MEDIA OPTIONS DIRECTORY

MAKING EFFECTIVE CHANGE: SOCIAL MOVEMENT ORGANIZING AND ACTIVISM

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In Winter 2013, students at The Evergreen State College (Olympia, Washington) studied social movements as part of the year-long program “Making Effective Change: Social Movement Organizing and Activism.”

As an assignment, each student compiled five media sources that they find useful, and would recommend as sources. A media source could either be a website, a printed journal/magazine, or both. The students presented one of the media sources to the class, with a brief description of the type and/or style of content.

Some of the media sources are mainstream cable channels, some are foreign networks or newspapers (providing different perspectives than U.S.-centered coverage), and some are alternative media sources that provide different perspectives than corporate-owned media that tend to support the socio-economic status quo.

Students did not include newsletters or websites of organizations, because they had already submitted these in Fall 2012 for a 61-page Social Movements Directory, at http://academic.evergreen.edu/g/grossmaz/SocialMovementsDirectory.pdf

The media list is by no means comprehensive, and can only offer examples of alternative media. The Media Options Directory can only provide a starting point in researching media sources.

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Social movements don’t just happen. They emerge in complex, often subtle ways out of shifting historic conditions, at first unnoticed or underestimated. Social movements--across the political spectrum--push us to examine a wide array of questions about ideas, communication and organization, and how people are inspired and mobilized to create change. In this program, we will explore what individuals and communities can do about whatever issues are of most concern to them.

This program will examine methods of community organizing that educate and draw people into social movements, and methods of activism that can turn their interests and commitment into effective action. Key to this will be how movements construct and frame their strategies, using a toolkit of tactics. Our foundation will be the contemporary U.S. scene, but we’ll draw on historical roots and lessons from the past, as well as on models from other countries. It will be crucial for us to look at the contexts of global, national and regional movements, and how they shape (and are shaped by) events at the local scale.

In fall quarter we’ll undertake a comparative exploration of strategies and tactics of various social movements in the U.S. and abroad, and critically analyze their effectiveness and applicability. We’ll explore movements based around class and economic equality (such as labor rank-and-file, welfare rights and anti-foreclosure groups), as well as those based around identities of race, nationality and gender (such as civil rights, feminist, Native sovereignty, LGBTQ, and immigrant rights groups). The program will also examine movements that focus on life’s resources, from environmental justice to health, education and housing. Our examinations and explorations will take us across the political spectrum, including lessons from how populist movements effectively reach and mobilize disillusioned people, including right-wing populist movements, such as the Tea Party, pro-life/anti-choice and anti-gay movements, and anti-immigrant, anti-indigenous, and other white supremacist groups.

During winter quarter, we’ll explore the ways that movements emerge and grow, focusing on themes that cut across organizations, and developing practical skills centered on these themes. Our discussions will include how movements reflect and tell people’s stories (through interviews, theater, etc.). Central to our work will be an examination of ways to communicate with people from different walks of life, using accessible language and imagery (through personal interaction, popular education, alternative media, etc.). We’ll critically examine how groups use mainstream institutions to effect change (such as press releases, research centers, legislative tactics, etc.). We’ll examine and critique the use of the internet and social media in networking people, and share innovative uses of culture (film, audio, art, music, etc.). We’ll assess the effectiveness and creativity of actions at different scales (rallies, direct actions, boycotts, etc.). Finally, we will look at relationships between social movements with different organizing styles, and how they have built alliances, as well as the internal dynamics within organizations.

Spring quarter will be a time for in-depth work through different types of projects: comparative critiques of movement strategies, critical social history of a movement, direct work with a local or regional movement, critical exploration of movement literature, or development of media, including such possibilities as social media, short film pieces, photography, web pages, photovoice, and podcasting. Throughout the program, our work will be shaped by a range of community organizers, activists, and scholars. Projects will use community-based research and documentation, with a view toward the sharing and presenting of work, in connection with partners and collaborators.
**Above Top Secret**
http://www.AboveTopSecret.com
The Internet's largest and most popular discussion board community dedicated to the intelligent exchange of ideas and debate on a wide range of "alternative topics" such as conspiracies, UFO's, paranormal, secret societies, political scandals, new world order, terrorism, and dozens of related topics with a diverse mix of users from all over the world.

**Adbusters**
http://www.adbusters.org/
A Vancouver-based anti-consumerist and pro-environment media organization. Adbusters describes itself as "a global network of artists, activists, writers, pranksters, students, educators and entrepreneurs who want to advance the new social activist movement of the information age." Credited with sparking the Occupy movement.

**The Advocate**
http://www.advocate.com/
The U.S.-based national gay and lesbian news magazine. Includes the GSK pride guide, forums, and links related to articles.

**Against the Grain**
http://www.againstthegrain.org/
Against the Grain: A Program about Politics, Society, and Ideas is an in-depth, daily radio news magazine, which you can get on podcast. The strength of AtG is that it allows writers, activists, and scholars to go deep into their ideas and questions.

**Al Jazeera**
http://www.aljazeera.com/
With its headquarters in Doha, Qatar, Al Jazeera is a globally oriented media service with a network that includes TV channels in multiple languages and the Internet. Its code of ethics requires that reporters "adhere to the journalistic values of honesty, courage, fairness, balance, independence, credibility and diversity, giving no priority to commercial or political over professional consideration" and "observe transparency in dealing with the news and its sources while adhering to the internationally established practices concerning the rights of these sources."

**All Africa**
http://www.allafrica.com
This site is the voice of, by, and about Africa. It independently produces and distributes 2000 news sources from over 130 African organizations and from Africa to the global public. It operates from Cape Town to Washington DC.

**Alternative Radio**
www.alternativeradio.org
"A weekly one-hour public affairs program offered free to all public radio stations in the US. Alternative Radio provides information, analyses and views that are frequently ignored or distorted in other media."

**Alternet**
http://www.alternet.org/
An award-winning news magazine and online community that creates original journalism and amplifies the best of hundreds of other independent media sources. AlterNet’s aim is to inspire action and advocacy on the environment, human rights and civil liberties, social justice, media, health care issues, and more.

**Alt Weeklies**
http://www.altweeklies.com/
These weeklies focus on local arts, foods, cultures, politics etc. The website compiles information from over 100 of the most popular alternative newspaper websites.

**Alternative Insight**
http://www.alternativeinsight.com/
Alternative Insight is an alternative news site with the goal to be "revolutionary and evolutionary." The site features stories on foreign policy, domestic policy, media and politics.

**AntiMedia**
http://theanti-media.org/
Grassroots, revolutionary media.

**Antiwar.com**
http://www.antiwar.com
An excellent selection of international news sources.

**Art Newspaper**
http://www.theartnewspaper.com/
The Art Newspaper offers articles on various artists around the world and what is going on in the art world.
The Atlantic
http://www.theatlantic.com/
A "general editorial magazine focusing on contemporary social and cultural issues."

Axis of Logic
This website provides news, commentary, and viewpoints for several categories from contributors in several different countries. Its focus is on promoting "peace, equality, human rights and the right to self determination for all nations throughout the world."

Before It's News
http://beforeitsnews.com/
This website compiles articles from around the world. They are separated by categories such as Featured, Alternative, Space, Sci-tech, Money, Politics, Health, Global, Spirituality, Self-sufficiency, Unexplained, and Lifestyle.

Benzinga
http://www.benzinga.com/
Benzinga is an alternative news source that has a strong focus on global finance and economy. Benzinga’s goal is to provide high-quality stock information to the public that is normally kept top-secret.

Between The Lines
www.btonline.org/
A half-hour radio newsmagazine that provides in-depth, timely analysis on a wide range of political, economic and social issues. Independent with diverse reportage.

Big Noise Films
http://www.bignoisefilms.com/
A non-profit media collective dedicated to producing beautiful, politically and culturally challenging films. It imaginatively redeploy new digital technologies to challenge the corporate media monopoly.

Bitch Media and Magazine
http://bitchmedia.org
"Bitch Media’s mission is to provide and encourage an engaged, thoughtful feminist response to mainstream media and popular culture." bitch magazine’s own tagline reads: "a feminist response to pop culture." Based in Portland, the magazine is only one branch of the bitch media foundation. The magazine includes analysis on current political events, social and cultural trends, media reviews and artwork from a feminist perspective.

Black Enterprise
http://www.blackenterprise.com/magazine
A monthly U.S. magazine which describes itself as the "premier business news and investment resource for African Americans and claims a readership of 3.7 million.

Black Entertainment Television
http://www.BET.com
BET is a Viacom-owned cable network based in Washington, D.C. Currently reaching more than 90 million households, it is the most prominent television network targeting African American audiences.

Blacklisted News
http://www.blacklistednews.com
Blacklisted News offers Blacklisted Newsletter, Radio, podcasts and utilizes Facebook and Twitter, in order to stay in touch at any time.

BlackMediaSCOOP
www.blackmediascoop.com -
BlackMediaSCOOP is the #1 social-media destination for trending news, tech, entertainment health, gossip, sports and more.

The Black Past
www.BlackPast.org
“The Black Past: Remembered and Reclaimed” is a history web portal focusing on African American history, organized and created by University of Washington professor Quintard Taylor. Not only can you find great historical work on a range of topics connected to Black people, but you can also contribute to it if you have quality research.

Brave New Films
http://www.bravenewfilms.org/
This website uses new media and internet video campaigns, and it has created a quick-strike capability that informs the public, challenges corporate media with the truth, and motivates people to take action on social issues nationwide.

British Broadcasting Corporation
http://www.bbc.co.uk
BBC offers an “outsider’s” view on US issues, and a different perspective on world
news as well. Its reporters are often more critical than U.S.-based news outlets.

Buzzflash
http://www.buzzflash.com/
Buzz Flash is an alternative news site and a member of the truth’s out news community. Buzz Flash features stories on environmental justice, politics, foreign policy, and daily news.

Canadian Dimension
http://canadiandimension.com/
A magazine which shows there is an alternative to the corporate agenda and the dictates of the global market; that the dream of a better society is still alive. It provides a forum for debate, where red meets green, feminists take on socialists, socialists take on social democrats, whites hear from aboriginals, activists report from all corners of Canada, trade unionists report from the front lines, campaigns make connections, and the latest books, films, websites, CDs, and videos are radically reviewed.

Center for Media and Democracy
www.prwatch.org
Reporting on Spin and Disinformation Since 1993. Provides decoding of "the news," with sections like Sourcewatch (info on Corporate Rights, Front Groups, Real Economy Project), Fake News, the Latest News and analysis of the Media. Archives: ex., Wisconsin protests. Also ALEC-Exposed (shadow government and unequal speech).

Center for Public Integrity
http://www.publicintegrity.org
“A nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization dedicated to public service journalism,” the Center is distinct from most other non-governmental organizations, because of our high-quality, well-documented, investigative research.” WebActive.com Archives progressive radio broadcasts. (Best heard with RealAudio.)

Center for Civil Society
www.ccs.ukzn.ac.za
Based at the University of KwaZuluNatal in Durban South Africa, CCS offers media links in the Global South. Links higher/formal education to community-based education, research and action. Newswire offers updated links to alt-media coverage of climate & environmental justice, social justice, movements of the global south, how Global-North looks to Global-South. Provides list of 100+ media sources, ex. Indymedia Africa.

Centre for Research on Globalisation
http://www.globalresearch.ca/
This organization is a non-profit based in Canada, which publishes news, research, and commentary on a broad range of social issues, focusing on the “unspoken truth.”

Citizen Radio
wearecitizenradio.com
Hosted by Allison Kilkenny and Jamie Kilstein, Citizen Radio is an independent, internet-based alternative daily radio show that covers stories the mainstream media doesn’t. This political-comedy show is one which approaches complex issues with a disarming and relatable sense of humor, is free to listen to and, according to Noam Chomsky, is “vital to our national discourse.”

ColorLines
http://www.colorlines.com
Founded in 1998 originally as a print magazine, ColorLines serves as an alternative news source that puts racial issues in the forefront. In addition to providing multiple perspectives and information on societal problems, ColorLines focuses on also providing solutions.

The Command Post
http://www.command-post.org/
A group of bloggers from around the world trying to "post the latest professional news that we have seen, heard, or read. In doing so we'll always cite, and where possible provide a link to, the original source, and we encourage you to follow those links and see the original sources yourself as well."

Consortium News
http://consortiumnews.com/
Editor Robert Parry founded consortiumnews in 1995 after he was troubled by propaganda and apathy in the news, particularly with the Iran-Contra scandal—which Parry helped expose via the AP. The website focuses on stories with political clout, and has a definite left-wing tilt.

Correspondences.org
http://www.correspondences.org
A project of Creative Media Partners, a group of media workers who believe in “news for the people by people.”
CounterFire
http://www.counterfire.org/
Counterfire is a news organization created and maintained by revolutionary socialists. It offers a different perspective than that of mainstream media on the current political happenings around the world.

CounterPunch
http://www.counterpunch.org/
Edited by Jeffrey St. Clair and the late Alexander Cockburn, CounterPunch is a biweekly newsletter and online journal featuring articles and editorials by writers on politics, foreign policy, books, art and music. It has taken a critical approach to both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Crooks and Liars
http://www.crooksandliars.com
A left-wing blog site with news media references.

Cryptome
http://cryptome.org/
This website is hosted by independent scholars and it functions as a repository for information about freedom of speech, cryptography, spying, and surveillance. Cryptome welcomes documents for publication that are prohibited by governments worldwide, in particular material on freedom of expression, privacy, cryptology, dual-use technologies, national security, intelligence, and secret governance—open, secret and classified documents—but not limited to those.

Current
http://current.com/
Also a television channel, Current is dedicated to providing insightful analysis of important issues and digging deep into real stories to uncover how they affect real people. Current shines a light where other networks won't dare and boldly explores provocative subjects, opening minds, sparking conversations and forming deep connections with its viewers.

Daily Beast
http://www.thedailybeast.com
The Daily Beast is a website that offers news and opinion articles on topics ranging from politics to art. Although it recently merged with Newsweek, it still provides news that is outside of the mainstream.

Democracy Now!
http://www.democracynow.org/
Hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program. “For true democracy to work, people need easy access to independent, diverse sources of news and information,” which is why they aim to give voice to people and perspectives seldom heard in the corporate-sponsored media.

Disinformation
http://www.disinfo.com/
The Disinformation Company is an independent media company based in New York. Its core activities are electronic publishing, film and video production and distribution. It is known for working with filmmakers and writers to promote important political, social or cultural issues that are ignored by the mainstream media.

Eat the State!
http://www.eatthestate.org/
Covers the discussion for anti-authoritarian political opinion, research and humor.

The Economist
http://www.economist.com
The Economist is a British weekly newsmagazine founded in 1843. It offers news coverage and analysis on international politics, economics, science, technology, and culture. Should be read for its information-packed writing style.

Edge of Sports
http://www.edgeofsports.com/
“Edge of Sports: Where Sports and Politics Collide” is a weekly radio sports program and news column that you can listen to on the site or get as a podcast. Dave Zirin and his crew bring on a wide range of guests who cover various issues about the politics of sports and sports connection to political movements.

End The Lie
http://endthelie.com
Independent news, analysis, and resources updated 24/7, exposing government lies, conspiracies and providing news from other alternative sources.
Environmental Health News
www.environmentalhealthnews.org
EHN provides daily coverage of environment, health and social justice news stories from around the world. You can search the archives by topic (ex., lead poisoning), state or country, activist organizations, recent actions (ex., civil disobedience and Keystone XL Pipeline), corporations (BP in the Gulf), etc. Website also provides media interpretation and tracking, from science to law to advocacy.

Environmental Justice Resource Center
www.ejrc.ca.edu
The Center is a focal point, nationally and internationally, for education, research, community support and mobilization. The website features a great links section on key news source, with sections on African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Border issues, Energy Apartheid, Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Coast, strategic efforts and impacts. Founded and guided by environmental justice leader Robert Bullard.

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting
http://www.fair.org/counterspin-radio/
FAIR airs a weekly half-hour radio show heard on noncommercial stations in the US and Canada called CounterSpin, which “provides a critical examination of the major stories every week, and exposes what the mainstream media might have missed in their own coverage.”

Feministing
http://www.feministing.com
Feministing is a collective of feminist bloggers, and their website, feministing.com, is reportedly the most widely read feminist publication of all time, with readers in over 100 countries.

Feminists for Free Expression
www.ffeusa.org
FE is an online group of feminists who work mainly for the preservation of individuals’ right to see, hear and produce materials of “her” own choice without the intervention of the state "for her own good." FFE also believes in freedom of expression within women’s rights and provide support for women’s goals.

Fight Back!
http://www.fightbacknews.org/
A newspaper that provides coverage and analysis of some of the key battles facing working and low-income people.

Foreign Affairs
http://www.foreignaffairs.com/
“Most influential journal in geostrategy and defense policy areas.” Published by the New York-based think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations.

Fox News
http://www.foxnews.com
Cable channel owned by conservative media mogul Rupert Murdoch, which takes a decidedly pro-Republican Party spin. Whether one agrees with its coverage, it is important to watch how many U.S. opinions are shaped.

Free Speech Radio News
www.fsrn.org
A daily half-hour newscast that is independently produced, and highlights national and international peace and social justice issues. Its reporters are based around the globe.

Freedom’s Journal Magazine
http://www.freedomsjournal.net
Freedom’s Journal Magazine is a tribute to the original Freedom’s Journal, the first African American owned and operated newspaper, founded in 1827. Freedom’s Journal Magazine carries on in the tradition of past “freedom fighters” in the pursuit of equal rights.

Godlike Productions
http://www.godlikeproductions.com/
Godlike Productions is a news site cleverly disguised as an internet messageboard. Posts are made by community members using anonymous handles, and credible sources are sent to the top of the page by a means of popularity and community support/hits.

Good News Network
http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/
The Good News Network is a news website dedicated to sharing only “good news.” It was founded with an effort to start a global movement in propagating positivity rather than suffering.
Grist
www.grist.org
“Laugh now — or the planet gets it.”
Based in Seattle, Grist is a non-profit organization that has provided folks with environmental news and analysis with a wry twist since 1999. Grist now offers stories that help “to make sense of it all”, discussing topics ranging from business & technology to food, energy and politics with an eye for radical, practical and achievable solutions to the ecological crises we face today.

Ground Zero
http://www.groundzeromedia.org/
A radio show based in Portland, Oregon that has discussions on current conspiracy topics between 7pm-12 am every evening.

The Guardian
http://www.guardiannews.com
The Guardian is produced in the UK, and continues to expand into different countries digitally. It includes a US team of writers, and editors, adopted a “digital-first” strategy in 2011, and feature an interactive collaboration with its readers.

Huffington Post
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/
A news site and blog launched in 2005 as a liberal/left alternative to right-wing blogs; it was founded largely by California political figure Arianna Huffington. It offers news, blogs, and original content and covers politics, business, entertainment, environment, technology, popular media, lifestyle, culture, comedy, healthy living, women’s interests and local news.

Hypatia
http://depts.washington.edu/hypatia/
A journal of feminist philosophy. Hypatia is a forum for cutting edge work in feminist philosophy. Since its inception in the mid-1980s, Hypatia has been a catalyst for broadening and refining feminist philosophy as well as an invaluable resource for those who teach in this area. Feminist philosophy arises out of diverse traditions and methods within philosophy and is also richly interdisciplinary in orientation.

Hyphen: Asian America Unabridged
http://www.hyphenmagazine.com/
Hyphen was founded in 2002 and is based in San Francisco. The magazine covers many issues, including politics and pop culture related to Asian American culture and community. Hyphen seeks to bring more complex representations of Asian America to light.

The Independent
http://www.independent.co.uk
Much like the BBC offers an “outsiders” view on US issues, but covers stories and events from an alternative UK point of view. Its politics fit somewhere between the Guardian and BBC.

Indian Country Today
http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/
Indian Country Today is a weekly U.S. newsmagazine and national news source for Natives, American Indians, and Tribes in the U.S. and Alaska. The ICT Media Network is a daily, hourly, or “as news breaks” online publication that now reaches 48,000 readers weekly. It is the Nations’ Leading American Indian News Source.

Indymedia
indymedia.us is a joint effort run by volunteers from many of the autonomously organized Independent Media Centers located in the U.S. and abroad. Indymedia has outlets that cover news concerning every major city and region in much of the world. All news is produced and submitted by civilians with little or no journalism credentials. Likewise, each outlet is run by its members in that community and funded by donations. It is an online newspaper with links to outlets concerning particular parts of the world. Stories that are often not covered by larger media outlets with corporate interests can be found here, such as stories about activists. Indymedia can be a way to build solidarity, promote ideas, and learn from or teach others.

Inequality.org
http://inequality.org/
A website that focuses on interesting information about income inequalities.

Information Clearinghouse
http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/
Controversial news site that looks at the news from a different perspective, and tries to expose the real truth.
Infowars
http://www.infowars.com/
A leading website in spreading news on conspiracies.

International Human Press
http://www.ithp.org/
Dedicated to “unaugmenting your reality” with alternative reporting and opinion pieces. “Our mission is to create a community that has access to the highest quality news & information from around the world.” Founded by two students from the University of Washington.

Jezebel
http://www.jezebel.com
Jezebel is a feminist online blog that publishes editorials analyzing pop culture with a feminist and social justice focus.

KAOS
http://www.kaosradio.org
Evergreen’s own campus radio station at 89.3 fm and streamed online. It carries many progressive programs, such as Democracy Now at 9 am, and local news and event coverage.

KEXP
http://www.kexp.org : 90.3 FM Seattle, WA
KEXP is a community supported radio station broadcasting over the airwaves in Seattle, WA, and online all over the world. KEXP takes pride in spreading high quality independent music from one corner of the world to another through a live stream, streaming archive, and audio and video downloads of thousands of in-studio performances.

Labor Notes
www.labornotes.org
“Putting the movement back in the labor movement”: One of the most informative and activist-supportive networks on labor and social justice. Spans the spectrum of worker and workplace-based strategies, from mainstream unions to indy-labor actions. Provides news, analysis, linkages, movement resources, and supports for worker-advocates, spanning local to national to international. Interesting pieces such as “Fiction for Labor Activists.”

Live Leaks
http://www.liveleak.com
“Re-defining Media”; Live Leaks is committed as a space where new stories are being leaked around the clock by its users. The website offers chat rooms, forums and user created channels to discuss news, politics, religion, and a less serious entertainment spectrum.

Media Action Project
http://mediaactionproject.org
Media Action is a non-profit organization devoted to empowering youth and communities to share their stories through media production and education. The organization utilizes cutting edge technologies and research-based best practices to provide communities with the skills and opportunities to share their stories and issues via media in order to both provide technological access for participants and to foster global awareness and action.

Media Alliance
http://www.media-alliance.org/
A 22-year-old nonprofit training and resource center with a mission of excellence, ethics, diversity, and accountability in all aspects of the media in the interests of peace, justice, and social responsibility.

The Militant
http://www.themilitant.com/index.shtml
A socialist newsweekly published in the interests of the working people. Its slogan is “a working class newspaper written by the working class for the working class.”

MOJO
http://www.mojo4music.com/blog/
MOJO music is a magazine that covers musical strides in the UK rock and punk scene. There is a lot of coverage on older bands such as Black Sabbath and Pink Floyd. There are interviews published with various musicians about what they are doing in music presently and what is new.

Mostly Water
http://mostlywater.org/
Mostly Water is hosted by a group of people associated with resist!, an autonomous radical group in Vancouver, Canada. The stories are user-submitted.
Mother Earth News
www.motherearthnews.com
Mother Earth News is a bi-monthly magazine that covers and discusses environmental issues. It promotes clean energy, family farms, meaningful education, and affordable housing.

Mother Jones
http://www.motherjones.com/
Named for an Irish-American trade union activist, Mother Jones is a nonprofit news organization, an award-winning bimonthly national magazine and a website featuring round the clock new, original reporting. Its focus is on "smart, fearless journalism" that "inspires a more democratic world."

Ms.
http://www.msmagazine.org
Ms. magazine is the largest feminist publication in the world – an award-winning, trusted, popular source for information and ideas, actions and inspiration for women worldwide. For over 40 years, Ms. has been Reporting, Rebelling and Truth-telling.

MSNBC
www.nbcnews.com
A more "traditional" news site, but with a decided liberal, pro-Democratic Party spin counterposed to Fox News.

NarcoNews
www.narconews.com
Webnews portal with fiercely independent and original news content focused on the War on Drugs and on the Americas. NarcoNews also has journalist training workshops and internships.

The Nation
http://www.thenation.com/
Founded in 1865, this periodical, dedicated to politics and culture is the oldest continuously-published weekly magazine in the United States. Its mission remains, "The Nation will not be the organ of any party, sect, or body. It will, on the contrary, make an earnest effort to bring to the discussion of political and social questions a really critical spirit, and to wage war upon the vices of violence, exaggeration and misrepresentation by which so much of the political writing of the day is marred."

The National Interest
http://nationalinterest.org/
“Provides analysis of American foreign policy and world events in a wider context of history, culture, economics, and religion.”

National Native News
http://www.nativewn.com/
National Native News is a daily news and information program produced from a Native perspective. The program focuses on social, cultural, economic, and environmental issues that affect the communities of both Native and Non-Native people alike.

National Public Radio
http://www.npr.org
NPR is primarily a radio news network of 975 independent stations, which includes discussions, and detailed analysis on many issues neglected by the traditional media sources. Also helpful is the large archived database on the website.

National Radio Project
www.radioproject.org
Making Contact is produced by an independent non-profit organization, the National Radio Project, to bring voices rarely heard in regular media. It is a half-hour weekly magazine/documentary-style public affairs program heard on community and public radio stations in the USA, Canada, South Africa and Ireland.

National Security Archive
http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/
Gathers and publishes declassified documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Natural News
http://naturalnews.com/
The site is a collection of public education websites covering topics that encourage people to change their health, environment, and consumer choices. It encourages natural health, natural living, and natural choices.

Nef
http://www.neweconomics.org/about
Founded in 1987, Nef works toward challenging mainstream beliefs about social, political, environmental and economic issues. It provides news, analysis and debate to work toward social and economic global progress.
NewsClick
http://newsclick.in/
An independent news and politics video program from India. The journalists cover various topics in a timely way and from a progressive perspective.

OneWorld
us.oneworld.net
"Where the good guys gang up": OneWorld is a website where people can come together and share the news that is important to them: About 900 different organizations use OneWorld to network and share what they know.

The Onion
http://www.theonion.com
An news satire organization, which covers real and fictional currents events. It has a non-satirical entertainment section called the A.V. Club

OpEdNews
OpEdNews is a non-partisan, non-profit, bottom-up, progressive / liberal news, opinion, op-ed media site, activism tool and blog community.

Open Secrets
http://www.opensecrets.org
Sponsored by the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan research group that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy.

Outside the Lines
http://espn.go.com/espn/otl/index
OTL is sports reporters telling news stories from the other side of the ball. Looking at sport related issues from injuries to incomes. It varies and differs at times but always flips the position of the typical sports writer and gives different views more in depth and behind the scenes.

Police the Police
https://www.facebook.com/PoliceThePoliceA
An open platform for documenting and archiving police misconduct, brutality and abuse of power.

The Progressive
http://www.progressive.org/
The Progressive is a monthly leftwing magazine of investigative reporting, political commentary, cultural coverage, activism, interviews, poetry, and humor. It was founded in 1909 by Wisconsin Progressive leader Robert LaFollette Sr., and still has its offices in Madison.

Queerty
http://www.queerty.com/
Another queer news organization that writes about pop-culture in the queer community, and in addition to that, it covers health, empowerment, and more.

Racialicious
racialicious.com
Racialicious is a blog about the intersections between race and pop culture. In its own words it offers a “no-holds-barred critique of questionable media representations.”

Raw Story
http://rawstory.com/
Founded in 2004, Raw Story is a progressive online news publication that covers national and international political and economic news and focuses on stories often downplayed or disregarded in the mainstream media.

The Real News
http://therealnews.com/t2/
The Real News operates on an international scale by offering its site in 8 languages. Declining funding from advertisements, corporations or the government, it is solely reliant upon donations. Broadcasts are aired through YouTube clips (posted with the dialogue) and have space for comments. Blogs and “working with a journalist” to launch ones story allow the audience to engage with the site.

Rethinking Schools
www.rethinkingschools.org
Works to balance classroom practices and educational theory in part through addressing current inequalities, structural ineffectiveness, and possible solutions in public education.

Revel and Riot
www.revelandriot.com
Revel and Riot updates its website with news about LGBTQ-related issues. Its news is separated by “Revel” (highlighting art, love, and political victories), and “Riot” (monitoring homophobic and transphobic violence, hate, and ignorance).
**Rich Blocks, Poor Blocks**  
www.richblockspoorblocks.com/  
A map of income and rent in every neighborhood in every city in America. Not an overall media source, but worth playing with -- a great interactive map of national rental costs and income broken down beyond county, into the neighborhood level.

**Riseup.net**  
https://riseup.net/en  
Rise up provides online communication tools for people and groups working on liberatory social change. It is a project designed to create democratic alternatives and practice self-determination by controlling our own secure means of communications. The U.S. government practices “full pipe monitoring” and association mapping, which gives it the ability to build a detailed map of how social movements are organized.

**The Root**  
http://www.theroot.com  
The Root is a daily online magazine that provides thought-provoking commentary on today’s news from a variety of black perspectives.

**RT (Russia Today) America**  
http://rt.com/usa/  
Launched in 2005, RT is an international Russian-based TV network broadcast worldwide in Arabic, English, Russian and Spanish. RT often offers sharp analysis of goings-on in America, and operates under the slogan “Question More.” It is worth noting that its objectivity and bias have been questioned for not directing the same investigative critiques to challenges to freedom of speech within Russia.

**Socialist Worker**  
http://socialistworker.org/  
“The powers that be have media outlets to tell their side of the story. We need ours. SocialistWorker.org aims to be a place to find news, analysis and commentary from the left.”

**Sojourners**  
http://www.sojo.net, publisher  
Sojourners is “a national Christian organization committed to faith in action for social justice” A news website and magazine that publishes articles on the intersections of Christian faith and justice, often delving into politics, intentional living, and social justice.

**Submedia TV**  
http://www.submedia.tv/  
Submedia.tv is a shadowy online TV news media outlet. Its reports carry the strong, radical leftist bias of the editor and always contain gratuitous expletives. The news is read by a disembodied face on a color-inverted screen using a voice-scrambler. Submedia.tv reports on activism, conspiracies, underground art and film expressions, and other matters.

**TED**  
http://www.Ted.com  
TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from
three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, and Design. Since then its scope has become ever broader. TED includes the award-winning TED Talks video site, the Open Translation Project and TED Conversations, the inspiring TED Fellows and TEDx programs, and the annual TED Prize.

**Telemundo**  
A U.S.-based television network that broadcasts in Spanish. The network is the second-largest Spanish-language content producer in the world, and the second-largest Spanish-language network in the United States.

**Truthdig**  
http://www.truthdig.com/,  
“Drilling beneath the Headlines”: Commentators include Chris Hedges, brilliant thinker and writer, and Mr. Fish, artist and thinker.

**TruthOut**  
http://truth-out.org/  
“Truthout works to spark action by revealing systemic injustice and providing a platform for transformative ideas, through in-depth investigative reporting and critical analysis. In order to remain free of bias and adhere to high editorial standards, we accept no advertising or corporate backing. Instead, we depend on our readers to support our work.”

**Undercurrents**  
http://www.undercurrents.org/  
“Undercurrents is an award-winning video production company producing environmental and social justice videos. We are also an arts Charity supporting marginalized communities.”

**Univision**  
http://www.univision.com/  
Univision is a large news organization and television network that is based in the U.S. and mostly focuses on Latin America and Latino communities in the U.S.

**Utne Reader**  
http://utne.com/  
With the bold tagline “cure ignorance,” “Utne Reader and Utne.com are digests of independent ideas and alternative culture. Not right, not left, but forward thinking. We’re most interested in creating a conversation about everything from the environment to the economy, politics to pop culture.”

**Vigilant Citizen**  
http://vigilantcitizen.com/  
“Vigilant Citizen pays homage to the powers of images and advertisements as a means of mind control from the ones who hold power. Many stories posted here are very political and shine light on the dehumanization of our world, the dumbing-down of society and the ever so shallow aspects of popular culture. Ideas and debates are welcome as they allow the mind to think for itself.”

**Village Voice**  
www.villagevoice.com  
A weekly newspaper based in New York that discusses current affairs, and music. It also has a website that covers national issues.

**War on Want**  
http://waronwant.org/  
Combats poverty in developing countries in partnership and solidarity with people affected by globalization.

**Washington Free Beacon**  
http://www.freebeacon.com  
A conservative non-profit website relaying mostly U. S. political news.

**Washington’s Blog**  
http://www.washingtonsblog.com  
Washington’s Blog is an internet blog which features fully uncensored alternative news. The blog focuses on politics, environmental justice, science and technology.

**We Speak News**  
http://www.wespeaknews.com/  
The website is driven by the content of its readers. They offer a worldwide stage for news and opinions to be shared through citizen journalism and social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

**The Week**  
http://theweek.com/  
A news magazine which presents current events in an “unbiased” manner through excerpts of articles and editorials from both liberal and conservative media sources concerning current events.
What Really Happened
http://whatreallyhappened.com/
What Really Happened is an alternative quasi-conspiracy-theory news website. The information it presents is definitely attention-grabbing, and the layout of the site makes the information easy to sift through.

Worker’s Independent News
www.laborradio.org
A news source “focused on the issues and concerns of working people. As a news service, WIN is devoted to bringing the voices of workers... to the widest public possible, using all means of electronic media. WIN packages news for distribution to radio stations, Internet radio, websites, for podcast and print publication.”

Works in Progress
http://www.olywip.org/
Founded by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition in 1990, this is a local Olympia-based, independent, alternative news publication and organization that puts out a free newspaper every month that covers political happenings of the Pacific Northwest.

WorldNews
http://wn.com/
Has up-to-date breaking news around the world in many languages.

World Radio Network
www.wrn.org
World Radio Network brings together international public broadcasters and independent producers from around the world since 1992.

World Watch Institute
An independent research organization that publishes news and analysis based on fact finding. It focuses particularly on climate and energy, food and agriculture, and environment and society.

Xindex
http://www.indexoncensorship.org/
“Xindex supports the power of expression. It gives a voice and attention to those ignored or silenced throughout the world. It operates through a website and magazine with contributing writers stationed in numerous countries to allow everyone the chance to get heard.”

Yes!
http://www.yesmagazine.org
Based on Bainbridge Island, Yes! Magazine focuses its content on issues ranging from social justice, environmental and sustainability, and alternative economics. The magazine features articles on community based solutions to problems, and “supports people's active engagement in creating a more just, sustainable and compassionate world.”

Young Turks Network
http://www.tytnetwork.com
The Young Turks Network mainly covers politics, pop culture and lifestyle. “The TYT Network is one of the Top 50 YouTube Partners, with over 30 million views a month and over 670 million total video views on The Young Turks YouTube Channel alone.”

Youth Today
http://www.youthtoday.org/
A national source for news, views and important developments in the youth service field from a nonprofit organization.

Z Communications
http://www.zcommunications.org
Z is an independent monthly magazine dedicated to resisting injustice, defending against repression, and creating liberty. It sees the racial, gender, class, and political dimensions of personal life as fundamental to understanding and improving contemporary circumstances; and it aims to assist activist efforts for a better future. The site includes ZNet, a community of writers committed to social change.

Zine Library
http://zinelibrary.info/
An anarchist zine library where anyone can download zines on different topics ranging from LGBTQ prisoner resources to creating DIY Bike Tours.