

Daily Curriculum – February 20

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

What perspectives do you think that journalists should include when covering stories about protest movements?

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

1. socialism
2. contract workers
3. Philadelphia 76ers

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

1. What are the capital cities of Ukraine, Thailand and Venezuela? How would you describe what is happening in each of these cities?
2. According to the video: What's been the general trend in Japanese job numbers? What is holding consumer spending back, and why? In the UAE, how has the Arab Spring impacted job numbers there? What segment of the society seems to be most impacted? What's been happening to the unemployment rate in the UK since 2011? Did the creation of new jobs keep pace with those entering the employment market? Why were the last two employment reports out of the U.S. disappointing? Why are some economists cautioning not to read too much into these numbers?
3. Who is Kevin Grow? What was his position on his high school basketball team? What happened when his coach put him into the game? What NBA team signed him to a two-day contract? How have fans reacted?

Discussion Questions:

1. What challenges might reporters face when covering stories about violent protests? Do you think that these stories need to be told? Why or why not?
2. How does a country's unemployment rate give us a glimpse into the state of that country's economy? Why might a period of political unrest be damaging to a national economy? What role might uncertainty play in consumers' spending?
3. Why do you think that the 76ers signed a contract with Kevin Grow? What message does this send to their fans? How do you think he impacts the team? Are you aware of other professional teams who have signed individuals in a symbolic way? Explain.