

Wilson 16 Chapter 12 Assignment

1. How has the accessibility of social media decreased the veritability of news that was present in the heyday of old media?
2. Why should libel be against the law?
3. Make the case for why the US should have an Official Secrets Act.
4. How would an Official Secrets Act protect corrupt political practices?
5. Why is the Freedom of Information Act vital to transparent government?
6. Why is the Associated Press important to journalism?
7. Why does a politician have to do or say something bold to get on TV compared to being covered by a newspaper?
8. How do sound bites affect reporting on political activities?
9. How has the expansion of cable news and internet given voice to even the most obscure member of congress or politician. Think David Clarke Milwaukee Sheriff.
10. What percentage of people get their news online?
11. Explain the ramifications of the 1st paragraph on page 269.
12. In what ways have online news viewing reflected old media prevalence when it comes to news consumption?
13. How is fake news possible on social media?
14. How is fake news a threat to democracy?
15. How is the age of the internet not the age of a political information consumption revolution?
16. How has electronic mobilization increased political participation among groups least likely to participate politically?
17. What role does the press secretary play in the White House?
18. How is the press secretary job an attempt to influence the direction of a story?
19. How do trial balloons affect presidential action?
20. How are the media and politicians in an adversarial relationship as to what gets covered?
21. Why should politicians avoid TV news reporters at their own peril?
22. Why are newspapers an endangered species?
23. Based on what you know about political participation, why is television coverage an important resource for politicians?
24. Why would a politician be somewhat ok by avoiding a social media presence since young people are most likely to get their news from social media?
25. How do people who watch FOX News and MSNBC participants in an echo chamber?
26. How is it that in this information age people are less informed about politics compared to previous generations?
27. How does this lead to declining political participation?
28. Compare and Contrast how to reach the most likely to participate to those less likely to participate according to Figure 12.2.
29. How does selective exposure endanger our communities?
30. “We never let facts get in the way of what we know to be true.”– Rudy Guiliani. How is this mindset represented in people gaining political knowledge?
31. Why is reading a newspaper to be your best bet for learning about state and local news?
32. Why should we care about losing the local newspaper? (Fresno Bee no longer published locally, by the way)
33. What is agenda setting?
34. How does playing gatekeeper show bias?
35. How is priming used to evaluate political performance by politicians?
36. Why is how a story is framed important?
37. What does the USA Freedom Act do?

38. Describe what the media does in their watchdog role.
39. Why is it vital that the Fresno Bee report on Devin Nunes' and Jim Costa's activities?
40. Why is media scorekeeping in elections harmful to the political process?
41. How did the media's coverage of the 2016 election shortchange America?
42. What does the preponderance of scorekeeping reporting say about voters?
43. Figure 12.3 proves Trump only exploited a pre-existing belief in fake news rather than creating the belief. Explain.
44. Why does the media try to avoid bias in its news reporting?
45. Explain the idea of no prior restraint.
46. Why are shield laws controversial?
47. How did the federal government justify its seizure of five years worth of emails and phone records from *New York Times* journalist Ali Watkins in 2018?
48. The Justice Department under Obama prosecuted more leak cases than every previous administration combined. Trump's prosecutions are three times higher than Obama's. How will this affect the public's ability to know what its government is really up to?
49. How can it be argued that leaks are a vital resource to a free press?
50. What would the consequences of preventing leaks in a democratic society be?
51. Why is an adversarial press a reality in America?
52. Why must TV and radio stations get licenses to operate?
53. How does the rise of Sinclair Broadcast group demonstrate the consequences of TV and radio ownership deregulation efforts? [See *Last Week Tonight*— with parent permission for its mature/immature language and antics]
54. Why is it dangerous to have only six companies controlling 90% of America's media outlets?
55. Why is the fairness doctrine no longer required of media outlets?
56. When Pappas Communications (Channels 26 and 59) tried to donate \$250,000 to Andy Vidak in his congressional race against Jim Costa, what prevented this act?
57. How are minor party candidates kept out of the televised debates?
58. Why is narrowcasting a better use of resources and how does it work?