

Detecting media bias



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Detecting Media Bias Selected Articles “ My Gun Control”, by Ted Nugnet,
published in The Washington Times on 13 May 2011. 2) “ New Calls for
Assault-Gun Ban”, by Alex Roth, Paulo Prada and Corey Dade, published in
The Wall Street Journal on 13 March 2009. Answers 1) The article published
in The Washington Times evinces a conservative bias in the sense that it
adheres to the traditional conservative stand of correlating the right to
possess arms with the right to self defense and a lower crime rate. This
article also affiliates to the conservative organizations like The National Rifle
Association. In contrast the article published in The Wall Street Journal
depicts a liberal bias in the sense that it alludes to the contemporary
problems associated with the guns control issue like drug violence, shooting
sprees, augmenting crime rates, etc. Besides, this article seems to support
practical measures like conducting background checks before selling arms.
In addition, The Wall Street Journal article tends to talk a lot about putting in
place the apt legislative measures to ban the free sale of guns and assault
weapons. 2) The article published in The Wall Street Journal is more
persuasive in the sense that it tries to accrue support by talking about the
practical and relevant problems associated with the unlicensed sales of guns
in the United States. Besides, this article nowhere tries to play on the
emotions of the people by bringing in concepts like “ the American way of
life”, “ American values, “ liberty’, “ freedom’, etc. 3) The article published in
The Wall Street Journal did strengthen my already existing belief that there is
a dire need for introducing some form of legal and statutory accountability
and responsibility, as far as the sales of guns in the US is concerned. This is
because this article talks about the practical and discernible problems

associated with the issue, like crime and violence. Works Cited Nugent, Ted.
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