

Checklist: Media Representations and Principles of Human Dignity and Human Rights (Lewis, 2022)

Human Rights Framework	Yes/No	Sample Questions for Consideration	Student Comments
Promotion of Human Rights - General		Are the fundamental and inalienable rights of all human beings considered? Is there consideration of civil, political, economic, and social and cultural rights? How are they respected or violated? Are elements of injustice addressed?	
Inherent Dignity and Worth		Are the voices of people, relevant organizations, and communities considered? Are beliefs and actions that devalue or stigmatize people challenged? Is consideration given to individual, cultural and linguistic diversities?	
Treating People as Whole Persons		Are people represented superficially? As victims or stereotypes? Or are people portrayed more fully regarding their hopes? Is historical context considered? Are the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual dimensions of people's lives considered? Are specific aspects of the culture and context given regard?	
Uniting framework of a common diverse, multidimensional, and multi-normative society		Is there a simplistic us-versus-them representation of people and issues (normal versus abnormal, west versus east, liberal vs conservative, etc.? Are any interconnections identified?	
Full respect for self-agency of individuals and groups		Are views outside of the dominant narrative given consideration? Are western/Eurocentric perspectives, political interests privileged or treated as superior? Are alternative views highlighted? Is voice given to members of marginalized groups?	
Moral, social, and legal considerations		Is a lack of effective and preventive responses by the state considered? Is institutional discrimination and oppression challenged? Are issues of parity and fairness given consideration? Is there consideration of multiple causes of and solutions to problems?	