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Trending Topic Assignment

Trending Topic #1: Wildfires in California

Name of TV News Outlet: CBS Evening News

Date: 10 October 2017

Title of Story: At least 10 killed by fast-moving California wildfires, fire officials say

Summary: Wildfires raging in the northern section of California are causing massive destruction. Over 1000 homes have been demolished and many people have been greatly affected in a negative way. The government has reached out and has offered assistance to those in need.

Name of Newspaper: USA Today

Date: 11 October 2017

Title of Story: California fires produced as much pollution in 2 days as all the state’s cars do in a year

Summary: Throughout California, the state’s air quality has drastically decreased due to the widespread fires. This increase in smoke in the air could cause issues with the respiratory and cardiovascular system. Dense smoke in the air has affected those on the coast in central California, across the northwest corner of Nevada, and southern Oregon.

Cultural Significance: The importance of the wildfires is extremely massive. The increase in major destruction from natural causes in the past months should be a wakeup call to America, and the rest of the world, that something is wrong.

Debate and Differing Points of View:

Point View #1: The world is undergoing global warming, and the depletion of the world will come if everyone comes together and try to implement ways to prevent it

Point of View #2: Global warming is a myth which has no correlation to the multiple disasters that have happened recently.

Trending Topic #2: NFL Players Huddling During the National Anthem

Name of TV News Outlet: NBC News

Date: 17 October 2017

Title of Story: NFL Players Huddle with Owners over National Anthem Protests

Summary: Eleven NFL team owners held a meeting to discuss the controversy brought up from the peaceful protest during the national anthem. The two opposing sides found the meeting to be productive, and they are working to make resolve any issues. It was mentioned that the protests will not stop.

Name of Newspaper: The Washington Post

Date: 17 October 2017

Title of Story: NFL owners emerge from full day of meetings without requirement for players to stand for anthem.

Summary: The four hour meeting consisted of many players and representatives voicing their opinions on how they should fitfully stand up against problems in the community. The meetings had great progress; however, there is still room for discussion.

Cultural Significance: The NFL players who kneel for the national anthem are using their great fame to get their view across to a mass amount of people. This shows Americans- and everyone else in the world- that there are flaws in society that need to be fixed.

Debate and Differing Points of View

Point of View #1: NFL players who kneel during the national anthem are being disrespectful and causing more of a problem than they really want to be.

Point of View #2: NFL players who kneel are doing justice for those who are being affected by society’s flaws.