

Events

Oct. 18th, 2024 - David Lammy (UK) and Wangyi (China) Resumed Talks on relations between the UK and China.

Oct. 14th, 2024 - PLA launched large-scale armed military drills on 6 separate fronts of Taiwan.

Sept. 25th, 2024 - China publicly launched an ICBM into the pacific.

Source CounterSource JOURNAL

Disclaimer: In no way does this journal represent absolute authority or neutrality in its interpretations. The author recognizes his own biases and recommends people to read and evaluate sources themselves as well.

Introduction

The actions of the CCP and US are portrayed in greatly different fashions by each party hoping to target different audiences. This journal hopes to draw out underlying biases in both these interpretations, and bring a degree of neutrality into the view of certain events.

Section 1: PLA's Military Drills in the Taiwan Strait

On October 14th, the PLA launched large-scale operations in the Taiwan Strait, surrounding the island on six fronts with 153 aircraft, 26 ships and an aircraft carrier called the "Joint Sword 2024B". According to China, these military drills were started due to Lai Ching-te's extremist and separatist speeches on China and Taiwan. China's stance on the One China Policy has always been firm, and its populace has always held disdain for separatists calling for the political independence of Taiwan. Thus, Chinese news sources have capitalized on this anger, continuously riling up the Chinese populace against Taiwan and American interventionism, while building their confidence and trust for the government. An article from Toutiao, one of the largest news sources in China has repeatedly stated that "this military drill shows China's great military prowess and its ability to take over the island before American forces can counter."

Western sources on the other hand, have commented more on China's aggression towards Taiwan emphasizing the great number of military exercises that have been carried out around the island, with Reuters expressing the view that China is hoping to exert "hegemonic power" within the East China Sea, and the Economist suspecting that Lai Ching-te's speech was just a reason for China to carry out the pre-planned exercise. Clearly, both sources from different sides have different interests involved in their writing, and have emphasized vastly different aspects of this action by the Chinese Military (PLA) and wish to convey different stories to their audiences. Although there is reason for western media to portray China's aggression with exaggeration it is also important to note that there have indeed been various forms of provocation from the Taiwanese government against China and that

there is reason for China to feel that its devotion to the One China Policy has been threatened. Meanwhile, China's own sources have failed to account for its exaggerated military response against Taiwan, and that the military drills do impose fear upon the people within Taiwan who have grown accustomed to call Taiwan their home. They have also been using such a topic to create public support for the government and target hatred at the US and its interventionist policies in the Taiwan Strait within their news sources. In conclusion there is fault in both portrayals of the issue, and there is more to the story than sole protection of the One China Policy, or the irrational and violent aggression of China towards Taiwan. It seems that China is more presenting its attitude for Taiwan's unthoughtful speeches, while also trying to deter the US from intervening in the Taiwan Strait. However, there might also be various other reasons that China has carried out this military exercise, and it would be best to continue reading other sources on this topic to understand more.



Military Drill Areas of Joint Sword 2024B

Section 2: China-UK Relations	
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Section 3:

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Pictures?



Identifying & Addressing Biases:

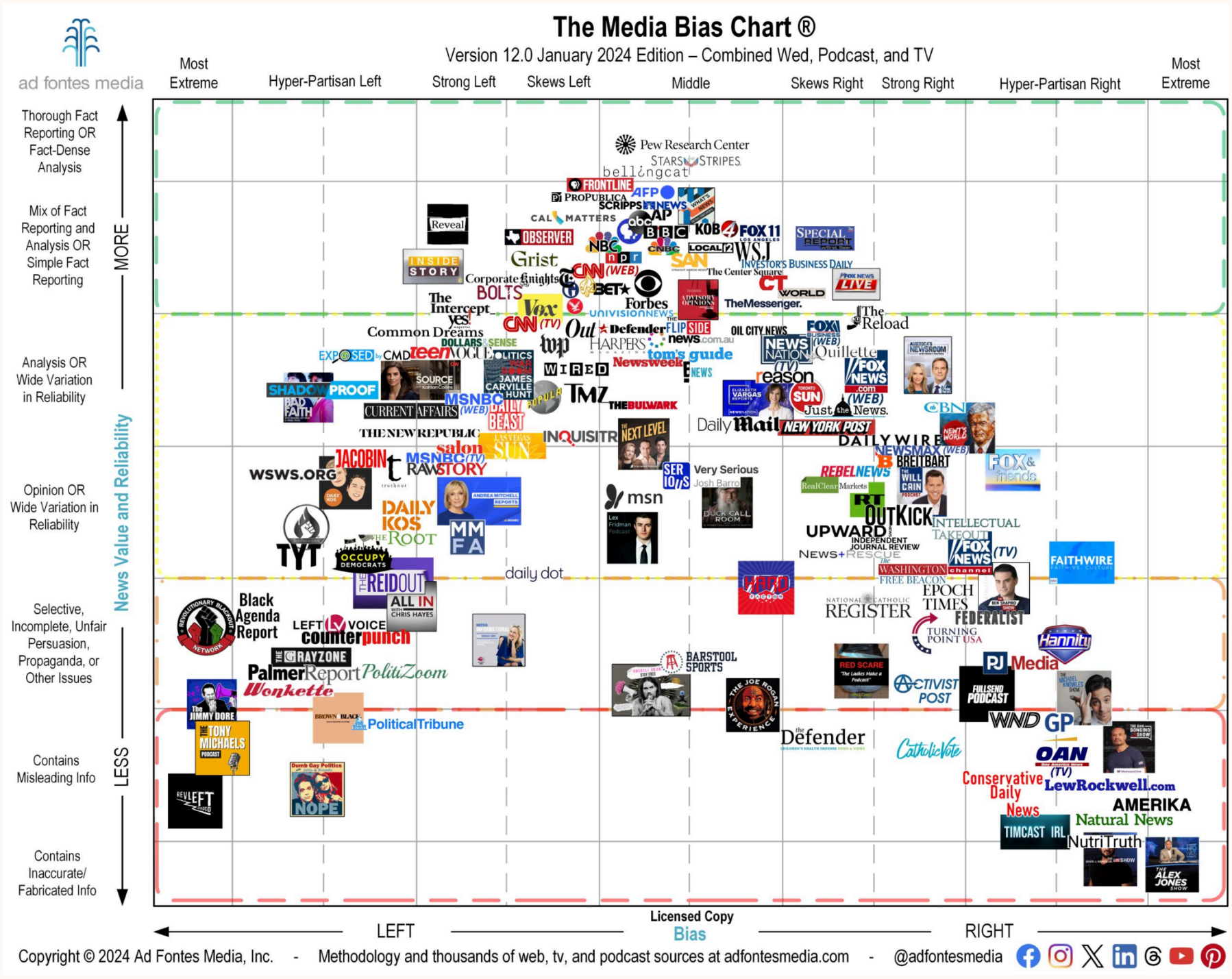
Differences Between Different International Entities:

Differences Between Sources
Within the Same International
Entity:

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Not only is there different information presented to populations in different political factions, there are also inconsistencies in the portrayals of events by different parties within the same political faction. This can clearly be seen in the title of the article “UK presses China on weapons to Russia” when compared to “Britain, China strike conciliatory note during top diplomat's visit”.

The next issue will cover the interpretations of the Belt and Road Initiative by both sides, the rationale behind these interpretations, and a reasonable middleground in viewing such an initiative.



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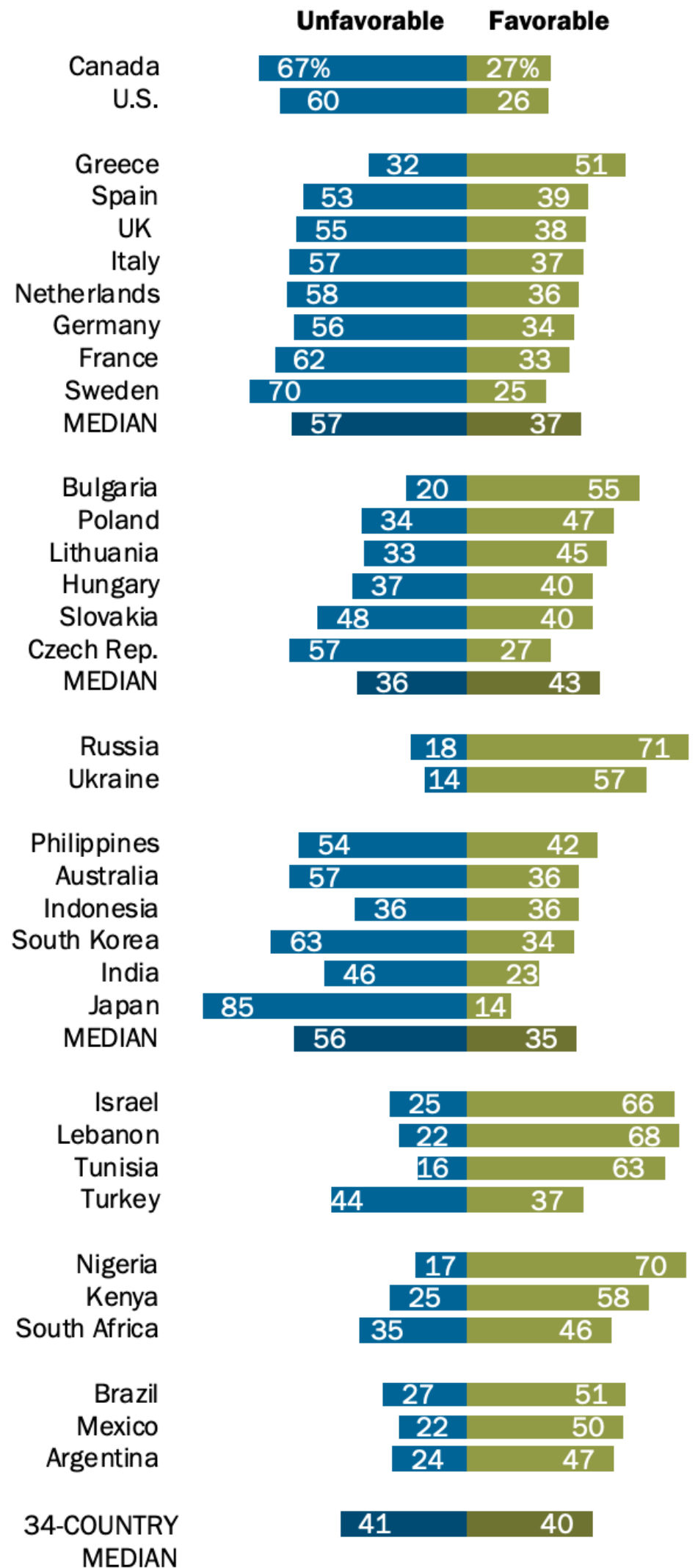
Purpose/Essential Question: How has the misinformation and biases of news sources created socio-political bipolarity between the teens, aged 12-18, in the US and China?

The United States and its portrayal of China:

- Synthesize research
- Use news articles to present
 - Humanitarian Crises of China enlarged and scrutinized
 - Chinese actions interpreted with strong personal 'values' of Xi Jinping through metonymy (commenting on the person)
 - Interprets Chinese actions such as Belt and Road Initiative as lobbying for supporters, international power, etc.

International opinions of China divided

% who have a ___ opinion of China



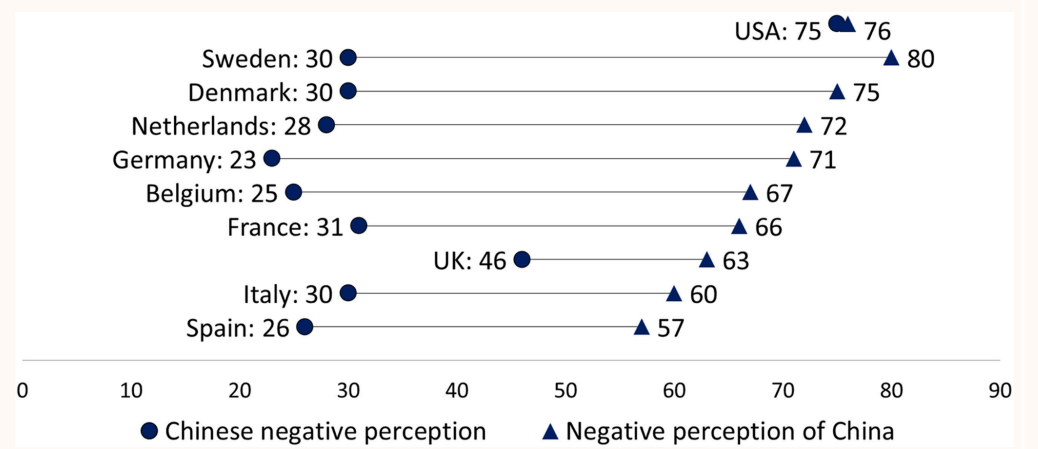
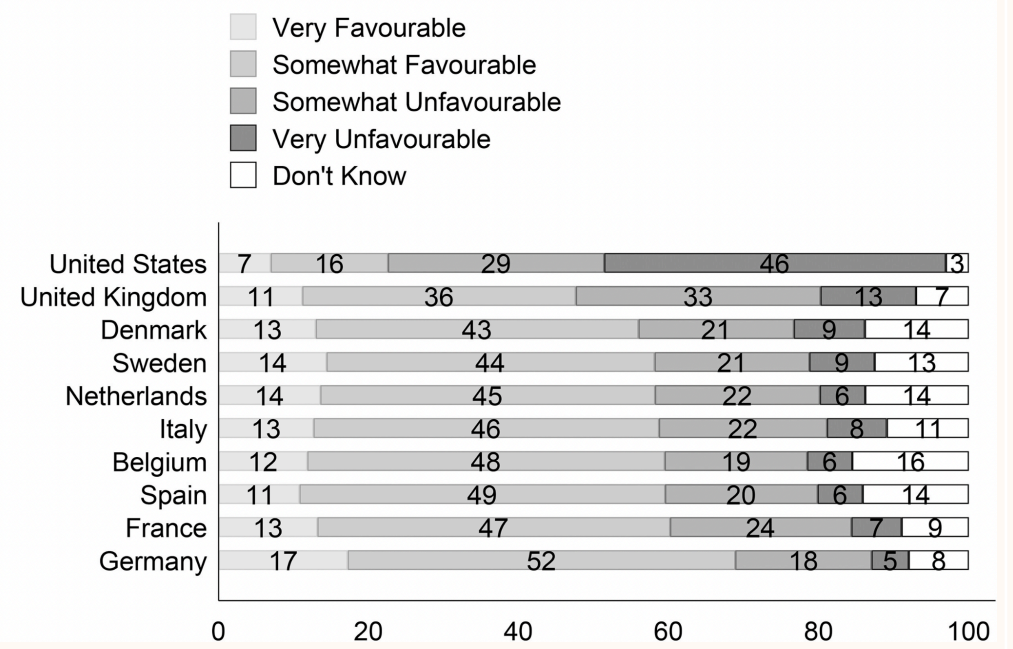
Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey. Q8b.

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China and its portrayal of The United States:

- Synthesize research
- Incorporate own experiences of learning there:
 - Media coverage:
 - about unreasonable international pressure from US
 - capitalizes on US incompetence and governmental failures to paint bad picture
 - Blaming many China's crisis on US policies and actions

Your opinion of the following countries:



Surveys Conducted In China in 2019 from [an] article evaluating Chinese perceptions of foreign nations.

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These three have a lot of survey graphs but may have generalizations in data collection as the variations of nations are few. However, it is hard to conduct surveys in a lot of countries due to policy, etc. so it is still understandable and represents the main idea.

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P95 Figure 70-71 - strong opinions on US

Potentially connect through affinity groups and what the student body at Nueva is interested in for topics. Potentially make a website for where the volumes can live and be publicized?