# **Title: Religion and the Media: what is the media?**

**Key Questions:** What should we stand for? Does justice/fairness for me get in the way of justice/fairness for others? What do believers mean by justice and fairness? How do believers identify and understand the concept of truth? Is curiosity a good thing? When can looking back be a negative thing to do? Can we think of any examples of “Fake News”?

**Key Concepts:** media, social media, truth, justice, free speech, satire, humour, morality, offence/blasphemy

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| To be able to explain what we mean by the “media” and give examples of its influences | * Ask students to note down approximately how many minutes a day they spend: watching TV, listening to the radio, on the internet, social media (Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.) reading newspapers or magazines, reading a book, listening to music, playing computer games, going to the cinema, watching DVDs. * Add the total and multiply it by 7… then multiply this by 52… students to compare their total with others. * Discuss what we mean by “media”- show What is the media? clip. How influential is it in people’s lives? Think about how the previous activity showed time spent with media. * Play a song about the news, eg Jam during which students go round the room completing a questionnaire that they ask their class mates. Questions could include: Do you ever…   have TV on in the background – but not  really watching anything? Wanted  something that you saw on an advert?  Share things you have seen on social  media? Want the lifestyle of a particular  celebrity? Cry at something that happened  in a film/ TV Programme? Get shocked /  offended by something in a film or TV  programme? Laugh at someone being  humiliated on TV?   * Discuss results/surprises/issues * Students complete an evaluation type question: Do you think the Media affects the way people think? Explain your answer | What is the media clip: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=M89\_wjcwzfY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M89_wjcwzfY)  Song  Questionnaire |