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Media—Extra Credit Assignment

We have discussed the importance of a free press in a democracy. Today, that freedom of press extends to all forms of media. Your task is to select one hour of news television to watch and compare two major media outlets. You will be tracking the stories they choose to cover and the tone with which they cover it. Complete the chart below as you watch. (You don’t even really have to watch the full hour, just enough to be able to fill out the portions below). This will require to do a constant “flip back and forth.”

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| News Outlet (CNN, FOX, MSNBC, CNBC, etc.) | Program Name (“Fox and Friends,” “Anderson Cooper 360”) | Host of the Show | Lead Story (which story is the first one presented?) | Tone of the Anchor | Second story | Tone of the Anchor | Third story | Tone of the Anchor |
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What were the most glaring differences between the two shows, the stories they covered, or the way (tone) in which they covered?