**Media and Politics Stations**

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| **Stations:** For this activity, you will be reading and looking over the documents at each station and you will be answering questions about each of them as you go. Each section of this worksheet corresponds to a station, so make sure that you are answering the questions for the appropriate station. You are going to be working together in your groups, just make sure that everyone is filling out the worksheet, because each person will submit their own. |

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| **Station 1**  At this station, you will look over the graph and answer the questions that follow.   1. How many corporations existed in 1983 that controlled the media in the US? 2. How many corporations existed in 2004 doing the same thing? 3. What is the trend that is happening in the 20-year span? 4. What caused this trend? 5. What does this trend imply about the media business as a whole? |

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| **Station 2**  At this station, you will look over the newspapers and answer the questions that follow.   1. What is “yellow journalism” in your own words? 2. What is the goal of the sensationalism used by the two journalists when covering the sinking of the USS Maine during the Spanish-American War? 3. What does this imply about the media when covering topics centered around politics? 4. How is this example relevant to media today? |

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| **Station 3**  At this station, read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow.   1. What was the FCC? Who created it? 2. What did the FCC do in 1943? Why is this important? 3. The FCC created many things in the 1940s. Those included The Blue Book, The Hutchins Commission on Freedom of the Press, and the Fairness Doctrine. What did these things all have in common? 4. From this reading, what do you think the attitude of the government was toward the media? Why do you think that? 5. Is this an example of the government influencing the media, or the media influencing politics? How do you know this? What examples from the reading prove that? |

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| **Station 4**  At this station, read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow. This excerpt is referencing media coverage of the 2016 Presidential Election.   1. According to this reading, what is the media covering related to the campaign of the presidents? What are they leaving out? 2. Why does the media choose to show those aspects rather than the ones that they leave out? 3. What benefit do they gain from doing so? 4. According to this article, what role do the politicians have in this? 5. How might these media decisions influence politics? |