**Chapter 11**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Class Activities:**

Activity: Scandals

Learning Objective(s):

Students will be able to understand the relationship between the news media and politics

Students will be able to identify what motivates media coverage of people and events

Materials needed: Whiteboard and dry-erase markers

Class Size: Ideal small breakout discussion groups or an individual assignment

Whether as a group or as an individual assignment, the students could research previous or existing scandals regarding politicians (Watergate, Bill Clinton, etc.). How has the media portrayed the politicians? After viewing the information given to the public via the news sources, what is your opinion of the situation? What was the outcome of the public shaming caused by the media? Did the individuals resign or are they in the process of resigning?