Learning Objectives:

- Criteria in assessing news value and newsworthiness
- Considerations in making news judgments or in shaping the news

After completing this unit, teachers will be able to:

- describe the criteria used in assessing the news value or worthiness of events, persons and ideas, and
- critically discuss the basic principles in making news judgments or in shaping the news

Pedagogical Approaches and Activities:

Al-Jazeera has an enormous creative commons repository of clips from all around the world that you can use in your own creating of news as well as to use in news analysis in the classroom. Use these clips to let the students create their own news shows in groups - on certain topics. Compare the news the student have created. Discuss with the students why they chose to present the news the way they did – what news judgments did they use when picking images, text and content? How did they assess the news value and newsworthiness of the material presented to them. Combine these activities with these from News Evaluation: http://www.mil-project.org/index.php?page=news-evaluation

Media and Information Resources:

http://cc.aljazeera.net/

References:


Further topics and resources: