

# WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL!!

w/ Mr. Radcliff

Friday,  
August 21st, 2020

Class will begin shortly. Feel free to talk amongst yourselves!



### Upcoming:

**Bias** today!!

**Bias & Narrative** on Tue/Wed  
**Bias & Credibility** on Thur/Fri

### For This Unit:

There's No Test

The Burning Question:

# Can a source still be credible if it's biased?

- **Kickstarter**
- **Reveal** - Our Class's Situated Perspective
- **Vote** - Class Norms, Rules, & Expectation
  - **Quick Civics Lesson** - Referendums - Advisory & Binding
- **Demonstration** - Mr. Radcliff's Notes / Using Pages
- **Watch/Discuss** - Bias in Social Media
- **Take Notes Independently** - Bias
  - **Take Notes** - Bias Lecture
  - **Watch** - People Being Biased
  - **Quick Screen Break** - Avoid the phone!
- **Explore & Practice** - Different Types of Bias
- **Final Word?**

## Today's Agenda



**HW:** Bias Examples  
Syllabus Due Next Class!

## No Exam This Unit!

You're Welcome

## Unit Schedule

- **Monday (17) / Tuesday (18)** - Introduction to Human-Geo
  - HW - Finish About Me; Get Syllabus Signed (Due by 8/25-26)
- **Wednesday (19) / Thursday (20)** - Situated Perspective
  - HW - Get Syllabus Signed; Situated Perspective Homework
- **Friday (21) / Monday (24)** - Bias
  - HW - Syllabus Due Next Class; Bias Homework
- **Tuesday (25) / Wednesday (26)** - Bias & Narrative
- **Thursday (27) / Friday (28)** - Bias & Credibility
  - HW - Finish EdPuzzle if you didn't in Class!
- **Monday (31) / Tuesday (1)** - Spatial Perspective
- **Wednesday (2) / Thursday (3)** - 5 Themes of Geography
- **Friday (4) / Tuesday (8)** - Maps, Independent Research
- **Wednesday (9) / Thursday (10)** - Globalization

Bias  
Boot  
Camp

# Our Schedule

RMHS	Class Periods	
Class Times	Gold Day	Purple Day
8:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Zero Hour	Zero Hour
10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	1	6
11:15 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.	2*	5*
1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	3	7
2:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	4	8

\* Includes a 30-minute Independent Student Work break.

# Come Visit Us in our Seminar Zoom!

Anytime you would like help or want to talk about anything.  
Zoom links are on Schoology!

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You can also reach out to us to schedule a meeting during other times!

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# Our School's Zoom Rules

*Sorry that they're "yelling" at you*

1. **ARRIVE ON TIME, MUTE YOURSELF UPON ENTRY, & HAVE YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME DISPLAYED.**
2. **HAVE YOUR CAMERA ON** (unless you have a special circumstance or have talked to your teacher ahead of time)
3. **BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY, RESPECTFULLY, & STAY ENGAGED!**
4. **CLOSE ANY APPS THAT YOU'RE NOT CURRENTLY USING IN THIS CLASS** (avoid distractions)
5. **DO NOT LEAVE CLASS BEFORE THE TEACHER HAS DISMISSED YOU.**

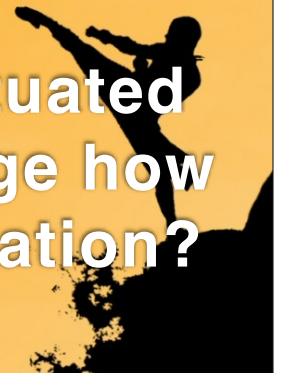
Take Attendance

# KICKSTARTER

What is situated perspective?

How does our situated perspective change how we take in information?

Answer on Schoology



Take  
Attendance

# KICKSTARTER

Let's see  
the results



Answer on Schoology

Something to Know

# Our Class's Situating Perspective

A quick civics lesson on...

# Public Referendums

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Binding

Advisory

Something to Do:

# We're going to have an Advisory Referendum

Go to "Class Norms Election" on Schoology.

Mr. Taylor & myself will present the norms,  
rules, & expectations to you guys next  
class.

Something to Observe:

# Taking Notes in Pages

And  
Split  
Screen

A Pressing Question

# What is bias??

## Cultural Studies Method

All  
knowledge  
claims are  
situated  
perspectives.



So the question...

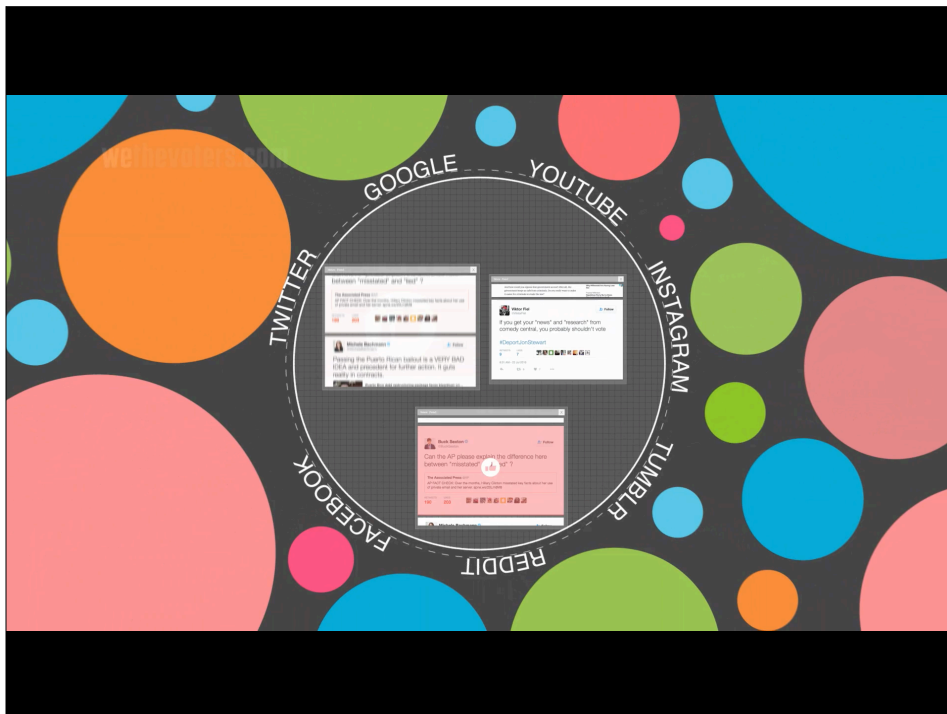
How do you think your situated perspective changes how you view the world?

Perhaps, how you view: civil rights, immigration, gun control, gender equality, religious freedom, etc...

Questions to Answer During the Video:

How can social media change the way we view the world?

What other aspects really struck a nerve with you?



Time for Answers!

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What other aspects really struck a nerve with you?

Bonus Question:

**How can we mitigate (lessen) the effect social media has on our worldview?**

Something to Do:

**And now...  
the  
independent  
part of today!**

During this Independent Part:

You are about to watch the lecture video & a funny video on bias (I'll be here if you have any questions). You have three choices to show you've understood the material:

- 1) Take notes & take a picture of them.
- 2) Write a 7+ sentence summary/reflection about what you learned.
- 3) Record a 90+ second audio (or video) reflection.

Submit it to Bias Lecture on Schoology.

Meet back here at: \_\_\_\_\_ →

**Let me know  
show you how I  
think the best  
way to multitask  
with this lecture**

Please Take Your Notes Out

# Different Techniques That Show Bias

## Bias Through Selection or Omission



Choosing to use or not to use a specific news item. Within a given story, some details can be ignored, and others included, to give readers or viewers a different opinion about the events reported.

## Bias Through Placement

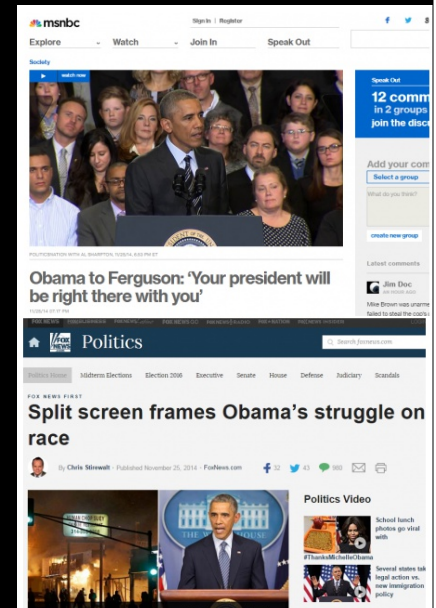
Readers of papers judge first page stories to be more significant than those buried in the back, while news websites place the most important stories on their home page.

Where a story is placed, therefore, influences what a reader or viewer thinks about its importance.



## Bias Through Headline

Many people read only the headlines of a news item. Headlines can present bias and prejudices. They can convey excitement where little exists. They can express approval or condemnation.



# Bias Through Word Choice and Tone

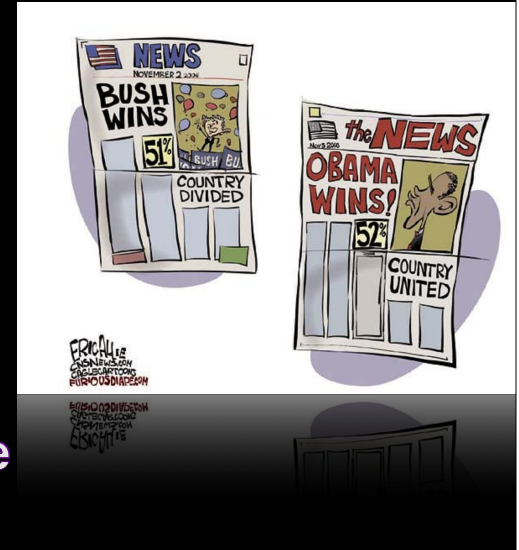


The use of words with a positive or negative connotation can strongly influence the reader or viewer: consider how a hockey game might be seen differently if it's described as a "loss," a "close game" or a "near-win."

Or the terms "illegal alien" vs "undocumented immigrant"

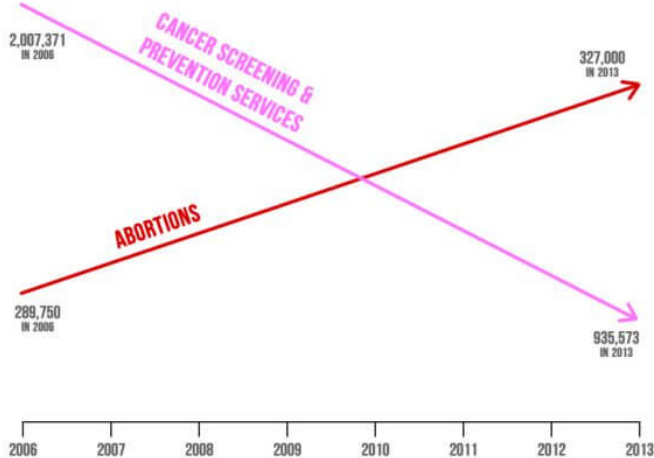
# Bias Through Statistics

Numbers lie all the time. Compare "More than 900 people attended the event" with "Fewer than 1,000 people showed up at the event."



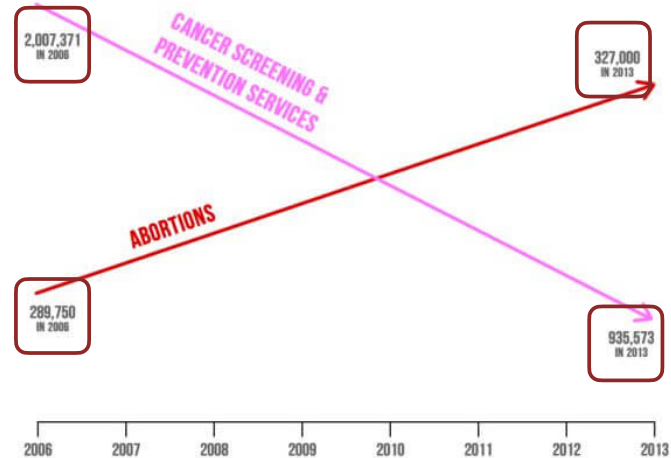
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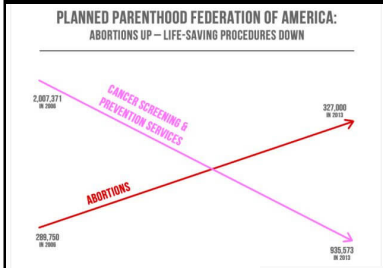
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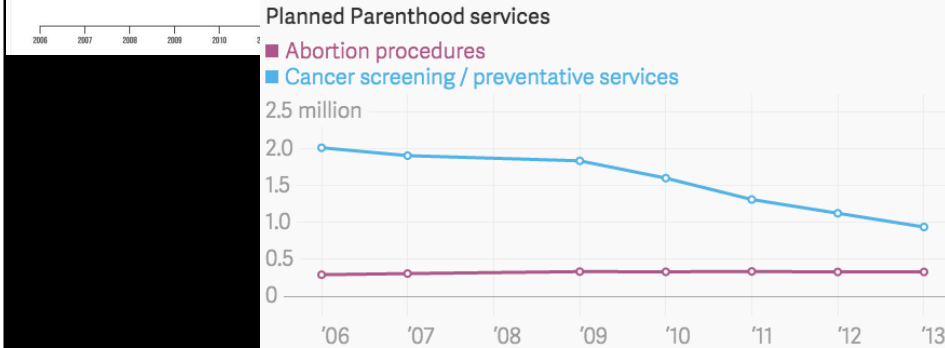




# Bias Through Statistics



These charts both show the same statistics.



# One Last Technique

# Bias Through Photo Choice



Individually:  
- Go to CNN & FOX News to see what stories they are focusing on.

- The analysis questions on the bottom will require you to think critically.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Finding Bias**  
All Knowledge Claims Are Situated Perspectives

**Part 1 - 24-Hour News Networks:**  
Visit the websites below. Find their first four stories, using this information to fill out the following table & answer the questions below.

	Main Page News Items	Political Page News Items
CNN (cnn.com)	1.	1.
	2.	2.
	3.	3.
	4.	4.
FOX NEWS (foxnews.com)	1.	1.
	2.	2.
	3.	3.
	4.	4.

**Analysis Questions:**


- Are there any differences in the types of stories being covered? Please explain.
- Why do you think these two news organizations have different coverage?
- How do you think most people would figure out which one to believe?
- How should you figure out which one to believe?



CNN US World Politics Business Opinion Health Entertainment Style Travel Sports Videos LIVE TV Edition 🔍 🗨️ ☰

COVID-19: Live updates | Saliva-based test | Sorority quarantine | Face masks | **TRENDING: Robert Trump** | Cardi B | Fire tornado | Red panda cubs

## This new Covid-19 test could be a game changer



**After months of frustration over testing shortages and delays, a new saliva test could give Americans a fast and inexpensive option to learn if they have Covid-19**


**LIVE UPDATES** New Zealand election delayed four weeks over coronavirus

Why some can't accept the reality of Covid-19

Keilar: I'm sorry, but what the hell is Dr. Atlas talking about?


CDC blindsided by Trump's statement it could deploy teams to schools this fall

Oklahoma State sorority house placed in quarantine after 23 members test positive for Covid-19




### Few signs of collective mourning as the US nears 170,000 coronavirus deaths

- South Dakota turns down Trump's unemployment benefits boost
- A small boutique survived the pandemic by live streaming fashion shows



### North Carolina voters received absentee ballot request forms with Trump's face on them

- Trump's postmaster general is in the hot seat
- Meadows says USPS won't remove any more mail sorting machines, but it may be too late
- Kushner responds to Obama's USPS criticism



### Multiple police officers shot in Texas after responding to call at a home

GOP congressman Adam Kinzinger urges Republican leaders to denounce QAnon

Jake Tapper: Greene's videos indicate detachment from truth and decency

A man lived in a Tampa stadium's luxury suite for over 2 weeks, police say

Worried voters buy stamps to fund the USPS


Schiff: Trump thinks higher voter turnout is bad for him

Washington Post: Senate Intel leaders told DOJ they believed Bannon, Donald Trump Jr. and Kushner may have misled panel

US cities showcase a deadly new reality

'Do you regret all of the lying?': Reporter's blunt question to Trump causes a stir

**Opinion:** What scares Democrats



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## ONCE BERNED, TWICE SHY

### Dem convention's goal: Unify the party, keep 'restive' Bernie supporters from blowing it

WATCH: Trump to join 'Fox & Friends' Monday as Democratic National Convention kicks off

The 2020 Democratic National Convention: What to know

Trump slams Kamala Harris as 'the worst in the Senate,' says she is 'more liberal' than Bernie Sanders

California Sanders delegates snubbed Kamala Harris in VP wish list to Biden

**BREAKING NEWS**

**THREE OFFICERS SHOT**

**SOONER OR LATER**

**Suspect barricaded inside home after incident in Austin suburb**

**Group claims to have signatures to recall mayor who defunded police**

Horrific: Police slam overnight violence that left several dead, several others riddled with bullets

Hot spot for gun violence once again surges over the weekend

Over 60 Portland 911 calls go unheeded overnight as police respond to riot

Seattle councilwoman rips departing

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### Part 2 - Finding Specific Bias:

You will be assigned a specific type of bias to look for. Circle which one you are responsible & find examples from the news (New York Times, Washington Post, Fox News, Daily Caller, CNN, MSNBC, Breitbart, Politico, NPR, etc...)

Bias by Headline      Bias by Word Choice & Tone      Bias by Photos, Captions & Camera Angles

Example	Source (Where is it from?)	How is it biased? (How does it change how we feel about the story?)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

1. Why do you think journalists do this to their stories?

2. What is the most important thing you learned through this activity?

**Individually:**

**- You CHOOSE which of the three types of bias**

**- Use the suggested sites to find 5 examples.**

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