

## Daily Curriculum – March 5

**Media Literacy Question of the Day:**

Why might a news reporter take risks to cover a violent protest? In your view, are the benefits worth the risks? Explain.

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

1. clashes
2. budget proposal
3. poaching

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

1. How has the crisis in Ukraine impacted Russian markets? What is the international community considering with regard to the crisis in Ukraine? What economic ties does Russia have to other parts of Europe?
2. Why are some Venezuelans protesting their government? According to the report: How does the Venezuelan government characterize them? How do they characterize themselves? What differing views do Venezuelans have on former President Hugo Chavez?
3. How much would President Obama's 2015 federal budget spend? What would see increased government funding under this proposal? How would this be paid for? What does the president say about his proposal? What do Republicans say about it?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What might be some reasons why developments in Ukraine are important to the U.S. and Russia? What might the U.S. and other countries hope to accomplish by threatening economic sanctions against Russia? What might they risk in threatening these sanctions? Why might Russian President Vladimir Putin be willing to take economic risks to remain involved in Ukraine?
2. What do you know about socialism? What makes this form of government controversial? What are some of the reasons behind violent protests in Venezuela? Can you see any potential diplomatic solutions to the unrest in Venezuela? What do you think will happen there in the days ahead?
3. How would you characterize today's report about poaching in the Republic of Congo? Why do you think that some people poach, despite the risks to themselves and to endangered species? Why might the experience of a former poacher be important to a government that wants to eradicate the practice? Do you think poaching can be stopped completely? If so, how? If not, why not?