

History and the Media



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HST 496 is a senior seminar with the goal of producing a substantial research project. Whether you love to indict the media for its “liberal bias” or you believe FOX News uses its influence to advance a conservative agenda, we can all agree that the media is powerful. Historians use many types of sources, and this varies quite a bit by specialty (social, cultural, intellectual, etc.). For this project, we will be focusing on analyzing media coverage of historical events from the late-nineteenth century through the 1960s. Most of our common readings will focus on the print press, but I have included some on mass media as well.