# Syllabus: Is Information Making Us Fat and Sick?

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| Oct 3  | 1       | TY           | How information positively and negatively influences weight-related health status and behavior:  
  a) different audiences, e.g., obesity epidemic as “tempest in teapot”  
  b) different information purveyors with conflicting missions and vested interests, e.g., science/medicine, journalism, politics, commercial marketing  
  c) cultural shaping of messages and dissemination channels | Kersh R, Morone J. The politics of obesity: seven steps to government action. *Health Affairs* 2002;142-153.  
delivery of and access to health and healthcare information


Nov 7—Change from

4 TY How information (messages, messengers and channels) is used to promote healthy behaviors


Nov 28 5 AG Characterizing the information eco-system: informal (invisible) mechanisms, e.g. social

Allen, Margaret, Suzanne Matthew, and Mary Jo Boland. “Working with Immigrant and Refugee Populations: Issues and Hmong Case Study,” *Library Trends Special Issue “Consumer Health*
network analysis. Possible strategies for using information and information technology more effectively to address obesity and inequities in access to health and healthcare information.


