



# Educational Resources

## PARLIAMENT IN THE NEWS

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### **Opinion or Fact? Online News and Canadian politics**

In the digital age, it is increasingly commonplace for “normal” people to have an impact in the news world through blogs and comments on news stories. Sifting through the massive amount of information online has become an onerous task, and it is harder and harder to identify what is a reputable news source and what is opinion based.

Select a story about Canadian politics mentioned in the news. Scan various news sources (print and online), and look identify one reputable and one opinion-based news story about the selected topic.

Look at the similarities and differences in the stories.

- How can you distinguish an opinion-based article from a reputable news source?
- What do you think are the challenges or impact of having both opinion-based and reputable news sources available to the public?