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Weekly Current Events: 3.13.23

Sisak, "The New York Hush-Money Probe of Trump Explained," Associated Press, 3.11.23.

- 1. The article's lead affirmatively states "Trump's lawyer tried to buy the silence of a porn actress . . ." What was the payment allegedly for?
- 2. What crime(s) might Trump have committed in this story?
- 3. What is a grand jury, and why might the NY attorneys invited Donald Trump to testify?
- 4. Who is Michael Cohen and what is his relevance to the story?
- 5. Why was Cohen prosecuted recently and why did he go to prison?
- 6. How does timing play into this case?
- 7. Is there any relevance regarding the fact that this is a former president and current candidate under suspicion?
- 8. How do campaign finance laws relate to the inquiry?

Huppke, "Fox News Lied to you. Here are some Ways to Move Forward," USA Today, 3.12.23.

- 1. What recent allegations and revelations regarding Fox News brought this column?
- 2. How does this columnist portray Fox News?
- 3. Name one Fox News host listed in the article.
- 4. What does the writer suggest about Fox viewers?
- 5. What are some Fox News tactics that the writer exposes?
- 6. How does he characterize Fox News delivery?
- 7. Has this writer been fair on this topic? Why or why not?

Nawaz, "Asa Hutchinson discusses White House bid," PBS NewsHour, 3.10.23.

- 1. Who is Asa Hutchinson?
- 2. What does he say about GOP presidential candidate pledges, campaign oaths?
- 3. Who does the reporter mention as the frontrunners of the GOP?
- 4. What has Hutchinson done in deciding whether or not to run for president?
- 5. What does he say is the key to winning the White House in 2024?
- 6. Name one issue addressed in the interview, and describe what Hutchinson said about it?
- 7. What is your overall impression of Hutchinson?
- 8. How did the interviewer do?