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"The United States is unusual among the industrial democracies in the rigidity of the system of political control... 'media manipulation,' we might say — exercised through the mass media."

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"The secret of this [was] written 52 years ago by Edward R. Murrow, who taught us many valuable lessons about the power of the media and the responsibility, because without it authority often goes unchecked."

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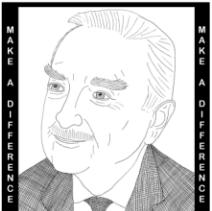
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"Here's how I [see] it: the president makes decisions, we're the [media]. The press secretary announces those decisions, and you people in the press are the ones who are going to check them. You just put 'em through a spot check and go home!"

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"[Media] is absolutely essential in a democracy to have competition in the media, a lot of competition, and we seem to be moving away from that." — Walter Cronkite

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"When [we] consider an issue, we do an [initial] quick check of their [claims] and source-checking! Once [we] has an [initial] feel [for] the game of chess, [we] can [then] start [analyzing] the pieces and the amount of [strategizing] we can even [do] in the middle to doing anything about it." — Howard Zinn

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"I certainly think we have an emergency in media, and we gotta fix it." — Phil Donahue

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"At the end of the millennium five men controlled the world's media. And the people rejoiced, because their TVs told them so." — Michael Moore

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"The media is too concentrated, too few people own too much. There's really five companies that control 90 percent of what we read, see and hear. It's not healthy." — Barbara Walters

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"I think people are too often conformist and, in some cases, conforming. We don't have a full marketplace of ideas in this country that in any way, shape or form can bring a range of ideas." — Matilda Sojourner-Harris

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"We are to have the public conversations essential to taking on serious differences from climate change to criminal justice reform. We are to have the public conversations. The media can facilitate the conversations or shut them down." — Howard Zinn

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"We need to decide that we will not go to war; whatever reason is given, it's not a good enough reason. We need to decide that there is always indiscriminate, a war against people, a war against children." — Howard Zinn

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