

DISTINGUISH FACT AND OPINION

A fact is something that can be proven. An opinion is an idea, belief, or outlook that can vary from person to person. Opinions can take various forms:

- **judgment statements**, or statements that express worth or value (*Globalization is good.*)
- **prediction statements**(*Globalization will destroy our economy.*)
- **policy or command statements**(*Americans should study economics. Study economics!*)
- **assertions that cannot be proved** or that rely on unclear criteria (*People are suffering as never before.*)
- **opinions combined with facts**(*Worst of all, American jobs are being exported.*)

Directions: Write facts and opinions from the two editorials in the chart.

	"Good News About Poverty"	"The White-Collar Blues"
Facts		
Opinions		
Not Sure		