



# News: Quotes

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## QUOTES ABOUT THE NEWS

“being able to read, analyze, and interpret the news is part of being an informed and responsible citizen in a democracy.” Regie Routman (2000, *Conversations: Strategies for Teaching, Learning, and Evaluating*)

“..the future of the U.S. news industry is seriously threatened by the seemingly irrevocable move by young people away from traditional sources of news.” (Carnegie Report: [Abandoning The News](#))

“Profit driven news organizations are under great pressure to boost ratings by sensationalizing the news: focusing attention on lurid, highly emotional stories, often featuring a bizarre cast of characters and a gripping plot but devoid of significance to most people’s lives....[Major] news outlets have become more and more dependent on these kind of tabloid soap operas to keep profits high.”

([FAIR Website](#), quoted in *At Issue: Media Bias*) “The business of the news media is to draw attention. Period.” News organizations sell this attention to advertisers” through “sensation (in news) and flattery of the audience” in order to keep the attention from drifting away. “The business of getting attention is where the revenue comes from,” (Todd Gitlin, media scholar/critic May 8, 2005 news report on speech

to University of S. Florida, Tampa)

“Cable TV news is one of the big disappointments of the modern media age. You’ve got 24 hours a day and you could be looking at problems affecting people and examining a wide range of solutions. Instead you have these sensational stories that are drawn out as soap operas.” (FAIR’s Jim Naureckas, quoted in [news story](#))