



## Slant or Bias

Most magazines/periodicals will be slanted in some way or another. Slant is defined in Webster's Dictionary (1991) as "a peculiar or personal point of view, attitude or opinion". Generally, scholarly journals are less slanted than magazines such as Time, The Nation, Newsweek, or National Review.

An excellent reference source will help you determine slant, or bias:

Katz, Bill. Magazines for Libraries. 1995. REF Z 6941 .K2 1995

Entries in Magazines for Libraries for The Nation and National Review look like this:

**4917 The Nation.** 1865. w. \$40. Victor Navasky. Nation Assocs., Inc., P. O. Box 1953, Marion OH 43305. Illus., index, adv. Circ: 50,000. Vol. ends: June/Dec. Microform: UMI. Indexed: BoRvI, PAIS, RG. Bk rev: 3-7, 1,4000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

Liberal to the left: first, foremost and always. That is the policy of the distinguished editor, who has given the journal new life with a series of investigative reports that often make headlines. The articles range from the Nicaraguan debate to abortion to Israel and the politics of Washington, D.C. It is partisan, yet witty and extremely intelligent. Some of the best stylists in journalism are regular columnists in the arts and entertainment sections, for example, Alexander Cockburn, I.F. Stone, Christopher Hitchens, Jefferson Morley, and Andre Kopkind. The editorials are quite superior in both content and style. This is a required magazine for almost all types and sizes of libraries.

**4919 National Review: a journal of fact and opinion.** 1955. fortn. \$34. William F. Buckley. Natl. Review, Inc., 150 E. 35th St., New York, NY 10016. Illus. index, adv. Cir: 110,000. Sample. Microform: B&H, MIM, UMI. Reprint: UMI. Online: DIALOG. Indexed: MgI, RG. Bk. Rev: 3-8, 1,000-2,000 words, signed. Aud: Ga.

This is the premier conservative journal. William F. Buckley has created a magazine that serves as the model for all popular conservative publications. Each issue has one feature article and several shorter articles on topics of current political, social, and cultural interest. There are excellent reviews of books, films, records, art exhibits, and other cultural events, and monthly editorials by the waspish and witty Mr. Buckley. In addition to good layout and graphics, each issue includes cartoons and a crossword/acrostic type puzzle. The indispensable voice of American conservatism. (R.H.S)

# Journals of News, Opinion and Commentary (source: University of Richmond, Virginia)

America	Liberal Roman Catholic
American Spectator	Conservative
Atlantic	Moderate to slightly left
Brookings Review	Independent economics; moderate
Cato Journal	Conservative
Christian Century	Liberal
Christianity and Crisis	Liberal Protestant
Christianity Today	Conservative Protestant
Commentary	Moderate to right Jewish
Commonweal	Liberal Roman Catholic
Dissent	Socialist
Economist	British, Conservative
Encounter	British, scholarly, mixed
Feminist Studies	Feminist, cultural
Foreign Affairs	Mixed
Hastings Center Report	Bioethics; balance
Human Events	Far Right
Hypatia	Feminist
Interpretation	Conservative Protestant
Journal of Reform Judaism	Liberal Jewish
Media Report to Women	Feminist, media issues
Mother Jones	Liberal
Ms.	Feminist, liberal
Nation	Liberal
National Review	Conservative
New Criterion	Neo-conservative
New Republic	Liberal
New Statesman/Society	British Liberal
Newsweek	Moderate
Orbis	Moderate
Progressive	Liberal
Public Interest	Conservative
Reader's Digest	Conservative
Science and Society	Marxist
Sierra	Environmental
Time	Moderate
U.S. News & World Report	Moderate to Conservative
Vital Speeches of the Day	Conservative