

MEDIA

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Where do most people in your country get their news?
- Does the media in your country report the whole truth, mostly truth, or mostly lies?
- How has the internet changed the news in your country?
- Who has the most control over the media in your country?
- How does the media help create a healthy society?
- Should the media just report the facts or should the media interpret the facts?
- Can you think of a politician who used the media in a successful way? How about a politician who was destroyed by the media?
- Should the media show graphic violence? Why or why not?
- How has the media changed in your country during the last 20 years?
- What is the most fair and balanced media outlet in your country?

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THEM?

- It's not acceptable for journalists to listen in on politicians' phone calls and hack into their email accounts.
- The print newspaper is dead. We will soon read all our news online.
- Celebrities have to accept that the media publishes stories and photos about their private lives. That is the price they pay for being rich and famous.



USEFUL LANGUAGE

AGREEING

- I definitely agree.
- I totally agree.
- That's what I think, too.
- Absolutely!

HALF-AGREEING

- I see your point, but...
- I see what you mean, but...
- I agree up to a point, but...

DISAGREEING

- I'm afraid I completely disagree.
- I don't agree at all.
- We'll have to agree to disagree then.

EMPHASIZING THAT SOMETHING IS YOUR OWN OPINION

- I'd say that...
- If you ask me,...
- Personally, I think that...
- Personally speaking,...
- In my opinion,...
- In my view...
- I feel that...
- My feeling is that...
- As far as I'm concerned...

