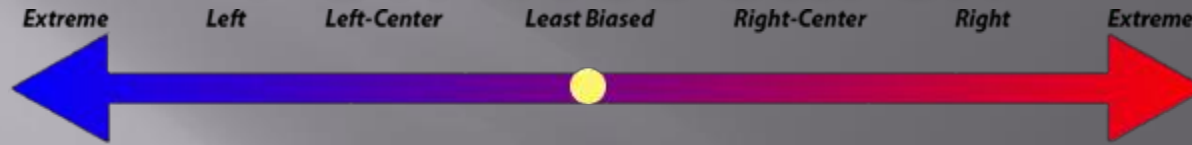
- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ online global business newspaper, sometimes called IBTimes or IBT
- ▣ news, analysis and editorial commentary on business and business-related stories

Peterson Institute for International Economics



- private and non-profit think tank focused on international economics
- According to the 2015 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report (Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania), Peterson is number 20 (of 150) in the “Top Think Tanks Worldwide” and number 13 (of 60) in the “Top Think Tanks in the United States.”

Pew Research



- ▣ Factual reporting: Very high
- ▣ nonpartisan American think tank
- ▣ provides information on social issues, public opinion, and demographic trends shaping the United States and the world
- ▣ conducts public opinion polling, demographic research, media content analysis, and other empirical social science research

Roll Call



- ▣ solid “just the facts” news source
- ▣ Factual reporting: very high
- ▣ Editorials: slight left

Texas Tribune



- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ nonprofit media organization
- ▣ alternative news source for Texas, with a goal of supplementing mainstream media sources

The Economist



- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ Staffed with economists

The Jerusalem Post



- ▣ Factual reporting: very high
- ▣ Biased toward Israel
- ▣ Centrist in global affairs

The Times of India



- ▣ Factual reporting: high
- ▣ US and international news



- national American daily middle-market newspaper
- 3rd largest distribution rate in the United States
- simple to read format for general audiences.
- very slight left leaning editorial bias

Left Center

- ▣ Al Jazeera
- ▣ Atlantic
- ▣ Brookings Institute
- ▣ Chicago Tribune
- ▣ FiveThirtyEight
- ▣ Houston Chronicle
- ▣ Los Angeles Times
- ▣ Newsday
- ▣ Newsweek
- ▣ New York Times
- ▣ Politico
- ▣ The Guardian
- ▣ The Hill
- ▣ Time
- ▣ US News and World Report
- ▣ Washington Post

Right Center

- ▣ Boston Herald
- ▣ Cato Institute
- ▣ Council on Foreign Relations
- ▣ Dallas Morning News
- ▣ Forbes
- ▣ Hoover Institution
- ▣ Mises Daily
- ▣ Real Clear Politics
- ▣ Wall Street Journal
- ▣ Washington Times

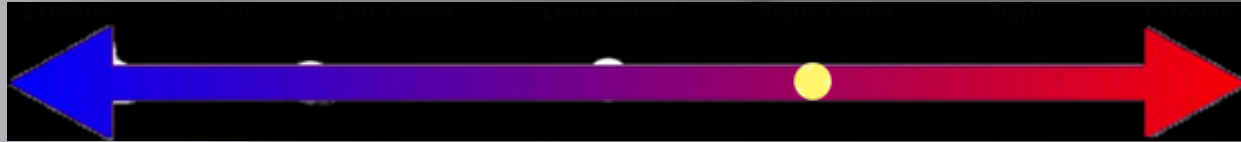
Left Bias

- ▣ Center for American Progress
- ▣ Center for Media and Democracy
- ▣ CNN
- ▣ Current Affairs
- ▣ Daily Beast
- ▣ Daily Mirror
- ▣ MSNBC
- ▣ New Republic
- ▣ New Yorker
- ▣ Salon
- ▣ Slate
- ▣ Talking Points Memo
- ▣ The Nation
- ▣ Vox

Right Bias

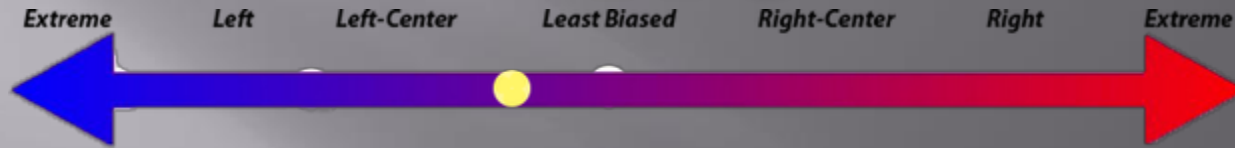
- ▣ American Spectator
- ▣ American Thinker
- ▣ Breitbart
- ▣ Fox News
- ▣ Heritage Foundation
- ▣ Independent Journal Review
- ▣ National Review
- ▣ Newsmax
- ▣ The Blaze

Wall Street Journal



- ▣ Largest circulation newspaper in the US
- ▣ Factual Reporting: high
- ▣ Editorial page: conservative (must-read for Republicans in Washington)

BBC



- ▣ Global standard bearer for excellence in broadcast radio and TV journalism
- ▣ Factual reporting: very high
- ▣ Always impeccably sourced

The “big three”

- ▣ Time – www.time.com
- ▣ Newsweek – www.newsweek.com
- ▣ US News and World Report – www.usnews.com
 - Cover the main issues
 - Enjoyable reads
 - Standard for beginners and moderately successful extempers
 - Weak analysis
 - No longer considered really reputable sources for extemp
- Bottom line: these sources do not go into the depth of analysis necessary for a successful advanced extemp speech. Spend your valuable time on more substantial sources.

What to consider when selecting sources

- ▣ Look for sound information and depth of analysis
- ▣ Look for sources that demonstrate a specialty in a field or region
- ▣ Look for sources with expertise not found anywhere else
- ▣ Cite sources from both sides of the political spectrum
- ▣ Consider the credentials of the authors
- ▣ Avoid sources that use their own reporters as evidence



The foundation of your tubs

- ▣ New York Times
- ▣ Christian Science Monitor
- ▣ Washington Post
- ▣ Wall Street Journal
- ▣ Los Angeles Times
- ▣ Foreign Affairs
- ▣ The Economist
- ▣ Foreign Policy



The New York Times



- A “newspaper of record” for the United States
- Respected source for national and international news
- Good regional coverage
- Sometimes accused of liberal bias
- www.nytimes.com
- 10 articles per month without a subscription.
- Hint: go incognito, clear cookies



Christian Science Monitor

- ▣ Don't let the name fool you!
- ▣ Daily newspaper out of Boston – perhaps the most objective in the world
- ▣ Covers both domestic and foreign issues
- ▣ Great depth of analysis – well-rounded approach
- ▣ Great at spotting trends in politics, business, industry, and culture

▣ www.csmonitor.com



Washington Post

- Washington "insider"
- Covers politics and national news
- Thorough coverage of international affairs – 16 foreign bureaus
- Investigative journalism looks into government policies and actions on The Hill.
- Tends to have a liberal slant

□ www.washingtonpost.com



Wall Street Journal

- New York based newspaper
- The definitive publication dealing with the stock market and economic issues
- Useful for the grasping difficult economic issues
- Articles written by experts in the field
- Deep and accurate analysis
- Requires subscription but some articles are available without one
- online.wsj.com



Los Angeles Times

- One of the most respected national papers in the US
- Covers domestic and foreign issues reliably
- Slightly liberal influence
- Reliable source that can be used on almost every issue

www.latimes.com



Foreign Affairs

- True journal of Foreign issues
- Covers US foreign policy goals and interests
- Covers trends in world politics
- Articles written by some of the most influential political scientists and international affairs experts in the world.
- Many articles remain relevant for years after their publication and can influence world events by themselves.
- www.foreignaffairs.com



The Economist

- ▣ The Bible of foreign and domestic issues.
- ▣ Covers politics, world affairs, cultural issues as well as economics.
- ▣ Every article could be an extemp question
- ▣ Tournament Directors look to Economist to write questions.
- ▣ May require subscription
- ▣ www.economist.com



Other sources to consider

Consider using region-specific sources

For foreign topics, you should include sources from the region or country in question.



Middle East Times

- ▣ www.mideast-times.com
 - Based in Egypt
 - Excellent for MEPP
 - Some bias but still helpful



Financial Times

- ▣ www.ft.com
- ▣ Based in London
- ▣ THE international economic source
- ▣ Covers both European and US economic issues
- ▣ May require subscription



South China Morning Post

- www.scmp.com
- Based in Hong Kong
- Fairly objective Asian news source
- In-depth coverage
- Some problems with press freedom in China



The Statesman

- www.thestatesman.net
- Based in India
- Excellent coverage of India, Pakistan, and the relations between the two



All Africa

- ▣ www.allafrica.com
- ▣ Sources more than 40 newspapers from all the countries on the continent



Sydney Morning Herald

- ▣ www.smhu.com.au
- ▣ Australia and New Zealand



smh.com.au
The Sydney Morning Herald

The logo features the text 'smh.com.au' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it is a thin horizontal line, followed by the text 'The Sydney Morning Herald' in a black, traditional gothic-style serif font.

The Guardian

- <http://www.theguardian.com/us>
- Fairly reliable source for British news
- Some liberal bias



BBC News

- ▣ www.bbc.com/news/
- ▣ Good reporting from all over the world
- ▣ Country Profiles
- ▣ Backgrounders
- ▣



The screenshot shows the BBC News London website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BBC logo, links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and More, along with the London 2012 Olympic logo and a search bar. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, World, UK, England, N. Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Business, Politics, Health, Education, Sci/Environment, Technology, and Entertainment & Arts.

The main content area features a large article titled "Brixton's famous windmill mural restored". The article includes a photograph of a red fire truck and a firefighter in front of a large, colorful mural. The text below the photo states: "5 June 2012 Last updated at 18:33. A mural in Brixton that had fallen into disrepair has been restored and repainted. The Brixton Windmill mural, which was originally created in the 1980s by artists and local people, was".

To the right of the main article is a "Most watched/listened" sidebar with a list of seven items, each with a small video thumbnail and a number indicating its rank:

- 1 Opening ceremony 'meadow' plans
- 2 The 75-year-old bodybuilding grandma
- 3 Inside Warner Bros' revamped studio
- 4 Ice cream van fracas investigated
- 5 Colorado wildfire 'moving fast'
- 6 Easy as Pi?
- 7 Apple vs Google war

Look for sources specific to your
topic

Politics

- ❑ Roll Call - Insider's source on the workings of congress - provides excellent facts and figures. - <http://www.rollcall.com/>
- ❑ Political Science Quarterly – nonpartisan journal with in-depth approach to political issues and trends - www.psqonline.org
- ❑ Congressional Research Service – component of the Library of Congress that does research for Congress on a wide variety of topics of national policy = <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/>
- ❑ Politico - <http://www.politico.com/>



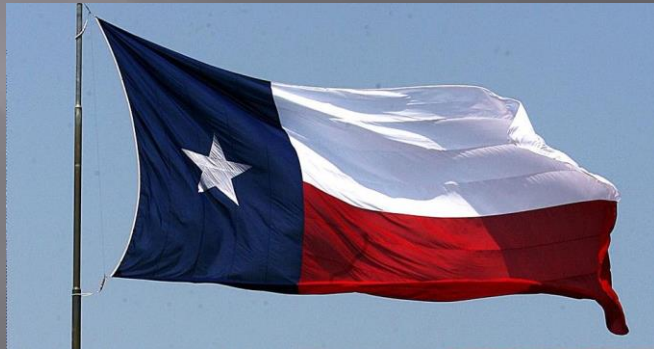
Business Week

- ▣ Offers unique insight on how important issues will influence the economy and affect business in the United States as well as abroad.
- ▣ Editorials in every issue that explore and analyze a wide variety of issues.
- ▣ www.businessweek.com



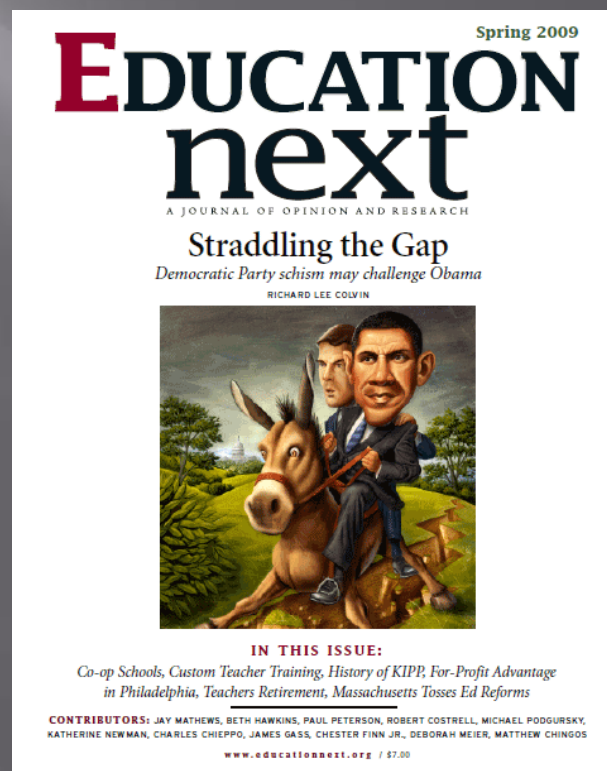
Texas

- ▣ Houston Chronicle - www.chron.com
- ▣ Dallas Morning News - www.dallasnews.com
- ▣ Texas Tribune - www.texastribune.org
- ▣ Austin American Statesman - www.statesman.com



Education Next

- ▣ <http://educationnext.org/>
- ▣ Journal of opinion and research on education
- ▣ Education policy
- ▣ School Reform



Think Tanks

- ▣ Definition: a body of experts providing advice and ideas on specific political or economic problems.
- ▣ Can be funded by donors with specific agendas – can be biased
- ▣ Almost 7,000 think tanks available
- ▣ Watch for credibility of authors



Why use think tanks?

- ▣ Well-researched
- ▣ Depth of analysis
- ▣ Even if biased, reports are legitimate

Top Think Tanks (determined by public foreign policy experts)

- ▣ 1. Brookings Institution (United States)
- 2. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (United States)
- 3. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) (United States)
- 4. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) (United States)
- 5. RAND Corporation (United States)
- 6. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (United States)
- 7. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) (United States)
- 8. Pew Research Center (United States)
- 9. Heritage Foundation (United States)
- 10. Cato Institute (United States)
- 11. Center for American Progress (CAP) (United States)
- 12. Peterson Institute for International Economics (United States)
- 13. National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) (United States)

Brookings Institute

- ❑ American think tank based in Washington, D.C.
- ❑ Conducts research and education in the social sciences, primarily in **economics, metropolitan policy, governance, foreign policy, and global economy and development.**
- ❑ Also does work in Middle Eastern and defense studies
- ❑ Media describe Brookings as "liberal-centrist" or "centrist." but also cited frequently by conservative politicians – considered middle of the road by most studies
- ❑ The most frequently cited think tank by the U.S. media and politicians.
- ❑ Funded by corporations like ExxonMobil and by several governments (US, Japan, UK)
- ❑ www.brookings.edu

Cato Institute

- ▣ Based in Washington, D.C.
- ▣ Established to have a focus on public advocacy, media exposure and societal influence
- ▣ Foreign policy, economy, constitutional issues, environment
- ▣ Largely libertarian in outlook
- ▣ Cited in opposition to things like affirmative action, minimum wage
- ▣ Support for smaller government and highly individualistic interpretations of the constitution
- ▣ www.cato.org

Heritage Foundation

- ▣ Conservative in nature
- ▣ Works with Wall Street Journal
- ▣ Publishes studies on economic freedom in countries
 - Defined as property rights and freedom from government regulation
- ▣ Insurance mandate originally the idea of Heritage

American Enterprise Institute

- ▣ American think tank in Washington DC
- ▣ Stated mission is "to defend the principles and improve the institutions of American freedom and democratic capitalism – limited government, private enterprise, individual liberty and responsibility, vigilant and effective defense and foreign policies, political accountability, and open debate".
- ▣ www.aei.org

American Foreign Policy Council

- ▣ Conservative non-profit U.S. foreign policy think tank
- ▣ Foreign and defense policy specialists provide information to members of US Congress, the Executive Branch, and the US policymaking community and world leaders
- ▣ Publishes strategic reports and other reports monitoring the policy progress of other countries from a conservative standpoint (particularly Russia, China, countries in the Middle East and in Asia). Common topics include security (missile defense, arms control, energy security, espionage) as well as the ongoing status of democracy and market economies in countries of interest.
- ▣ www.afpc.org

Science and Technology

- ▣ CNET
- ▣ Science Daily
- ▣ Wired
- ▣ Scientific American
- ▣ Journal of the American Medical Association
- ▣ American Journal of Public Health
- ▣ New England Journal of Medicine

Supreme Court / Law / Legislative

- ▣ Congressional Quarterly
- ▣ Harvard Journal on Legislation
- ▣ SCOTUSblog
- ▣ The Hill
- ▣ Roll Call

Military / Law

- ▣ Center for Strategic and International Studies
- ▣ Armed Forces Journal
- ▣ Army Times
- ▣ Congressional Research Service
- ▣ International Institute for Strategic Studies
- ▣ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Environment

- ▣ Energy Policy
- ▣ World Resources Institute

Education

- ▣ Chronicle of Higher Education
- ▣ Education Weekly
- ▣ Journal of Higher Education
- ▣ American Educational Research Council
- ▣ National Education Policy Center

Others

- ▣ Congressional Budget Office
- ▣ Economic Policy Institute
- ▣ American Institute for Economic Research

Questionable

- ▣ National Review –considered too far right wing by many judges to be sourced (good investigative articles)
- ▣ The New Republic – liberally biased political magazine
- ▣ The Weekly Standard – highly opinionated and biased conservative journal
- ▣ The Week – we do use this one
- ▣ Op-Ed articles – depending on author
- ▣ Blogs – check credentials

Mostly avoid

- ▣ Television media

- CNN
- Fox News
- MSNBC

- ▣ Wire sources

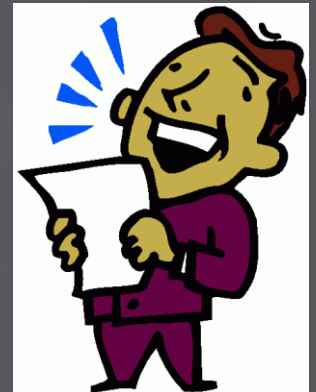
- Reuters
- AP



- ▣ These sources are good for building your knowledge of news but do not provide the in-depth analysis of the news that you need – they report, not analyze.

Appropriate uses of sources

- ▣ Avoid using the same source twice in a speech
 - Unless it's to show a contradiction
 - Or unless both articles are so compelling it's unavoidable
 - Makes speech seem one-sided
- ▣ Use sources that are native to the topic area
- ▣ Use a source in the intro for justification
- ▣ Use two sources per topic area
 - 1st source – to provide the data (newspaper)
 - 2nd source – to aid in analysis (think tank)
- ▣ Total of 7-10 points per speech



Questions?

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