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Decoding Media Bias

Video Questions

Watch the video “*The Plight of Jobless Teens, The Summer Blues*” and answer the following questions.

1. Could bias hinder these students from gaining entry into the job market and detract from the real issue, the lack of jobs for young people?
2. What are some things about a person that could lead to bias?
3. Why is it desirable to keep these elements out of your writing or reporting?

Summarization Practice

In one sentence, summarize each definition of bias from your handout

Bias through selection and omission: _____

Bias through placement: _____

Bias through headline: _____

Bias through word choice and tone: _____

Bias through photos, captions & camera angles: _____

Bias through statistics and crowd count: _____

Bias through source control: _____

Identifying Bias

Read through the articles and for each article collect a list of facts from the article using the exact words the author used in the article. Circle whether you think this article is slanted left, right or center.

Article #1	Article #2	Article #3
<i>Left Center Right</i>	<i>Left Center Right</i>	<i>Left Center Right</i>

