

## THINGS to THINK ABOUT WHEN USING MEDIA SOURCES

*(always try to utilize media from a range of sources and perspectives when investigating a topic; consider whether the sources are held accountable for the accuracy of their views and by whom? Do they have anything to lose if they're not accurate? Should you trust them? Opinion pieces can be excellent for getting us to think about a range of angles on a topic and the stakes involved; just keep clear in your mind the distinction between opinion pieces and investigative journalism)*

### *Newspapers that follow respected journalistic practices:*

New York Times  
Wall Street Journal  
Politico  
Washington Post  
LA Times  
San Francisco Chronicle  
Tampa Bay  
USA Today  
Boston Globe  
Dallas Morning News  
Houston Chronicle  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago Sun Times  
Christian Science Monitor  
Miami Herald  
Times (British)  
Guardian (British)  
others

### *Business news that follows respected journalistic practices:*

Wall Street Journal  
Economist  
Financial Times (British)  
Forbes  
Bloomberg  
Fortune

### *Respected periodicals:*

Atlantic  
Time  
New Republic  
Boston Review (leans left)  
Weekly Standard (leans right)  
National Review (leans right)

The Nation (leans left)  
Mother Jones (leans left)  
Others

*Excellent investigative pieces –*  
New Yorker

*Best reviews of books on various topics –*  
New York Review of Books

*Sources for investigative pieces and quality research:*  
Propublica  
Center for Public Integrity  
Pew Foundation

*Political Think Tanks and foundations (see other rankings at FAIR: Fairness in Accuracy and Reporting at <http://fair.org/extra-online-articles/think-tank-spectrum-revisited/>):*

*Conservative:*  
Heritage Foundation  
Americans for Prosperity  
Freedom Works  
Cato Institute  
Manhattan Institute  
Hoover Institute

*Center:*  
Brookings Institute  
New American Foundation  
Rand Foundation

*Left:*  
Progressive Policy Institute  
Center for American Progress  
Economic Policy Institute  
Urban Institute

*Social Science Foundation:*  
Russell Sage Foundation

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