**Detecting Bias**

What does it mean to have a bias?

These articles deal with a protest over the building of an oil pipeline through Sioux tribal lands. What biases do you have about:

* Protest:
* Native Americans:
* The use of oil/environmental issues:

Read the following articles. Each article is about the same event, but with a very different “feel”.

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|  | **Associated Press** | **Huffington Post** | **Fox News** |
| **Consider:**  How does the use pictures/images to persuade readers to think a certain way about the protest?  How are the events described or what is the focus of the article to get you to think/feel a certain way about the protest?  What information is the same in all three?  What new information is presented not found in the other two? |  |  |  |

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|  | **Associated Press** | **Huffington Post** | **Fox News** |
| Which article most matches your biases about the protest? Why? |  |  |  |

Detecting Bias Wrap-up

1. What are the indicators for bias in a news source?

-One sided; quotes are one sided

-Being negative for the opposing side

-Mostly opinion

-Includes unnecessary information or additional information

-Facts are stated out of context or incompletely

2. How is bias different than fake news?

-Biased news is based on a real event, but one sided; fake news is completely invented

-Biased has some truth; fake news is not true

-Biased news is found on legitimate news agencies; fake news is found on fake sites/satirical sites

-Biased news are trying to inform; fake news is there to make money, or entertain

-Biased sources are real; fake news sources are made up

3. Why is it important to understand bias in a news source?

-Know that there maybe missing information

- Need to go to multiple sources to get the truth.