

## AP Gov 2022-23 Summer Assignment for Goldberg's AP Government & Politics class:

# News Info & Spin



Howdy, AP Government and Politics 2022-23 Folks!

I am pairing down previous summer assignments to a bare minimum, but with a focus on getting you tuned into current events and to how the media covers them. These are critical areas of interest and skill for the course you will be taking. Though this course covers content that can pertain to any historical period, the thrust tends to be modern in scope and ideas and concepts are taught using the lens of current political events.

- A. You will choose two national newsworthy stories to hone in on. (Examples: Supreme Court rulings from June/July, efforts/battles in Congress or the Presidency, national or international crises, environmental news, investigations, and of course, upcoming elections.)
- B. For each of the two unfolding stories, you will fill out the template below, considering center, left, and right perspectives. *Note: the graph image at the top is hyperlinked to a site that shows more about where various sources stand on the spectrum.*
- C. We will use these investigations in a discussion fishbowl towards the end of our first week back. This is a solo assignment, so be sure to pick your own topics and your own sources.

### 1. NEWS TOPIC #1:

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- 2. Pick one "straight" news source that YOU trust, and find a substantive article/video/podcast about that news item.

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Why do you trust it?

What key things did you learn worth noting?

On scale of -5 (super liberal) to +5 (super conservative), which way does the clip lean?

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**Lastly, after reading/listening to three different sources on this topic, and bringing to the table your own knowledge and viewpoint, write a thorough paragraph here about how you feel about the subject and how you think the topic SHOULD be covered in the press.**