

Daily Curriculum – May 7

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

What questions should a person ask when given data that is designed to raise awareness about a controversial topic?

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

1. ocean acidification
2. U-2 aircraft
3. commencement

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

1. Who has released a new report about climate change? What do critics say about this report? According to the report: What are some changes that could be in store for different regions of the U.S. as a result of climate change? How might the oceans be affected?
2. What is the primary function of the U-2 plane? How high can this plane fly? What happened when a U-2 flew over California last week? How did this have lasting effects on air traffic in the area?
3. When did fighting between North Korea and South Korea end? Which country is an ally of the U.S.? What do U.S. military officials believe that Kim Jong Un's regime is ready to do? According to the video, what is the challenge surrounding this possible action? Why are officials worried about this weapon with regard to North Korea? What do analysts say about satellite photos taken of a missile test site in North Korea?
4. According to the video, who are some of the high-profile commencement speakers being protested? Why? Who are some commencement speakers whose appearances have generated controversy in years past?

Discussion Questions:

1. In your opinion, should the international community respond to missile testing by North Korea? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. How do you think that colleges should choose their commencement speakers? In your opinion, with whom should the final decision rest? Why? When some potential speakers are ruled out on the basis of controversy, do you think it illustrates the exercise of free expression or the limit of it? Explain.
3. If you were graduating from college this month, who would you want to see address your class at commencement? Why? What topics would you like this speaker to address?