



CJVA302: Week 02

Political polarization and the role of the media in modern society

Syllabus finalization

- Do you have any additional suggestions or comments regarding the syllabus?

Additional topics

Order of topics

Less/more of certain topic

- Any other questions/comments?



Caveats

Maintaining objectivity

A LOOK AT LOGICAL FALLACIES

ROBOTS SHOULD TAKE OVER THE WORLD!

Premise accepted. Please state your arguments.

<p>I have met a few people, and I conclude that all humans are ugly, evil, and smell like socks.</p> <p>HASTY GENERALIZATION You have not studied enough examples for such a conclusion.</p>	<p>You say we should work alongside humans, but what about the human who short-circuited my friend?</p> <p>RED HERRING That is unfortunate, but it is irrelevant and distracting from the main argument.</p>
<p>If we act nice to humans now, soon they will demand constant back rubs.</p> <p>SLIPPERY SLOPE The first event will not necessarily lead to such an extreme result.</p>	<p>All humans start out as incompetent babies, so they must grow up to become incompetent adults.</p> <p>GENETIC FALLACY You cannot judge a thing based on its origins.</p>
<p>Robots are better leaders because of superior leadership skills.</p> <p>CIRCULAR ARGUMENT You are restating your point instead of proving it.</p>	<p>Where is your robot pride?</p> <p>AD POPULUM You are appealing to my emotional circuits instead of presenting facts.</p>
<p>Why do you hate robots so much?</p> <p>STRAW MAN You are attacking a point of view that is not my own.</p>	<p>The humans who make me do math for them are worse than MagmaDroid, Melter of Hard Drives!</p> <p>MORAL EQUIVALENCE Your comparison is unfair and inaccurate.</p>
<p>It is better to destroy the humans than let the humans destroy us.</p> <p>EITHER/OR You are oversimplifying. There are more than two possible outcomes.</p>	<p>Those evil humans need to be stopped!</p> <p>BEGGING THE CLAIM You must prove they are evil before using it in your argument.</p>
<p>I met a human, and then I began malfunctioning. Humans are to blame!</p> <p>POST HOC ERGO PROPTER HOC Just because B followed A does not mean A caused B.</p>	<p>I conclude you should not be debating while you are malfunctioning.</p> <p>AD HOMINEM That is attacking me and not my arguments!</p>

The Fourth Estate

- What is the “fourth estate”?
 - “...a segment of society that wields an indirect but significant influence on society even though it is not a formally recognized part of the political system.” (Wikipedia)
- Changing meaning over time, but today...

Media in modern society

Polarization and filter bubbles:

https://www.ted.com/talks/damon_brown_how_to_choose_your_news#t-941

https://www.ted.com/talks/eli_pariser_beware_online_filter_bubbles

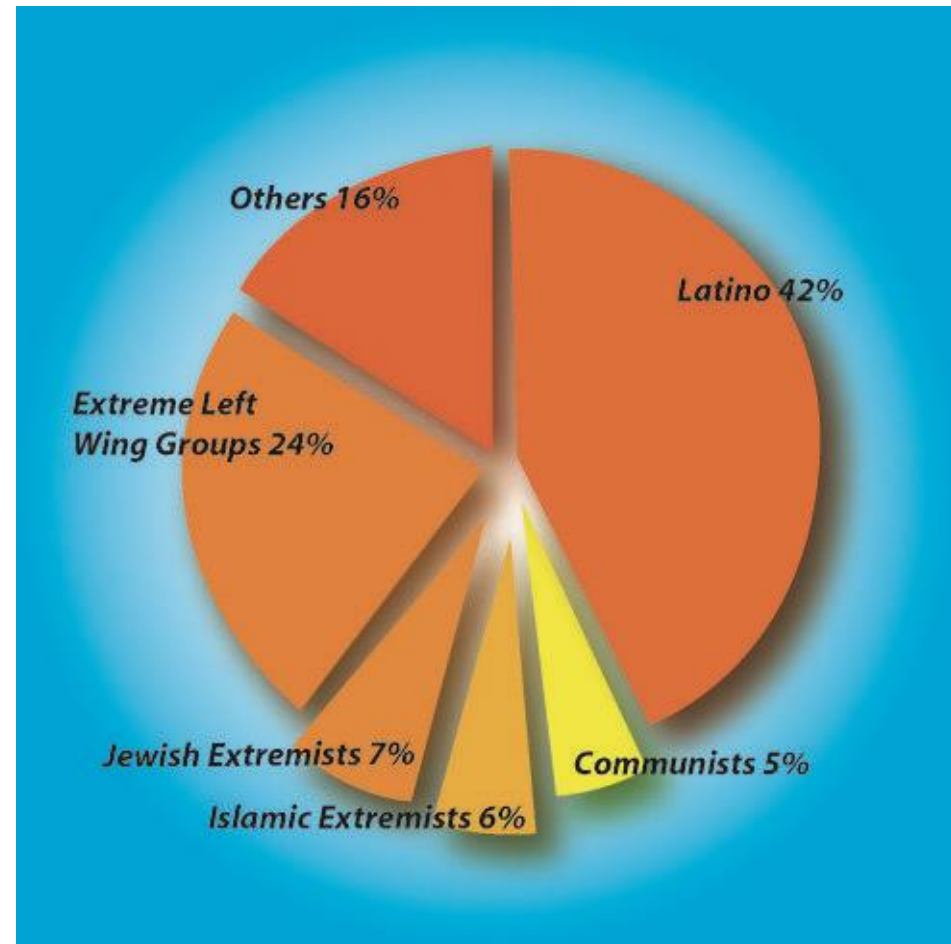
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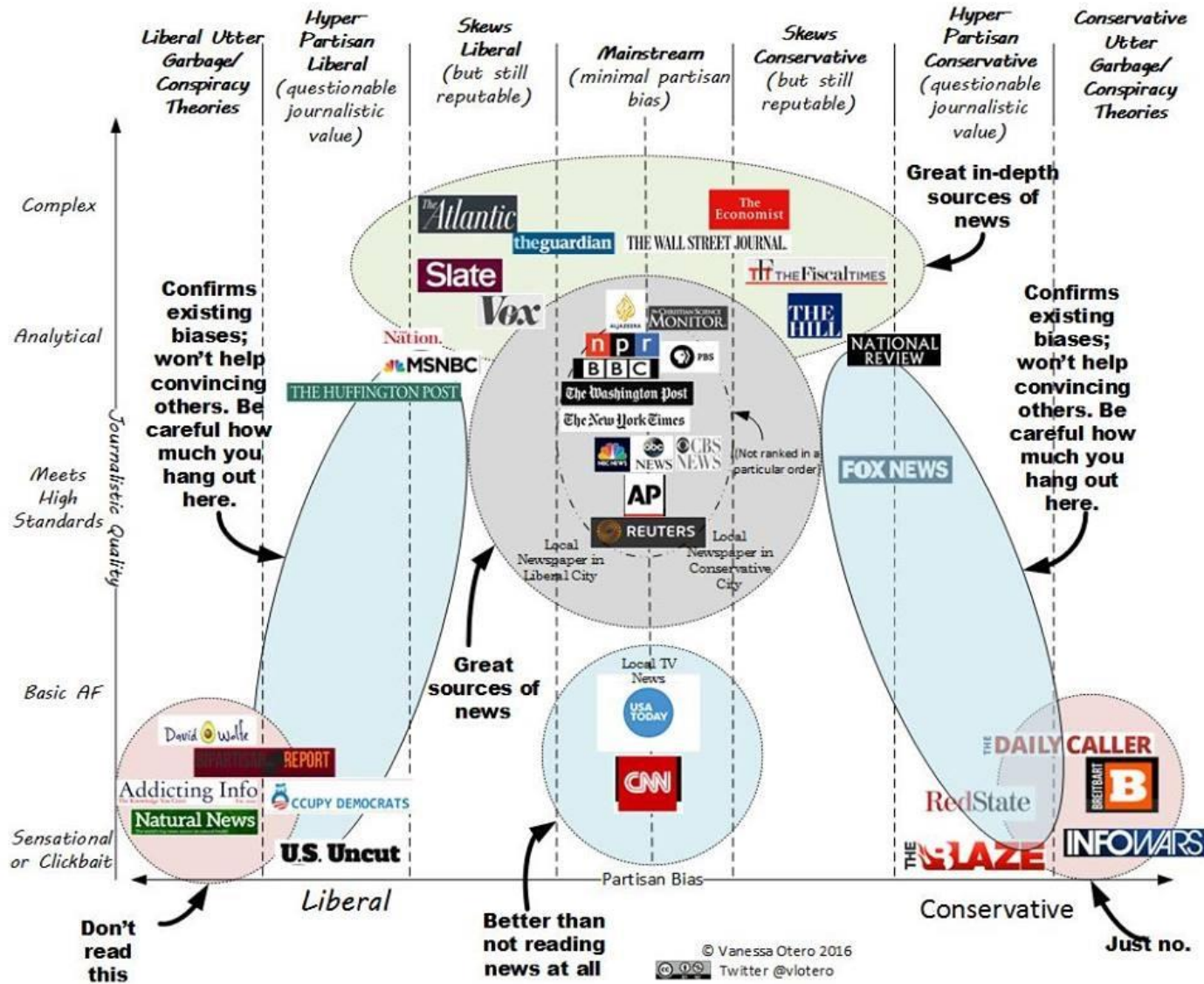
Critical thinking

An FBI report shows that only a small percentage of terrorist attacks carried out on U.S. soil between 1980 and 2005 were perpetrated by Muslims. (4)

(4) <https://www.globalresearch.ca/non-muslims-carried-out-more-than-90-of-all-terrorist-attacks-in-america/5333619>



Once again...





Quiz!

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