

Both Sides of the Story

What is it?

Conservative, Liberal, Nonpartisan, Balanced? Religious Perspective? News? Opinion? Scholarly/academic?

Articles in the following journals, magazines and newspapers are frequently found using UNF Library's *OneSearch*.

It is to your advantage to know who sponsors a publication and what its agenda or bias might be.

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See a description of academic/scholarly articles, peer-reviewed/refereed journals, magazines, etc., at the end of this document.

America - Academic/Scholarly magazine

Religious perspective

“This weekly covers religious, political, ethical, and social issues from the Jesuit Catholic perspective. It is intended ‘for thinking Catholics and those who want to know what Catholics are thinking.’ In addition to timely discussions of current events, issues include literary items, reviews of the arts and literature, and commentary on lectionary texts.”

American Prospect – Consumer Magazine

Liberal

With a moderate left-wing slant, this passionate and informative magazine is for the general reader. Its aim is to present "a practical and convincing vision of liberal philosophy, politics[,] and public life." Self-described: "Through dogged reporting, cool analysis, witty commentary and passionate argument, the Prospect strives to beat back the right wing and to build a majority of true patriots who understand what really makes America great." It is published every month except August, and there are frequent special reports and features. A valuable resource and recommended for browsing and reading in high school, public, academic, and special libraries. (Crowley, Gwyneth H.)

The Christian Science Monitor - Newspaper

Non-partisan, balanced

This paper, started as an alternative to commercial newspapers, had the means to examine its subjects in depth and did that very well for over a century. With the growth of web-based publishing, it was decided to abandon the daily print publication in favor of digital efforts, reducing print to a once-a-week appearance. The last daily edition was published on March 27, 2009. The weekly provides a wrap-up of the week's events, many of them covered in long-form pieces. It avoids sensational subjects, so there's no parade of celebrities heading off to rehab, but that does mean that one's appetite for pop culture will need to be satisfied elsewhere. The web site was an early adopter of features such as RSS feeds and continues to exploit innovations in information delivery. There is a fee-based historic archive for articles from 1908 to 1980; after that, article content is apparently free (though an easily findable, clear statement about that would be appreciated). URL: www.csmonitor.com (Ronningen, Jim)

Chronicle of Higher Education – Newspaper
(trade publication – produced for a specific audience)

News Reports and Editorials

“Published weekly, The Chronicle of Higher Education is academe's resource for news and information. Although the journal is intended for higher education faculty and administrators, the contents are relevant for others interested in the field of higher education such as researchers, students, federal and state legislators, government policy makers, and taxpayers.”

Current History – Trade magazine

Provides a forum for leading scholars and specialists to analyze events and trends in every region of a rapidly changing world.

Founded by The New York Times in 1914 to cover the First World War, Current History is the "oldest United States publication devoted exclusively to world affairs." Past contributors have included George Bernard Shaw, Winston Churchill, Charles Beard, and Henry Steele Commager. More recent contributors include James Schlesinger, Marshall Goldman, Peter Arnett, and Francis Fukuyama. Each issue focuses on a particular theme, usually a region of the world such as Africa or Asia. In addition to the articles, each issue includes a "Month in Review" column that provides an international chronology of events and a map. Recommended for public and academic libraries. (Sheehan, Kathleen)

Economist - Consumer publication/magazine

British Perspective - Politics, finance and business trends

This journal was founded more than 150 years ago to support free trade and is read in more than 180 countries. It is well respected and authoritative for information on "world politics, global business, finance and economics, science and technology, and the arts." It includes 16 news categories, including summaries on politics and business, short articles on world leaders, science, technology, finance and economics, surveys of countries and regions, obituaries, etc. Well known in the back of each issue are handy economic, financial, and market indicators. A must-have for all libraries. (Crowley, Gwyneth H.)

Foreign Affairs – Magazine

(trade – produced for a specific audience)

Non-partisan

Foreign Affairs is published by the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonprofit, nonpartisan member organization. This is the preeminent American journal on international relations and foreign policy. Contributors to the journal include prominent scholars, respected journalists, and policy makers. Content is grouped into a few categories: "Comments," "Essays," "Review Essays," and "Correspondence." The essays, which are the main content of the journal, provide thoughtful analysis of important global issues. Essential for all libraries. (Sheehan, Kathleen)

Health Affairs – Academic/scholarly and Peer-reviewed/refereed **Research and policy journal**

Health Affairs is a top journal in the area of health policy and would be of interest to policymakers, health analysts, health services administrators, and others whose work overlaps with the concerns of public health. Issues include feature articles, reports on health policy legislation, opinion pieces, and "Narrative Matters," a section for personal essays that focus on health policy. Now a monthly publication, each issue concentrates on a single topic, which allows for in-depth examination. This journal is recommended for all general academic libraries in addition to health sciences and hospital libraries. (Bobal, Alison)

The Humanist – Consumer publication/magazine

Secular viewpoint

This journal is published by the American Humanist Association and defines its guiding ethos as "a rational philosophy informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion." The journal includes features, book reviews, and editorials that address a wide range of subjects; from science and religion to politics and popular culture; from a nontheistic, secular point of view. A recent issue includes a group of articles that consider the ethics of torture, a review of the history of the Equal Rights Amendment, and a discussion of the theology of Star Trek, as well as regular columns that address issues of the environment and matters of church and state. Selected articles from the current and past issues and additional content are available online at the web site. Though explicitly not religious, and a frequent critic of some kinds of religious involvement, The Humanist engages with many of the social and ethical issues that are also of concern to religious publications, and presents potentially illuminating alternative points of view. Recommended for both public and academic libraries. URL: www.thehumanist.org (Matz, Pam)

Macleans – Consumer publication/magazine

Canadian perspective – news and opinion

Maclean's is the most widely read newsmagazine in Canada. Each weekly issue provides summaries of international and Canadian political events, and regular departments report culture, business, health, and education news. Each issue has one national feature story as well as opinion pieces written by regular columnists; Barbara Amiel, Andrew Coyne, Paul Wells, and other well-known Canadian and international writers. The "Maclean's Guide to Universities" special issue is published each year to provide information for evaluating Canadian postsecondary educational choices, and is of particular interest to non-Canadians for help in deciding whether to study at a Canadian college. The magazine's web site provides access to a extensive selection of current articles with additional commentary, photographs, blogs, survey rankings, and podcasts. Social media are supported. Maclean's is recommended for all high school, public, and academic libraries for its general coverage of Canadian current affairs and world events from a Canadian perspective. URL: www.macleans.ca/ (Sonksen, Ruth)

The Nation – consumer publication/magazine

Liberal

The Nation is an unabashedly left-wing publication and includes numerous editorials and columns as well as original reporting. The magazine ranges widely over a variety of topics, including politics (foreign and domestic), economics, and book and film reviews. It also frequently publishes cartoons and the humorous short poems of noted New York writer Calvin Trillin. Each issue has a crossword puzzle. Its journalistic hallmark is a breezy irreverence. This will be a valuable addition to any library that seeks to have solid coverage of left-wing political perspectives. The Nation's companion web page offers free access to a selection of articles from the current issue. Subscribers have full access to all material, including the magazine's archives, which date back to 1865. The web page also offers a wide range of blogs, videos, and podcasts. (Hogan, Sarah)

National Review – consumer publication/magazine

Conservative

National Review was founded in 1955 by William F. Buckley. It is widely considered to be the most important American conservative magazine and should be owned by most academic and public libraries. Published weekly, it typically features three to five feature articles and several shorter pieces as well, on politics, public policy, economics, and international affairs. Each issue also has a "Books, Arts and Manners" section, with essays on a variety of cultural issues, in addition to film and book reviews. At least a handful of opinion columns appear weekly as well. The web page has extensive free content that is essentially independent of the print magazine (though the print magazine is also available online to subscribers), and it includes a range of blogs, the best known of which is probably the group blog "The Corner." The web page also has two sections called "NRO Radio" and "NRO TV" and includes audio and video RSS feeds. (Hogan, Sarah)

New Republic – consumer publication/magazine

"Middle of the road"

Published biweekly, The New Republic (A Journal of Politics and the Arts) has been known as the more liberal or moderate counterpoint to the National Review, but over the years the viewpoint has merged into being solidly middle-of-the-road. This insider Washington publication has a recently updated aesthetic, with more creative covers and use of color and images. The coverage categories are "The Mall" (Washington focus), "Feature," "Books and the Arts," and "Washington Diarist." Well-known contributors include Leon Wieseltier, Louis Begley, Jeffrey Rosen, and David Samuels. TNR.com provides an extensive forum for blogs that include "The Plank" (written by the staff), "The Stash" (inside the battle to fix our economy), "The Spin," "The Treatment" (health care), and "The Vine" (environment and energy). The current issues, podcasts, and "TNRtv" are a few of the additional features. (Homzie, Leslie)

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New Statesman – Consumer publication/magazine

Great Britain – News and opinion

New Statesman, one of Britain's most important newsmagazines, should be considered a standard subscription for any public or academic library that serves patrons interested in European politics. It is generally liberal in tone; however, each issue includes in-depth reporting with an overall focus on British politics. International affairs are also covered. Top journalists provide commentary, and an "Arts and Books" section offers reviews of films, radio, and television, as well as general cultural topics. The web page has some of the same content as the print magazine, and also has additional material updated daily. It also has a handful of blogs on current events. (Hogan, Sarah)

Newsweek – Consumer publication/magazine

News and Opinion

The information below is from the Newsweek “about” page. Ulrich’s has not been updated since the transition.

The Newsweek/Daily Beast Company LLC formed in February 2011 when the revered print brand and the thriving young news site completed their merger, bringing together the warp speed 24/7 website with the depth, analysis, and investigative power of a great print magazine. The combined operation now attracts over 10 million unique online visitors a month and the magazine reaches 14 million readers across America, and millions more through its international editions.

The Daily Beast was founded in 2008 as the vision of Tina Brown and IAC Chairman Barry Diller. Curated to avoid information overload, the site is dedicated to breaking news and sharp commentary. After the merger, *The Daily Beast* became the online home of *Newsweek* Magazine, which has served as the world’s preeminent conversation starter since its founding in 1933. Tina Brown, former editor of *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker* and *Talk*, serves as Editor-in-Chief of both publications

Public Opinion Quarterly – Academic/scholarly and refereed/peer-reviewed

Nonpartisan

"Public Opinion Quarterly is hospitable to all points of view, provided only that they help to illuminate problems of public opinion and communication." Most of this title is devoted to scholarly articles analyzing trends and problems in public opinion research. These articles can provide valuable information on methodologies employed, but they may be too scholarly and detailed for the general reader. The section that is most accessible is "Trends," which includes an overview of a topic and the data from several different polls relating to that topic. Only libraries supporting researchers in public opinion studies, communication studies, and similar areas must have this title; other libraries can survive without it. The web site now offers subscribers access to complete issues back to winter 1996; the site has a list of institutions currently registered to access the electronic edition. Older issues are available as part of a subscription to JSTOR (www.jstor.org). It is now possible to search the available issues back to winter 1996, and to search titles and authors of back issues available from JSTOR. A most important aspect of the web site is the "Notice to Contributors," which lists the manuscript submission requirements for this publication. The site also has a listing of the journal's editorial board, subscription information, and information about getting permission for reprints. (Kara L. Robinson)

Time Magazine – consumer publication/magazine

News and Opinion

This marquis newsweekly recently underwent a makeover, with an overhauled layout that features more block-type fonts, creative uses of photographs and images, and black-and-white cutout photographs of the correspondents, highlighting their bylines. Time has done an admirable job of keeping print relevant, in the way viewers are digesting more graphically enhanced information. In addition, the articles are shorter and snappier than in previous years. The headings for the magazine's sections are "Briefing," "Commentary," "The Well," "Life," and "The Arts." Continues to be a must for all libraries. Time's online version includes a free archive of back files dating from 1923. The content is freely accessible in addition to the shared material that is provided with its partnership with CNN. (Homzie, Leslie)

Academic/scholarly v. Consumer publication/magazine

Your professor may ask you to limit your research to academic/scholarly publications. You'll notice that many of the publications described above are not scholarly. You will be able to distinguish between an academic/scholarly publication and a magazine by using *Ulrichsweb Global Serials Directory*, available electronically in the Databases A - Z list. Look at the **Document Type** in the full descriptive record.

Academic/scholarly journal – A periodical containing scholarly articles and/or disseminating current information on research and development in a particular subject field.

Consumer publication/magazine – A periodical for general reading containing articles, stories, photographs and advertisements on a variety of subjects.

Refereed - This term is used to indicate that manuscripts submitted to a magazine are examined both by the editor and one or more specialists in the individual field before approval is given to publish. - *Magazines for Libraries*, p. XIV.

Refereed and **peer reviewed** are essentially the same.

A scholarly journal article **may or may not** be refereed. A refereed article can be found in an academic/scholarly journal, a trade publication, a consumer publication or a newsletter.

**You will find more academic/scholarly journals if you
use a subject database.**

