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Media Bias

Using the various sources and the chart below, choose a topic that has occurred in the last 30 days. Compare how different media outlets chose to cover that story. Choose one news source from each column below, and then fill out the chart.

**1**

BBC.com

WSJ.com

TheAtlantic.com

TheHill.com

**3**

Breitbart.com

Infowars.com

TheBlaze.com

OccupyDemocrats.com

**2**

MSNBC.com

CNN.com

FoxNews.com

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|  | **Website:** | **Headline:** | **What is the main point of the article? (1-2 sentences)** | **Do you find this source to be trustworthy? Why or why not?** | **Would you use this source again?**  **(Y or N)** | **Ideological Slant (is this source, very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?)** | **2-3 Words Used in Article that Show Bias** |
| **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Website:** | **Headline:** | **What is the main point of the article? (1-2 sentences)** | **Do you find this source to be trustworthy? Why or why not?** | **Would you use this source again?** | **Ideological Slant (is this source, very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?)** | **2-3 Words Used in Article that Show Bias** |
| **3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Questions for discussion:

1. What similarities were you able to find between the articles/headlines? Why do you think this is?
2. What differences were you able to find between the articles/headlines? Why do you think this is?
3. Which website (of the 3 you chose) do you think is the most reliable website? Why?
4. Which website (of the 3 you chose) do you think is the least reliable website? Why?
5. Now go to: <http://www.allsides.com/bias/bias-ratings> and look up MSNBC, FOX News, BBC, The Atlantic, The Hill, and/or the sources you chose from the top, and record what Bias rating allsides gives them. Based off of what you found today, for each tell me if you agree/disagree and why.