

Discussion: Comparing media coverage of a story

Be sure to answer ALL the questions below.

Provide in-text citations and a list of works cited in MLA format.

1. Go to [All Sides](#), a site devoted to providing multiple angles on the same story, and write about the differences in the way one story is covered by three different news outlets, one on the political right, one centrist, and one on the left.

2. In your comparison, note whether you find examples of bias in coverage of the issue. Remember, there are different kinds of bias - liberal/conservative, commercial, patriotic, etc.

Consult the [library guide on Fake News](#). Under the "Journalism" page, look for the "All Sides Bias Ratings." What are the public's judgments about the liberal/conservative bias of the news sources you chose? Do you agree with these ratings? Why/why not?

3. How factual is the information presented in each story? What sources are cited in the story? Who is the author of the story and what are his/her credentials?

See the library guide's section on "Combating Fake News." What advice does the [library guide](#) ([Links to an external site.](#))

give on how to spot fake news? Check the story you researched on one of the fact-checking sites below to see if the fact-checkers have analyzed any claims in the story.

The Annenberg Center's [FactCheck](#)

The Tampa Bay Times project, [Politifact](#)

4. What impact does each story have on the reader? (Does it make you angry, frustrated, proud, etc.?) Consider the issue of filter bubbles. If citizens rely on exclusively liberal or conservative news sources, what impact does this have on our democracy?

See the section on "Filters" on the "Journalism" page of the library guide. What can you do to burst your own filter bubble?