

Note: Engage your “students” before the first class session via email or other delivery means. Get participants to accept responsibility for their class; make it a challenge.
— Frank Garred

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Evaluating Your News Sources

Launch a journal detailing your daily news consumption. Make the start date today, March 25.

Include the source (newspaper, magazine, website, radio, broadcast TV or cable TV news channel, webcast, podcast, email from friends and etc.), time spent with that source, list the stories of interest (post here the type of story: news, editorial/opinion/column, information, entertainment, human interest, sports).

List the website commentators and blogs you visit regularly.

Note any reactions you have to these stories and what you do with that reaction — what action do you take (letter to editor, email a friend, email a response to the source, argue with your spouse, sigh, nod in agreement and etc.).

List each news source to which you subscribe (newspaper, magazine, on-line news site or commentator, others).

Add any other elements of interest related to your news consumption.

Bring the result to our first session March 28. Questions? Suggestions?

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