

**Artifact 7: Media Analysis Final Paper**

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## **Media Analysis Reflection**

### **Overview**

This assignment was to analyze aspects of the media in regards class, race, gender, religion, ability, language, and ethnicity. The focus of this artifact was in the area of religion. Research and literature reviews were conducted, as well as an interview of an individual who currently works in the brand marketing field, and holds a degree in Media, Culture and Communication from NYU.

### **Revisions**

Based on the feedback from the course instructor, no major revisions were made. In her feedback on the assignment, Professor Wright stated that this artifact was “analytical and purposeful”. Minor details were added such as information on where the interviewee received her degree. Overall formatting changes were also made.

### **Reflection**

At the time this artifact was created, and the paper written, I was teaching in a urban Catholic school in Dallas. Of course, religion and education were at the for front of my mind. This was especially the case since Texas had just finished debating the proposed school choice legislation in Austin. This legislation didn’t pass, but this debate illustrates the ongoing tension between religion, culture, education, and the media.

As an educator, the fine line of keeping religion out of the classroom has become more relevant. Leaving the teaching position at the Catholic school and moving to a

position in a public school system has been a bit of a culture shock. It has forced me to revisit the question of what role does the media and societal norms play in promoting or silencing the cultural idea of religion.

I recently came across a post on TikTok from an educator who holds traditionally conservative values but teaches in a public school system that is traditionally more liberal. She asked the question of her followers of how she expresses her viewpoints and values while teaching in a public-school setting. As expected, this sparked a large debate with comments flowing in from both sides of the topic. I don't know if this TikTok creator found the answer she was searching for as an educator, however I do think that it is a question that gets asked frequently by educators on both sides of the issue. It is clear though, that media continues to play a part in the role of religion, culture, and education.