Politics –Transition Task 3: Media and developing political ideas

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| Answer the questions below – give some evidence and perhaps identify some particular stories that back up your view. |
| Can you name a newspaper which tends to support the Conservative Party?  |  |
| Can you name a newspaper which tends to support the Labour Party? |  |
| Do our terrestrial television broadcasters such as BBC, C4, ITV, C5 tend to support particular parties? Explain… |  |
| Pick one political story you are interested in this summer – sometimes the summer is a ‘slow news’ time as many politicians are on holiday, so if you want to go back to July or June that is okay. 1. Outline your news story – what are the facts of what happened, try to include only what is definitely true rather than what could be opinion. For sources see Q.2
2. Find coverage of you story on a neutral website – the best ones are the BBC or other broadcasters like Sky News or ITV/ Channel 4. This could be how you answer Q.1
3. Find a left wing source that covers your story – this could be the Guardian (free) or CNN/ Washington Post/ New York Times/ Novara Media/ New Statesman. What aspects can you identify that could be biased? You may want to complete Q.4 to do this well.
4. Find a right-wing source that covers your story – this could be the Daily Mail, GB News/ Fox News/ Spectator Magazine. What aspects can you identify that could biased?
5. In your opinion – is bias in the media a problem, if not why not? And if it is, how much of a problem is it?
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