

*Dream of a Nation***A News Media that Informs and Empowers**

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**Key Terms-** Find definitions of the following key terms throughout Chapter 4 and write them in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Independent Media

Public Media

Media Ownership

Constructive Journalism

Citizen Empowerment

Trivial

**Article Questions***Infographic*

1. How many newspapers in the US are not owned by large, multinational companies?
2. What percentage of Americans have a great deal of confidence in the national news media?

*Media: A Told for Strengthening Democracy*

1. Why does Amy Goodman think a responsible news media will strengthen American democracy?
2. How does she feel this will be achieved?

*Making Coverage Count*

3. What are some signs that news organizations are focusing on trivial stories more than they should?
4. How does this type of news coverage affect public debate and civic awareness in America?

*Focusing on Solutions*

5. According to the author, what is essential to democracy, and formerly existed throughout America, and can be built again through the Internet?
6. Why is it important to have conversation in our communities about big problems and solutions?

*Citizen Empowerment Through Journalism*

7. Why does the author feel that journalism should not just report on problems but research and find root causes of issues and their related solutions?
8. With a partner come up with three to five topics you feel deserve more news coverage. Explain your answers.

**Post-Reading Questions**

9. Discuss with a partner a recent news story. What type of journalism did this media display?
10. How does the news generally make you feel? Would you feel differently if the news were covered in a different manner?