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Human Rights Basics & the UDHR in Context (Tamar & Denisse)

Readings:

1. International Justice Resource Center, *United Nations*, <http://www.ijrcenter.org/universal-tribunals-treaty-bodies-and-rapporteurs/>.
2. UN Organizational Chart.
3. Website of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR), <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/pages/home.aspx> (browse).
4. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>.

Assignment:

- This session will provide an overview of human rights basics and explore the application of the UDHR to current events. In preparation, please read the above materials and come prepared with any questions.
- Please also identify one story in the news that you believe implicates one or more of the human rights identified in the UDHR. Who are the alleged victim(s)? Who are the alleged perpetrator(s)? Are any governments named in the story? Are any corporations or public/private institutions/groups named in the story? Which right(s) in the UDHR do you think are implicated? Does the story use the words “human rights”?