

**AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
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MEDIA COMPARISON PROJECT

Choose one news story, and compare how it is covered and framed in at least five of the following; those with an asterisk must be included:

- * a US Newspaper
- a foreign newspaper
- a blog
- Internet News (such as AOL, Google)
- * TV
- radio
- Facebook
- Twitter
- a talk show or hosted media show
- a TV website
- a weekly news magazine
- an online magazine, (such as Slate)
- a humor show

Make a chart showing the difference in each medium regarding the following: Headline; How is the story framed? Who had the story first? (Might be a wire service, such as AP or Reuters) Who did the investigative work on the story? How accurate were the different versions? Was there a bias? Which story has the most detail?

Based on this analysis, what do you conclude is the best place to get accurate News? Are there advantages and disadvantages to each medium? To check accuracy, you might want to check

- <http://newstrust.net/>
- <http://www.journalism.org/>
- <http://www.factcheck.org/>

Be prepared to discuss your findings in class