

“Consider the Source”

**A Resource Guide to Liberal, Conservative and Nonpartisan
Periodicals**



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Ever heard the saying “consider the source” in response to something that was questioned? Well, the same advice applies to what you read – consider the source. When conducting research, bear in mind that periodicals (journals, magazines, newspapers) may have varying points-of-view, biases, and/or political leanings. Here are some questions to ask when considering using a periodical source:

- Is there a bias in the publication or is it non-partisan?
- Who is the sponsor (publisher or benefactor) of the publication?
- What is the agenda of the sponsor – to simply share information or to influence social or political change?

Some publications have specific political perspectives and outright state what they are, as in *Dissent Magazine* (self-described as “a magazine of the left”) or *National Review*’s boast of, “we give you the *right* view and back it up.” Still, there are other publications that do not clearly state their political leanings; but over time have been deemed as left- or right-leaning based on such factors as the points-of-view of their opinion columnists, the make-up of their editorial staff, and/or their endorsements of politicians. Many newspapers fall into this rather opaque category.

A good rule of thumb to use in determining whether a publication is liberal or conservative has been provided by Media Research Center’s L. Brent Bozell III: “*if the paper never met a conservative cause it didn’t like, it’s conservative, and if it never met a liberal cause it didn’t like, it’s liberal.*”

Outlined in the following pages is an annotated listing of publications that have been categorized as conservative, liberal, non-partisan and religious. Some of the terms used to describe these publications will contain the following:

- **Magazine** – a periodical for general reading containing articles, photographs and stories on a variety of subjects.
- **Peer Reviewed** – this descriptor indicates that manuscripts submitted to a magazine or articles submitted to a journal publication are examined by the editor and one or more specialists (peers) in the specific field before approval is given to publish the information. The term “refereed” is used interchangeably with “peer reviewed.”
- **Scholarly Journal** – a periodical (usually academic) containing articles or research information written by scholars and/or experts in a particular subject field.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance with your research projects, please ask a librarian.

JOURNALS

Left (Liberal)	Right (Conservative)	Non-Partisan	Religious Perspective
<p><i>Economy and Society</i> A scholarly, peer-reviewed journal focused on progressive political, economic, and social issues in Europe, North America, Australia and the Pacific.</p> <p><i>New Politics</i> A 200-page semi-annual that is an independent socialist forum for dialogue and debate on the left, which “insists on the centrality of democracy to socialism and on the need to rely on mass movements from below for progressive social transformation.” www.newpolitics.mayfirst.org</p> <p><i>Politics and Society</i> Through a Marxist/ post-Marxist perspective, this journal focuses on issues of state, class analysis, politics of gender, and the future of capitalism and socialism. http://pas.sagepub.com/</p> <p><i>Science and Society</i> The longest continuously published Marxist scholarly journal in the world, <i>Science and Society</i> focuses on social and political theory, economics, philosophy, and the serious analysis of con-temporary societies.</p> <p><i>Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Critical Thoughts</i> A journal of international discussions on political, social, academic, religious and cultural change in Europe and the U. S., and the state of US-European relations. http://journal.telospress.com/</p>	<p><i>Cato Journal</i> This libertarian-leaning journal covers public policy issues on Social Security, monetary, natural resources, and military spending. http://www.cato.org/pubs/journal/</p> <p><i>The National Interest (TNI)</i> This journal contains strong conservative and libertarian writings on American foreign policy and politics. http://www.nationalinterest.org/</p> <p><i>Policy Review</i> This journal presents articles of serious thinking on the American condition, the workings of government, and political and economic systems. http://www.hoover.org/publication/policyreview</p> <p><i>The Public Interest (PI)</i> A self-described neoconservative journal that spotlights articles on domestic policy regarding education, welfare, housing, poverty, politics and culture. Publication ceased in April, 2005, however, it’s complete archives are available online via this website: http://www.nationalaffairs.com/archive/public_interest/default.asp</p>	<p><i>Foreign Affairs</i> A refereed scholarly journal published by the Council on Foreign Relations (a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization) provides serious discussion of American foreign policy and international affairs.</p> <p><i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> A peer-reviewed academic journal that is among the most frequently cited journals of its kind. Most beneficial to academicians and all social science researchers, it provides articles analyzing trends and problems in public opinion research.</p> <p><i>The Washington Quarterly (TWQ)</i> Worldwide contributors to this journal reflect diverse political, regional, and professional perspectives on topics of the U.S. role in the world, reducing terrorism, emerging great powers and the implications of global political change. http://www.twq.com/</p> <p><i>Wilson Quarterly (WQ)</i> Though self-described as a magazine, this publication has the tone and characteristics of a journal that provides a non-partisan, non-ideological focus on issues in politics and policy, culture, religion, science, and other fields that impact public life. http://www.wilsoncenter.org/ind_ex.cfm?fuseaction=wq.welcome</p>	<p><i>Al-Tawhid (Islamic)</i> A quarterly journal of Islamic thought and culture published by The Foundation of Islamic Thought. http://www.al-islam.org/al-tawhid/</p> <p><i>Commonweal (Catholic)</i> Self-described as, “the oldest independent lay Catholic journal of opinion in the United States,” Commonweal covers issues on religion, politics, public affairs, literature, the arts, and social and cultural issues. http://www.commonwealmagazine.org/</p> <p><i>Modern Judaism (Jewish)</i> Published by Oxford University Press, topics pertinent to the understanding of Jewish life today are discussed through distinctive, interdisciplinary forums. http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/modern_judaism/</p>

MAGAZINES

Left (Liberal)	Right (Conservative)	Non-Partisan News & Opinion	Religious Perspective
<p><i>The American Prospect</i> A magazine for the general reader, that presents a moderate left-wing view on liberal philosophy, politics and public life. www.prospect.org</p> <p><i>Dissent</i> A quarterly magazine of the left that covers politics and culture, <i>Dissent</i> contains well-written articles of left-liberal and social-democratic opinions. It is a magazine of independent minds and strong opinions. www.dissentmagazine.org</p> <p><i>Monthly Review</i> This scholarly, independent socialist magazine covers issues against U.S. imperialism, including workers and labor organizers against class exploitation and racial and sexual oppressions. www.monthlyreview.org</p> <p><i>Mother Jones</i> An independent nonprofit progressive publication focused on coverage of social justice, anti-corporate and environmental issues. www.motherjones.com</p>	<p><i>The American Conservative (TAC)</i> This monthly right-wing opinion magazine, founded in part by Patrick J. Buchanan, represents a paleoconservative (traditionalist, anti-federalism, religious) and at times libertarian voice on domestic and international political issues. http://www.amconmag.com/</p> <p><i>The American Spectator</i> This libertarian-conservative magazine provides articles on current issues regarding politics, the government, the economy and military activities. www.spectator.org</p> <p><i>Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture</i> This monthly, ultra-conservative opinion magazine makes defending Western Christian civilization, local sovereignty and political, cultural, and economic autonomy its central themes. www.chroniclesmagazine.org</p> <p><i>National Review</i> In addition to pointedly right-wing editorials, this bi-monthly conservative magazine features short articles on current interest issues, a longer feature article, and reviews of the arts. www.nationalreview.com</p>	<p><i>Business Week</i> Considered a market leader, this news magazine focuses on industries, companies, political issues, legal issues, information technology and international business. www.businessweek.com</p> <p><i>The Economist (British)</i> An easy-to-read, British perspective weekly news-paper (that looks like a magazine), <i>The Economist</i> contains well-respected and authoritative information on 16 news categories, including world politics, global business, finance and economics, science and technology, and the arts. www.economist.com</p> <p><i>Maclean's (Canadian)</i> Proclaiming itself, "<i>Canada's only national weekly current affairs magazine</i>," <i>Maclean's</i> provides investigative reporting on international and social issues, national politics, business, and culture. http://www2.macleans.ca</p> <p><i>New Republic (TNR)</i> A nonpartisan, inside-the-Beltway publication that provides even-handed coverage of current issues regarding U. S. politics, foreign policy and culture. www.tnr.com</p>	<p><i>America (Catholic)</i> A weekly magazine intended "for thinking Catholics and those who want to know what Catholics are thinking," covers religious, political, ethical and social issues from the Jesuit Catholic perspective. www.americamagazine.org</p> <p><i>Christianity Today (Christian)</i> A monthly magazine that provides insight and analysis from a Christian perspective, on relevant news, trends, and events of the day. www.christianitytoday.com</p> <p><i>The Humanist (Non-Theistic)</i> A bimonthly magazine published by the American Humanist Association, <i>The Humanist</i> takes a non-theistic, secular and naturalistic approach to topics on the environment, civil liberties, human rights, international relations and other contemporary social concerns. www.thehumanist.org</p> <p><i>Tikkun (Jewish)</i> A bimonthly magazine focused on social theory, religion/spirituality, social change, contemporary American and global politics and economics, ecology, culture, psychology, and Israel/ Palestine. www.tikkun.org</p>

<p>Magazines Continued:</p> <p>(Left / Liberal)</p> <p><i>The Nation</i> An openly left-wing publication that covers a wide range of current issues via concise articles and multiple short editorials. www.thenation.com</p> <p><i>New Statesman (British)</i> A weekly magazine focused primarily on news and politics of greatest interest in the United Kingdom, where the content is roughly divided 60% news and 40% politics. www.newstatesman.com</p> <p><i>The Progressive</i> This monthly magazine is considered a journalistic voice for peace, social and economic justice, civil rights and liberties, human rights and the environment. www.progressive.org</p>	<p>(Right / Conservative)</p> <p><i>The New American</i> Self-described as, “an essential news source for freedom-loving Americans,” this bi-monthly John Birch Society publication presents news and commentary from a decidedly right-wing, fundamentalist Christian perspective. Its primary goal is to expose the behind-the-scenes activities shaping American politics and culture. www.thenewamerican.com</p> <p><i>The Weekly Standard</i> This weekly magazine provides right-wing articles on Washington, D.C. politics and government topics in America and around the world. www.weeklystandard.com</p>	<p>(Non-Partisan)</p> <p><i>Newsweek</i> One of three major newsweeklies in the United States (<i>Newsweek</i>, <i>Time</i>, and <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>), this magazine covers current events and issues in the U. S. and world. www.newsweek.com</p> <p><i>Time</i> One of the standard newsweeklies in the United States, this magazine covers current events and issues in the U.S. and world. www.time.com</p> <p><i>U. S. News & World Report</i> One of the three major newsweeklies in the United States (and considered a bit more conservative than <i>Time</i> and <i>Newsweek</i>), this magazine provides serious reporting on current events and issues in the U.S. and the world. www.usnews.com</p>	

NEWSPAPERS (Editorial Stance)

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<p><i>The Boston Globe</i> Provides global coverage focused on news and events of the Greater Boston area. This award winning daily offers in-depth coverage of news, business, sports, arts & entertainment, and provocative columns. www.BostonGlobe.com</p> <p><i>Los Angeles Times</i> The largest metropolitan daily newspaper in the U.S., the <i>LA Times</i> covers news and events of Southern California, global news and extensive coverage of the arts and entertainment and how they affect society. www.latimes.com</p> <p><i>New York Times</i> The New York Times Company owns <i>The New York Times</i>, the <i>International Herald Tribune</i>, <i>The Boston Globe</i>, 15 other daily newspapers and more than 50 websites. This Pulitzer-Prize winning daily reports on national and world events, major political speeches, current events, arts reviews and lifestyle matters. Regular opinion columnists include Maureen Dowd, Bob Herbert, Paul Krugman and David Brooks. www.nytimes.com</p> <p><i>Washington Post</i> The Washington Post Company, owns the <i>Washington Post</i>. This award-winning newspaper provides global news, reports, and analysis on federal politics at the national and international levels. Regular opinion columnists include Eugene Robinson, Jonathan Capehart, and E. J. Dionne www.washingtonpost.com</p>	<p><i>Human Events</i> “<i>The bible of the right,</i>” is how the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> describes this Washington, D.C.-based weekly that has a strong partisan focus on national and international political and legislative news. www.humanevents.com</p> <p><i>New York Post</i> News Corporation owns the <i>Wall Street Journal</i>, the <i>New York Post</i> and Fox Broadcasting. Best known for its comprehensive sports section and gossip columns, this daily also provides global coverage of world news and events. www.nypost.com</p> <p><i>Wall Street Journal</i> Owned by media magnate Rupert Murdoch, the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> is written primarily for people who follow the money and investment markets. With a pro-business news bent, it covers global events from finance to general news. www.online.wsj.com</p> <p><i>Washington Times</i> Published by The Washington Times LLC, the <i>Washington Times</i> newspaper is a full-service, general interest daily headquartered in the nation's capital, that provides thorough coverage of politics and policy. Regular opinion columnists include Cal Thomas, Michelle Malkin, and Tony Blankley. www.washingtontimes.com</p>	<p><i>Christian Science Monitor</i> For over a century, this multiple award-winning weekly, with eight U.S. offices and eight foreign bureaus, has provided non-partisan, in-depth coverage of news and feature stories from every corner of the globe. www.csmonitor.com</p> <p><i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i> This Washington, D.C.-based weekly is the number one source of news, information, and jobs for college and university faculty members and administrators. <i>The Chronicle</i> has more than 70 full-time writers and editors, as well as 17 foreign correspondents around the world. Although intended for academe, its content is relevant for researchers, students, legislators and government policy makers. www.chronicle.com</p>	<p><i>Islam Online</i> <i>(Islamic)</i> Based in Dubai, <i>IslamOnline</i> is the original Internet portal and leading source for Islamic content in the Islamic world. With a stated objective, “<i>of portraying a positive and accurate picture of Islam to the world and to provide support for Muslims,</i>” its coverage includes news reports on political, financial and economic events as they affect Muslims of the Middle East and America. www.islamonline.com</p> <p><i>Jewish Telegraphic Agency</i> <i>(Jewish)</i> Headquartered in New York City, and with correspondents around the globe, <i>JTA</i> is able to provide in-depth coverage of political, economic and social developments affecting Jews in North and South America, Israel, Europe, Africa and Australia. www.jta.org</p>

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