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**Media Examination Assignment**

**Due:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Instructions:** Write a reaction statement for each type of program giving a detailed account about what happened on the program by segment (if applicable) and your analysis of the bias and credibility of each.

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| ***Sunday Morning Discussions***  | Watch two of the following three:* Fox News Sunday w/ Chris Wallace www.hulu.com/fox-news-sunday
* Meet the Press w/ Chuck Todd [www.mtp.msnbc.com](http://www.mtp.msnbc.com))
* This Week with Christiane Amanpour [www.abcnews.go.com/thisweek](http://www.abcnews.go.com/thisweek))
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| National Nightly News | Watch one:* CBS Evening News w/ Scott Pelley

 ([www.cbsnews.com/sections/eveningnews](http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/eveningnews))* ABC Nightly News w/ Diane Sawyer

 ([www.abcnews.go.com/wn](http://www.abcnews.go.com/wn))* NBC Nightly News w/ Brian Williams

(clips at [www.msnbc.msn.com](http://www.msnbc.msn.com)) |
| Liberal Cable News Spin* *Hardball* features “talking head” discussions and interviews
* *The Last Word* and *Maddow* feature more discussions about top news stories of the day w/ their opinions

  | Watch one (clips at [www.msnbc.msn.com](http://www.msnbc.msn.com))* Hardball with Chris Matthews
* The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell
* The Rachel Maddow Show
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| Conservative Cable News Spin* *Hannity* features “talking head” discussions and interviews
* *O’Reilly* feature more discussions about top news stories of the day w/ their opinions
 | **Watch one (clips at** [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)**) \*Go to videos and click “Show Clips”*** O’Reilly Factor
* Hannity
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| Off-Beat Look at the News* *The Daily Show* is slanted liberal and is formatted like Nightly News broadcasts w/ a interview at the end
* *The Colbert Report* is slanted conservative and is formatted like the “opinion” news shows on MSNBC and FOX News
 | Watch both (an hour total)* The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

[www.thedailyshow.com](http://www.thedailyshow.com)* The Colbert Report

[www.colbertnation.com](http://www.colbertnation.com) |

**Assignment:** For each pay attention to national news or politics – Critique each in the following categories.

1. How in-depth are the stories?
2. What types of stories are covered?
3. How much did you learn from each?
4. How and in what ways did the source get you thinking? What are your own thoughts and impressions of this as a source?
5. How this news source impacts our national discussion on issues and politics.

You can do this in a variety of formats, but I suggest taking a few notes and then writing up a comparison paper. You must use specific examples of stories and details within each story. You can write it source by source or one issue at a time and compare the sources to each other. I’m open to substituting other sources, the point is to get a variety of types and quality of news**.**