

Daily Curriculum – March 4

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

How might news coverage of the crisis in Ukraine differ between American and Russian media? How might it differ among various media within Ukraine?

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

1. global economy
2. space "junk"
3. Iditarod

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

1. According to the report: Who asked Russia to send troops into Ukraine? Why? What actions are being considered by the U.S. regarding this crisis? How has the crisis affected international markets and the prices of certain commodities?
2. Why have family sizes dropped in Iran since the 1980s? Why is Iran encouraging its citizens to have larger families? Why are some people hesitant to do this?
3. What is Iditarod known as? How long is the race? What does it commemorate? Who looks after the sled dogs?

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you concerned about the crisis in Ukraine? Why or why not? What questions do you have about this crisis? Can you think of other potential ripple effects it could cause? Explain.
2. To what extent, if any, can a government influence its citizens' family decisions? What kinds of stresses might underpopulation and overpopulation place on a country? Should economic conditions be considered when people decide whether to have children? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think that space "junk" hasn't been removed from orbit? Do you think it should influence decisions regarding space travel? Explain. In your opinion, how important is space travel?