Media Hype Assignment

**Assignment Directions:**

**Read:** “Worry About the Right Things” and “The Media Likes Scaring Us” by John Stossel.

**Watch**: The YouTube Videos from 20/20 about Media Hype.

**Write:** Students are to write a 3-page reaction paper regarding *“Worry About the Right Things”, “The Media Likes Scaring Us”,* and the Media Hype 20/20 YouTube videos.

I’d like to know your opinion regarding the two articles you read and YouTube videos you watched.  Please include your responses to these questions in your paper.

* Was anything surprising to you?
* Discuss something you remember being “hyped” on TV or in the newspaper.
* Describe a time when you or your family members were affected by media hype.
* Has something hyped in the media affected the way you thought or behaved?
* Do you have any fears that may have been enhanced by something you saw, heard, or read via some form of media?
* Discuss in detail some of the situations the author discussed and your reaction to it.

**Papers Must:**

* Be typed, 12 point font, double spaced,**MLA** style only.
* Include proper spelling, grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure.
* Include proper paragraphs.
* Include proper format (introduction, body, conclusion).
* Include a cover page.
* Include a works cited page.
* Be a **full** 3 pages (in addition to your cover page and works cited page).
* Remember to cite your sources (proper citation). Otherwise it is plagiarism.