
POLICE



MATURITA CARD | News and Media

A COMPARE AND CONTRAST

- Look at the pictures on the other side of this card. What does each picture show? What trends, themes or ideas do they represent? What is happening in each picture?
- Compare and contrast them. In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different?
- How do these pictures make you feel? Do they remind you of anything from your own life and experience?

B ALL ABOUT YOU

- Do you personally feel that keeping up with current events is important? Why or why not? What stories and topics interest you most?
- Where do you get news? From what websites, print media, broadcast media and social media, and why? What are their advantages and disadvantages?
- What media sources do you trust most? And least? Why?
- Do you think the media you use have any bias? Does it matter? Why or why not? Do you try to avoid bias or seek out different viewpoints? How?
- Have you ever experienced an event or situation personally and then seen reporting on it in the media? What was your experience?
- Have you ever seen a news story that you knew was fake news? Talk about one such experience. Do you think fake news is increasing, decreasing or staying about the same? Why?
- Do you have a friend or relative whose media consumption led them to a very different world view from you? Talk about it.
- What social media do you use? How and why? What are the benefits to you? Are there any problems?
- What social media do you know about but not use? What do you know about them?

C SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

- What changes and trends do you see in the world of media?
- In what ways are social media such as X (Twitter), Facebook, TikTok and others beneficial, and in what ways are they harmful? Is their overall effect positive or negative? Why?
- Should children be allowed to use social media? Why or why not? What limits should there be, if any, and why?
- Should there be limits to freedom of speech for the media? What rules should there be? How does this apply to things such as biased reporting, fake news, personal insults, threats, antisemitism, racism or reporting that helps an enemy power?
- How has media use changed? What effects has this had? Talk about it.
- How are different media funded? What are the advantages and disadvantages of different media funding models (state finance, advertising, subscription fees, etc.)?

D WHAT IS....?

Give a definition of each of these terms.

- newspaper
- social media
- journalism
- columnist
- propaganda
- censorship
- bias
- state media
- mass media
- headline
- paywall
- subscription
- viral
- press release
- public relations (PR)
- fact-checker
- citizen journalism
- livestream
- open-source intelligence (OSINT)

E QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"Whoever controls the media, controls the mind."
Jim Morrison

"The dark side of social media is that, within seconds, anything can be blown out of proportion and taken out of context. And it's very difficult not to get swept up in it all."
Nicola Formichetti

"The biases the media have are much bigger than conservative or liberal. They're about getting ratings, about making money, about doing stories that are easy to cover."
Al Franken

"Fashion pictures show people looking glamorous. Travel pictures show a place looking at its best. In the cookery pages, the food always looks amazing, right? Most of the pictures we consume are propaganda."
Martin Parr