

### **Class Paper Topic Ideas:**

Students are free to choose their own topics for class papers, so long as they relate to some of the material or issues in this course. The following are offered as ideas for consideration:

How and Why the U.S. Media Has Ignored, and Thereby Contributed to, Genocides

While the U.S. Media Slept: Peter Bergson and His Battle to Bring the Holocaust to the Attention of the American People

The Decline and Fall of the Standard of Objectivity and the Rise of the Quest for Truth

The Difference Between Objectivity and the Communication of Truth

Framing of Issues or Events in the Media: Who is in Charge?

How Framing Determines Public Responses

Are Liberal or Conservative Biases the Problem With Communicating the Truth?

The Transformation of U.S. Media Since the Colonial Period

A Proposal for Raising the Quality of Information Found on the Internet

How the Media Has Been Manipulated to Deceive the American Public

How Free is the Press Today?

Whistleblowers and Source Confidentiality: Strengthening Democracy or Giving Aid to the Enemy?

Did the Media Pave the Way for the Invasion of Iraq?

The Impact on Democracy From the Failure of the Media to Provide the Truth

How the "War on Drugs" Has Been Fueled by the Media

Government Manipulation of the Media During Imperial Attacks on Other Nations

The History of Restraints on the Media During Times of War or Other Perceived National Emergencies

Tactics of Presidential Administrations to Manipulate or Manage the News

How People Make Policy Choices and the Impact of the Media on Those Choices