

Daily Curriculum – January 15

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

How might specific interest groups use information about government spending to promote a cause?

Key Concepts: Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. spending priorities
2. human trafficking
3. 12th man

Fast Facts: How well were you listening to today's program?

1. How much money will the U.S. government spend if the proposed compromise budget is passed? What are some of the proposal's spending priorities? What are the next steps in this budget process?
2. According to the video, why does American journalist David Satter think he was expelled from Russia? What does the Russian government give as the reason?
3. What action have the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos taken regarding ticket sales for this week's conference championships? What are some possible reasons for this move? How do some opposing teams' fans feel about this action? Why?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think that a government's spending priorities are often a source of political disagreement? How do you think that different elected officials in the House and Senate might respond to a compromise budget? If you were elected to Congress, what would your spending priorities be? Why?
2. In the U.S., what guarantees a free press? What responsibilities do you think accompany that freedom? Explain.
3. Explain how the economic principle of supply and demand figures into the story about NFL conference championship tickets. What is your opinion of how the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos are handling ticket sales for this weekend's games? State your rationale.