

Educational Resources

PARLIAMENT IN THE NEWS

Is Local News Front-Page News?

People hear about governmental activities and decisions through various news media. Daily news sources must make decisions about which stories are most important and which will interest their readers, viewers, or listeners the most.

Look at the front page of your daily newspaper or online news source.

- How many stories relate to various levels of government in Canada (federal, provincial/territorial local)?
- Which level of government (federal, provincial/territorial or local) received the most coverage in this day's issue?

Do the same procedure for the period of one week. Graph your results.

- What do the results indicate to you about the political coverage in your local news source(s)?

Evaluate whether the political coverage reflects the interests of your community.