

## Homework

For tonight's homework, I would like you to find a news story/issue/event that interests you. You may choose any story you like, as long as you find it important and relevant. After you have selected a story/issue/event, find 2 different reports on that story. One source should be from a mainstream media organization (Mercurynews, CNN, NY Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Fox, etc.) and one source should be from an alternative or non-mainstream news organization/source/outlet.

After you have read both versions of the story, **make an outline of key similarities and differences between the accounts.** What facts are similar/different? Is there any difference in the sources they use? Do you notice any bias? Etc.

Print out both the mainstream and the alternative versions of the story and bring them to class with your outline

Here is a list of alternative news sources from the web. Some of these might be dead links. But finding traditionally liberal or conservative sites should be pretty easy.

Al Jazeera: <a href="http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage">http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage</a>	Infoplease.com: <a href="http://www.infoplease.com">http://www.infoplease.com</a>
Alternet.org: <a href="http://www.alternet.org">http://www.alternet.org</a>	Media Channel: <a href="http://www.mediachannel.org/">http://www.mediachannel.org/</a>
Center For Responsive Politics: <a href="http://www.opensecrets.org/">http://www.opensecrets.org/</a>	Media Lens: <a href="http://www.medialens.org/">http://www.medialens.org/</a>
Clamor Magazine: <a href="http://www.clamormagazine.org">http://www.clamormagazine.org</a>	Mother Jones: <a href="http://www.motherjones.com/">http://www.motherjones.com/</a>
Common Dreams: <a href="http://www.commondreams.org">http://www.commondreams.org</a>	Nationalreview.com
Counterpunch: <a href="http://www.counterpunch.org">http://www.counterpunch.org</a>	Salon.com: <a href="http://www.salon.com/">http://www.salon.com/</a>
CSNnews.com	Saveourmedia.org: <a href="http://www.saveourmedia.org">http://www.saveourmedia.org</a>
Conservativenews.org	Take Back The Media: <a href="http://www.takebackthemediacom/index.shtml">http://www.takebackthemediacom/index.shtml</a>
Conservativeindex.com	The Guardian: <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/antiwar/subsection/0,12809,884056,00.html">http://www.guardian.co.uk/antiwar/subsection/0,12809,884056,00.html</a>
Drudgereport	The Nation: <a href="http://www.thenation.com">http://www.thenation.com</a>
Daily Howler: <a href="http://www.dailyhowler.com">http://www.dailyhowler.com</a>	University of Washington - list of media sources: <a href="http://www.lib.washington.edu/mcnews/newsflash/iraq_news.html">http://www.lib.washington.edu/mcnews/newsflash/iraq_news.html</a>
Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting: <a href="http://www.fair.org">http://www.fair.org</a>	<a href="http://www.voice4change.org/stories/showstory.asp?file=030418~pa.asp">http://www.voice4change.org/stories/showstory.asp?file=030418~pa.asp</a>
From the Wilderness: <a href="http://fromthewilderness.com/">http://fromthewilderness.com/</a>	Znet: <a href="http://www.zmag.org/weluser.htm">http://www.zmag.org/weluser.htm</a>
Gopusa.com	Huffingtonpost.com
Guerilla News Network: <a href="http://www.guerrillanews.com/index.html">http://www.guerrillanews.com/index.html</a>	

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Many of these sites list links to other alternative sites