**SS11 Explorations Due: Friday, Sept. 30th**

**Media Assignment**

**Focus Questions:**

* **What do you know about the world?**
* **How do you know about the world?**

**Instructions:**

Examine a newspaper or magazine and select an article that is reasonably current. You must choose a controversial event, issue or opinion, and/or relates to politics, foreign relations, or society in some way.

**Sources:**

The following sources are worth your time:

* Globe and Mail
* National Post
* CBC NEWS
* Maclean’s Magazine
* Time Magazine
* New York Times
* Washington Post
* CNN
* Fox News
* Times Colonist
* Vancouver Sun
* BBC NEWS

**Format:**

In a slide show (power point/google slides), please provide the following:

Slide 1: (3)

* Source (Newspaper, Broadcast Media,….)
* Section (World, National, Politics, Business, etc…)
* Date of the Event or Article
* Author
* Title of the Article
* Provide a screenshot of the article and embed in your slide

Slide 2: Short Description (5)

* Summarize in 1-2 sentences the issue being reported
* Explain why you chose the article and why it is controversial.
* Is there any **bias** in this article? What are some questions that you or other may have that are not addressed in the article that could indicate bias? Is the report balanced (why or why not?)?

Slide 3: Verify (3)

Note: You must find a separate article from another news outlet on the topic you are exploring.

* Repeat instructions from Slide 1

Slide 4: Verify (3)

Note: You must find (yet another) separate article from another news outlet on the topic…..

* Repeat instructions from Slide 1 and 3

Slide 5: Paragraph Assessment (approximately 300 words) (10)

* In a paragraph (16-18 font), assess the **bias** in the reporting you have read. Think about similarities and differences (mostly differences) in how the issue was reported between the news sources. Is there any loaded language (biased) to the articles? Additionally, what is your opinion about the reporting and how it informs people or how it might influence people reading it?

Assessment – 24 marks