Media Portrayals
Political Cartoons

• Interpretive drawing, sometimes with words, that convey an idea or message about a current issue, event, or problem.
• Are simple, usually black and white, graphic depictions of a news story or event.
• Portray people’s attitudes about a problem or issue.
• Use symbolism, Sarcasm, Exaggerations, Analogy, Labeling, and Irony
Political Comedians

• Comedians use humor as a way of talking about politics
  • Best comedians are funny, but also get people to think about the issues

• Humor is able to address emotions of politics
  • Grief, cynicism, anger, confusion, contradictions

• Younger generations increasingly turning to comedians for source of news
Documentaries

• Political activists use informative documentaries to inform the public about different governmental actions, inequalities, inefficiencies, and corruption
• Goal is to inform and encourage change
  • Definite and clear agenda
Feature Films

• Often draw from politics to entertain
  • Focus on successes, failures, scandals, deceptions, the political process, politics in general...
• Political films are often informative, and might increase knowledge of political workings
  • Main goals is always to make money
• Hollywood tends to be liberal
Magazines

- Magazines and print media may seem politically unconnected, but follow political agendas of parent organizations
  - Will only publish certain articles, and advertisements
  - Magazines help further political agendas
  - Help allow corporations have voice in what Americans think about politics