



### Am I Media Literate?

While reflecting on your project experience, consider the role of the media in shaping your perceptions, interactions, and outcomes. Did media enhance your understanding of the project's objectives and impact? Did it provide valuable insights, resources, or connections that contributed to your project's success? Conversely, did media portrayals distort information, perpetuate stereotypes, or hinder your progress?

Perhaps most importantly, have you changed how you interpret media as a result of this project? Are you more media literate?

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#### Activity: Media Impact Reflection

Media can be a powerful way to share information, work with others, and support causes. Positive media coverage can increase and spread your message, attract support, and inspire action to get others involved. However, media attention can also show bias, use sensationalism, exaggerate stories, and share misinformation that can undermine your project's credibility and impact. Reflect on how media representations did or did not influence your project experience and outcomes, and consider ways you can use media more effectively in the future.

Engage in open dialogue and critical analysis of media coverage with your peers and collaborators. Discuss the strengths and limitations of media platforms, the influence of different media narratives, and the ethical responsibilities of media producers and consumers. By critically evaluating the role of media in your project experience, you can better understand its impact and make informed decisions when navigating the media landscape in the future.

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### Instructions

1. Reflect individually on your Project Citizen journey and consider the ways media representations, coverage, and interactions influenced your project experience.
  - Did the media affect your project?
2. **Choose one** of the following reflection methods to express your insights creatively:
  - **Creative writing** Write a reflective essay, poem, or song discussing the impact of media on your Project Citizen project. Think about how media coverage influenced your understanding of the topic or affected your project's outcomes. Consider how media-literacy skills can empower individuals to navigate media landscapes effectively and critically evaluate information.
  - **Visual representation** Create a visual representation, such as a poster, collage, or drawing, that showcases the influence of media on your project experience. Think about how media coverage influenced your understanding of the topic or affected your project's outcomes. Consider how media-literacy skills can empower individuals to navigate media landscapes effectively and critically evaluate information. Use symbols, images, and captions to convey your reflections.
  - **Audio reflection** Record an audio reflection or podcast episode discussing the media's role in shaping your Project Citizen journey. Think about how media coverage influenced your understanding of the topic or affected your project's outcomes. Consider how media-literacy skills can empower individuals to navigate media landscapes effectively and critically evaluate information. Share personal anecdotes, examples, and reflections on media influence.
3. Share your reflections with your classmates or project team members. Discuss with your group the influence of the media on your Project Citizen projects.