

# Decoding media bias



## Objective

To examine where people in the U.S. get their news, how news selection amplifies one's political views, and how media organizations decide to cover stories.

## Overview

Students will view the *We The Voters* film "MediOcracy," and then examine current news stories and how they're covered by the three main cable news outlets. They will conclude by examining news stories for bias/point of view.

## Materials

- *We The Voters* film, "MediOcracy"
- Copies of Student Handout #1: Media Website Examination
  - CNN: <http://www.cnn.com>

- Fox News: <http://www.foxnews.com>
- MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.com>

Teacher Resource:

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/lessons-plans/decoding-media-bias-lesson-plan/>