**Lösungsvorschlag zum Arbeitsblatt "Mediation: Softening the offensive spots"**

**Mediated text:**

*On June 17th 2013, Jakob Augstein, a left-wing journalist, published a comment on "Spiegel Online" that is highly critical of US tactics in the war on terror.*

*He claims that the NSA’s monitoring of online traffic systematically curtails freedom.*

*Drone attacks or the rigorous questioning of suspected terrorists at military prisons have raised serious doubts if such tactics are legitimate and acceptable means for a democratic state.*

*On issues like these the distinction between good and evil seems to have become blurred.*

*As a consequence, Augstein claims that the American methods of obtaining security have a dangerous side-effect -- a totalitarian threat to human rights, as he puts it.*

 (106 words)