News Analysis Reflection

Reflection prompt 1. Did your article, or things you saw in your search for articles, change the way you think about science?  Did you see evidence of scientists actively engaged in public policy debates, and were you surprised by their level of advocacy?

The News Analysis I chose to do was about low Vitamin D and how it can be linked to Autism. This article changed the way I view science and society. Science has made so many breakthroughs when it comes to the human body. We now have vaccines that prevent us from developing debilitating diseases for example. We don’t know what exactly the cause of Autism is but because of science we now have a contributing factor as to why people develop autism. During my research it was interesting seeing scientists in public debates. It makes sense though, scientists are constantly challenging new ideas and theories.

Reflection prompt 2. Discuss how your article made connections to another discipline, like business, government, politics, economics, or humanities.  If it didn’t make any connections to other disciplines, discuss a connection it could have made.

I think the article I chose made a connection with economics. Economics involves the production, distribution and consumption of goods. The production of Vitamin D supplements. The article stated that low Vitamin D can be a contributing factor to Autism. If you prescribe pregnant women with Vitamin D supplement pharmaceutical companies are making a profit off of the Vitamin D supplement.

Reflection prompt 3. Describe how the class as a whole has impacted your views on science, the human body, and human impacts on the planet.

This class changed my views on the human body. Our bodies are amazing and they are constantly changing and evolving. Our genetics are absolutely amazing. And if there is a slight change the genetic code there can be drastic changes or if we aren’t getting enough supplements it also affects our bodies. I think I value Science more than I did before. Without science we wouldn’t have the technological advances that we have today.