

Section III

Question 11 - Elective 1: Telling the Truth

When talking about telling the truth we need to remember that there is always more than one side to a story. Every person has a slightly different account of an event or situation which to them is the truth.

In the T.V. program "Frontline," we are shown the way in which the media ~~person~~ perverts and twists the ~~the~~ story to represent their own truth.

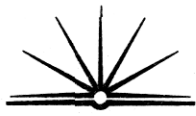
Events, personalities, or situations all have an effect in shaping the ~~truth~~ truth. For example, in the episode 'smaller fish to fry' Mike wants to air a story on some



corrupt banking scheme. However Mike is unable to air his report as the owners of the television station are caught up in it too. So in that we have powerful personalities in a corrupt situation covering up and shaping the truth.

Another example of events in which truths are shaped is the ~~Israeli~~ Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

As two of my related texts I collected two articles on the same day about the conflict, one from from an Australian newspaper, and one from an Israeli newspaper.

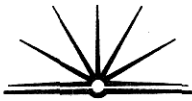


When looking at these two reports we can see how their different situations have effect their 'truths.'

The Australian paper had a report on an airstrike by the Israeli military killing 15 innocent people. However the Israeli paper didn't mention this event at all, instead accusing Palestinians of stealing ingredients used in making bombs.

Although the Israeli paper did not lie, its truth was shaped by the political situation in that country, and it ~~chose~~ choose or was forced, not to print an article about the airstrike.

The Australian paper on the other



hand printed the stories with only the facts, due to the neutral country they were in.

These texts have helped to shape my understanding of ~~truth~~ truth, and how it is effected by events, personalities, and situations.