Economics in the News (an Annotated Bibliography)

As we continue through this semester it is important for you to be fully engaged not only with the content of the course, but the connections our content has to the world around us. Starting today, you are being asked to read the news, watch the news, listen to the news, find the news, and demonstrate your understanding of the connections to our content.

The role of the media in our content area is undeniable and if you can't navigate the content critically you will be lost as our society evolves and changes. Take the following data into consideration:

...For young people, 18-29, the internet is their top source of news (71% say it is their main source); where for older Americans it is television ¹

...Half of Twitter users follow news organizations, reporters or commentators in their account; 32% of Facebook users post about government and politics ²

...In the 2012 Presidential election 67% of Americans used television as a main source for campaign news; 47% of Americans used the internet as a main campaign news source ¹

...“Grazing” the news has become more popular with young adults; 57% of Americans said they get news when they want, while 37% get news at regular intervals. ¹

...Of those who get their news from Twitter, 59% of those people have kept up with a news event as it was happening (i.e. through trending topics or hashtags) ²

As Muhammad Hafiz, a high school student in the United Kingdom, points out in his essay on the role of media in a democracy:

“Media plays a crucial role in shaping a healthy democracy. ... [It] makes us aware of various social, political, and economical activities happening around the world.” ³

Your job is to gather learning from various sources as we progress through the course and do the following with each news source:

1. Find, source, and read at least one news source each week related to our content
2. Gather bibliographic/citation information for the article and enter it into your EasyBib account
3. Compose your “annotation” in EasyBib answering the following questions
   a. What is your summary of the article? (at least 5 sentences)
   b. What are the major economic concepts covered/highlighted in the article? Explain
   c. How does your article connect with what you have already learned in our course?
   d. What have you learned from this article? What questions did it cause you ask?
   e. What would be 1 or 2 meaningful discussion questions you would compose if this article was assigned for a Socratic Seminar in our class?
4. You will need a total of 15 articles in your completed Media Bibliography by the final due date, March 9, 2017

¹ http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/10/16/12-trends-shaping-digital-news/
² http://www.journalism.org/2015/07/14/the-evolving-role-of-news-on-twitter-and-facebook/
³ http://www.ukeline.com/CEkU/the-role-of-media-in-a-democracy/
Media Analysis (Key information!)

Due Dates:  

**March 9, 2017**  
Midterm Bibliography due  
(*minimum of 5 articles due!)**

**April 24, 2017**  
Final Bibliography due  
(*all 15 articles due! This includes the first 5 from the midterm assignment*)

Format / Style to use:  
The Social Sciences uses The American Psychological Association Style book for research writing and citations. In our department we use APA, **not MLA**, formatting.

News sources to consider using⁴:  

Twitter accounts to consider following:  
@thehill, @theguardian, @politico, @fivethirtyeight, @washingtonpost, @cspan, @ap, @nytimes, @wsj, @huffingtonpost, @mikeallen, @ezraklein, @chucktodd

Hashtags to look at:  
#economicsmatters  
#yourvoicematters

How to create an EasyBib account...

1. Use your district credentials to login to your account, or create a new one! (Please remember to use our school code to get full access to the suite of resources... bvtigers2012)
2. Use the following resources to help you with the citation management and creation of your annotations/responses.

“How to create a bibliography”  
http://www.schooltube.com/video/1e37c70fa8f3475a8825/EasyBib

“How to create an annotated bib”  
https://youtu.be/Jgun4PXkbBE

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⁴ Based on data compiled for the web’s most visited news sites as of September 2015 (http://www.ebizmba.com/articles/news-websites)