

Activity – Women in Media

Buy or collect together a range of newspapers and magazines. Give each pair or small group a stack of them along with some scissors, glue and a large sheet of paper. Ask the group to cut out images or headlines about women and stick them down onto their sheet. You may want to ask some groups to find negative portrayals of women, and other groups to find positive portrayals, or else each group can divide their paper into sections and try to find examples of each. Facilitate discussion during the activity as you move around the groups. Do you think these women are being reported on fairly? What is the media focussing on? How do you think these stories or photos made the women feel? What achievements are the celebrating? At the end, ask each group to feedback to the other groups about what they discovered during the activity. Again, use this time to ask questions that make the group think about the impact media can have on women and how the activity made them feel or think differently.

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