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The State of Modern News Media

View each of the videos and answer the questions listed below.

Video Clip: Accuracy, Polarization and Public Trust in the Press (5:31)

- Explain the economic model of journalism that Mr. McCurry discusses. How does this affect the public's trust in the media
- What are problems with this economic model of journalism?
- What does Mr. Donnelly say about the accuracy of most news coverage? Explain the issues with the scope of news coverage that he describes.
- Explain the meaning of "ideological news outlets." Per Mr. Donnelly, what are problems with this?
- According to Ms. Lukensmeyer, how does the media impact people's interaction with each other? Why is this problematic?

Video Clip: Jim VandeHei on Modern News Consumption and Fake News (3:41)

- According to Mr. VandeHei, how is the media broken? What are solutions to this?
- How has the way people get their news changed?
- What is fake news? What are examples of this?
- According to Mr. VandeHei, how has President Trump been both good and bad for journalism?
- What does Mr. VandeHei mean when he says that people are not believing "real news?" Why is this a problem?

Video Clip: Freedom of the Press and the Importance of Local and Regional News (3:53)

- Describe the financial situation that many local and regional newspapers currently face. Why is this occurring?
- What are the consequences of local and regional newspapers not being able to fully cover local issues?
- According to Mr. Baron and Mr. Baquet, why is the decline in local news coverage a problem?

Video Clip: Standards of Journalism and Modern Press Coverage (2:59)

- What does Mr. Baquet state as the standards of journalism?
- Explain the challenges to journalism that Mr. Baron describes.
- Describe Mr. Baron's views on the truth. How does that relate to the role of journalism?

Video Clip: Bias in the Media (2:26)

- How does Mr. VandeHei describe the level of bias in the media?
- According to Mr. VandeHei, how has this changed? What are examples of this?
- What reasons does Mr. VandeHei give for unbiased journalism?

Video Clip: Conservatives and the Media (2:29)

- What evidence does Ms. Hemingway give for conservatives not trusting the media?
- How did conservatives' mistrust of the media impact the 2016 election?

Video Clip: President Trump on the Media (1:57)

- What arguments does President Trump make about the media?

Use the following chart to summarize the issues facing the news media. Feel free to add additional categories that are not listed. For each of the categories, come up with potential ways to improve the issue.

Category	Description of Issues facing the News Media	<u>Potential improvements</u>
The funding of the news media		
Accuracy and Speed of Reporting		
Bias in Reporting		
Local and Regional News		
Fake News		