“iPod and the Fury” and “Apple Sued” and “Apple Hears Complaints”: Discussion

Take about ten or so minutes to discuss, in groups, the popular press pieces we read about iPods. To help with that, think about the questions below:

1. How do the writers use science and scientists? What’s the role of science in their reporting?
2. How accurate does the science in the news articles seem to be? What convinces you that the information used is, or isn’t, accurate?
3. What can we definitely say about iPods and hearing loss from the articles?
4. What can we possibly say about iPods and hearing loss?
5. Can we claim causation between iPods and hearing loss? Why or why not?
6. Can we claim some sort of correlation between iPods and hearing loss? What would be specific correlations that could be made?

Be ready to discuss your answers with the whole group.