Current Issues  
Research/Propaganda Project

**TASK:**

You will be researching a topic or issue that is current in the news media today and creating a presentation that includes information **for** and **against** your topic.

**PROJECT**:

You will then create a power point presentation that effectively displays your research. Power point should include:

1. information from at least 3 articles or news media sources
2. highlight propaganda styles that are used to persuade the reader
3. visual images that support your information and propaganda types.
4. sources used are documented in your powerpoint

Topics: (You will choose one)

* Conflict with Syria
  + Should we attack? Why/why not?
  + <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-23927399>
  + <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57604374/obama-u.n-must-ensure-syrias-chemical-weapons-are-destroyed/>
* Extreme Sports
  + Is the risk worth it? What are the advantages/disadvantages?
  + <http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/29/us/x-games/index.html?iref=allsearch>
  + <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/10/08/sports/extreme-sports-taking-life-to-the-edge-and-spins-and-jumps-too.html>
* Gardasil shot
  + Should everyone get it? Does it work? Pros/Cons?
  + <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/08/29/blaming-the-media-for-gardasil-hype/>
  + <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/marcia-g-yerman/two-doctors-explain-their_b_386142.html>
* Role of social media
  + Is it all good? Too much? Has it changed our culture?
  + <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/02/24/is-social-networking-killing-you/?_r=0>
  + <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/16/social-media-makes-teens-aware-others-study_n_1283103.html>
* Cell phones and driving
  + Should it be illegal? Risks? Necessity?
  + <http://wheels.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/29/study-finds-that-reduced-phone-use-does-not-cut-crashes/>
  + <http://www.cnn.com/2011/12/13/us/ntsb-cell-phone-ban/index.html?iref=allsearch>
* Video games
  + Educational? Hurtful?
  + <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/09/130923175749.htm>
  + <http://theweek.com/article/index/241121/7-health-benefits-of-playing-video-games>
* Gun violence
  + Pros/Cons of individuals owning guns?
  + <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/18/gun-ownership-gun-deaths-study>
  + <http://news.yahoo.com/gun-control-wont-stop-gun-violence-053203408--politics.html;_ylt=A2KLOzFrBkJSBm4AVV7QtDMD>

Step 1:

First, you will pick your topic and research it using the links provided for you and the information that you find on your own. Next you will gather your information about your topic and organize it using the notes graphic organizer. Make sure that your notes are concise, relevant to your topic and include propaganda styles. Notes will be worth 15 points, 5 for each article.

Step 2:

Create a power point or prezi using the information from your notes organizer. Use graphics and pictures to creatively display your topic and the facts, statistics and other details about your topic.

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| Article or website | Information found in your article |
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