

Media Workshop: Religion in the News

1. Meet in small groups. These will be the same media groups you will be working in all quarter.
2. Over lunch, find an article on religion in the mass media (mainstream, alternative, international and specialty OK) and print it to bring to your media group (Library computer lab is open).
3. In your media groups, summarize the content of the article you found and where it was published (title of article, author, publication, date of publication).
4. As a group, discuss which categories your stories fall into. You may use traditional media categories (intl, natl, regional, local hard news; features, sports, business, editorials/opinion (op-ed)/columns), creative new categories or use some of both. Chart your findings, e.g. names of categories and number of articles per category. Present findings to whole class and make any predictions about religion coverage or draw any conclusions you can.