

Daily Curriculum – June 4

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

Describe some powerful photographs that have come to represent historic events.

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

1. Tiananmen Square
2. minimum wage
3. immune system

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

1. Who is the current president of Syria? What is the expected outcome of elections being held there? What does the Syrian government say about these elections? How has the U.S. responded? According to the video, what is the purpose of these elections?
2. What kind of government does China have? What happened in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China on June 4, 1989? According to the report, why are some questions about June 4 left unanswered? Where did the democracy discussions start? What happens when the CNN reporter asks people there if June 4 means anything to them? How does one recent graduate answer that question? What does she think people in China prefer to focus on instead?
3. What country did President Obama visit yesterday? What did he promise that country's president? Why has he asked Congress for \$1 billion? With whom has the U.S. been at odds regarding the crisis in Ukraine? Why have some been critical of the president's foreign policy? What does the president hope this trip will help to accomplish?
4. What is the current federal minimum wage? How much does President Obama want it to be? According to the Congressional Budget Office, what are some of the potential positive and negative effects of this kind of raise in the minimum wage? What U.S. city just set the highest minimum wage? How much is it? Why are some of the city's business leaders concerned about this?
5. According to Dr. Sanjay Gupta: How much of an impact can being lonely have on your health? How does loneliness register in the brain? How can the simple act of being social impact one's immune system? What can saying "hello" do for both the receiver and the giver of that greeting?

Discussion Questions:

1. How might government control over media impact the flow of information to citizens? How might citizens' rights be affected when their access to information is limited?
2. Who might favor raising the minimum wage? Why? Who might be opposed? Why? What potential impact might raising the minimum wage have on workers, businesses and consumers? Where do you stand on the issue of raising the minimum wage? State your rationale.
3. Do you think there is a mind/body connection when it comes to one's health? Explain. Do you think that other emotions like happiness might have an effect on physical health? Explain.