

WHOSE TRUTH? Operation Storm and the Battle for Vukovar

ANNEX 5 Student handout 4

HOMEWORK

Look through the news and find a recent event that was in the spotlight for many weeks.

Follow how the story 'broke', who broke it, how it developed and what the consequences of it were for any changes / other events / new debates.

Look at, at least 3 media sources.

- Are the facts the same in all of them?
- Are the perspectives different?
- Are the opinions different?
- Do they contradict each other or do they just 'cherry -pick' the information that they present?
- Is this deliberate, or is it simply that news reports have to fit into a particular number of minutes / column inches?
- Do journalists have a responsibility to tell the bare truth and facts, or should they include their opinions and interpretations?

What can we learn from how they covered it? Do you feel that the consumer has been 'manipulated' into a particular way of thinking?

Are you convinced that one of these is the 'truth' or are they all interpretations?