**Government – The Media**

**Directions: READ 5 of the following stories (listed below) and write answers to the following questions:**

* ***What is your reaction to the story?***
* ***Do you think this is an important story that should be better known by the public?***
* ***Why do you think the story may have been censored?***

|  |
| --- |
| ***PROJECTCENSORED.ORG*** |

**The mission of Project Censored is to teach students and the public about the role of a free press in a free society – and to tell the News That Didn’t Make the News and Why**

**WHAT IS MODERN CENSORSHIP?**

At Project Censored, we examine the coverage of news and information important to the maintenance of a healthy and functioning democracy. We define Modern Censorship as the subtle yet constant and sophisticated manipulation of reality in our mass media outlets. On a daily basis, censorship refers to the intentional non-inclusion of a news story – or piece of a news story – based on anything other than a desire to tell the truth. Such manipulation can take the form of political pressure (from government officials and powerful individuals), economic pressure (from advertisers and funders), and legal pressure (the threat of lawsuits from deep-pocket individuals, corporations, and institutions).

|  |
| --- |
| [**Project Censored: Top Censored Stories of 2016-2017**](https://projectcensored.org/category/the-top-25-censored-stories-of-2016-2017/) |

## [#25 Juvenile Court Fees Punish Children for Their Families’ Poverty](https://projectcensored.org/25-juvenile-court-fees-punish-children-families-poverty/)

## [#24 Eight Use of Force Policies to Prevent Killings by Police](https://projectcensored.org/24-eight-use-force-policies-prevent-killings-police/)

## [#23 Facebook Buys Sensitive User Data to Offer Marketers Targeted Advertising](https://projectcensored.org/23-facebook-buys-sensitive-user-data-offer-marketers-targeted-advertising/)

## [#22 Lawsuit against Illinois Department of Corrections Exposes Militarization of Law Enforcement inside Prisons](https://projectcensored.org/22-lawsuit-illinois-department-corrections-exposes-militarization-law-enforcement-inside-prisons/)

## [#21 Fossil Fuel Industry “Colonizing” US Universities](https://projectcensored.org/21-fossil-fuel-industry-colonizing-us-universities/)

## [#20 Seattle Activist Group Leads First Successful Campaign to Defund Police](https://projectcensored.org/20-seattle-activist-group-leads-first-successful-campaign-defund-police/)

## [#19 Inmates and Activists Protest Chemical Weapons in US Prisons and Jails](https://projectcensored.org/19-inmates-activists-protest-chemical-weapons-us-prisons-jails/)

## [#18 Rise in Number of Transgender People Murdered](https://projectcensored.org/18-rise-number-transgender-people-murdered/)

## [#17 Young Plaintiffs Invoke Constitutional Grounds for Climate Protection](https://projectcensored.org/17-young-plaintiffs-invoke-constitutional-grounds-climate-protection/)

## [#16 “Resilient” Indian Communities Struggle to Cope with Impacts of Climate Change](https://projectcensored.org/16-resilient-indian-communities-struggle-cope-impacts-climate-change/)

## [#15 Shell Understood Climate Change as Early as 1991—and Ignored It](https://projectcensored.org/15-shell-understood-climate-change-early-1991-ignored/)

## [#14 Judges across US Using Racially Biased Software to Assess Defendants’ Risk of Committing Future Crimes](https://projectcensored.org/14-judges-across-us-using-racially-biased-software-assess-defendants-risk-committing-future-crimes/)

## [#13 Right-Wing Money Promotes Model Legislation to Restrict Free Speech on University Campuses](https://projectcensored.org/13-right-wing-money-promotes-model-legislation-restrict-free-speech-university-campuses/)

## [#12 US Quietly Established New “Anti-Propaganda” Center](https://projectcensored.org/12-us-quietly-established-new-anti-propaganda-center/)

## [#11 Law Enforcement Surveillance of Phone Records](https://projectcensored.org/11-law-enforcement-surveillance-phone-records/)

## [#10 2016: A Record Year for Global Internet Shutdowns](https://projectcensored.org/10-2016-record-year-global-internet-shutdowns/)

## [#9 DNC Claims Right to Select Presidential Candidate](https://projectcensored.org/9-dnc-claims-right-select-presidential-candidate/)

## [#8 Maternal Mortality a Growing Threat in the US](https://projectcensored.org/8-maternal-mortality-growing-threat-us/)

## [#7 The Toll of US Navy Training on Wildlife in the North Pacific](https://projectcensored.org/7-toll-us-navy-training-wildlife-north-pacific/)

## [#6 Antibiotic Resistant “Superbugs” Threaten Health and Foundations of Modern Medicine](https://projectcensored.org/6-antibiotic-resistant-superbugs-threaten-health-foundations-modern-medicine/)

## [#5 Big Data and Dark Money behind the 2016 Election](https://projectcensored.org/5-big-data-dark-money-behind-2016-election/)

## [#4 Voter Suppression in the 2016 Presidential Election](https://projectcensored.org/4-voter-suppression-2016-presidential-election/)

## [#3 Pentagon Paid UK PR Firm for Fake Al-Qaeda Videos](https://projectcensored.org/3-pentagon-paid-uk-pr-firm-fake-al-qaeda-videos/)

## [#2 Over Six Trillion Dollars in Unaccountable Army Spending](https://projectcensored.org/2-six-trillion-dollars-unaccountable-army-spending/)

## [#1 Widespread Lead Contamination Threatens Children’s Health, and Could Triple Household Water Bills](https://projectcensored.org/1-widespread-lead-contamination-threatens-childrens-health-triple-household-water-bills/)