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# The Power of Information

*The* CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR THE HUFFINGTON POST

## Egypt Journalists Roundup Continues As Violence Escalates



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OPEN IN SILENCE. CLICK TWICE MORE TO BRING UP NEW PIX AND HEADLINES.  
LAST IS THE BLOODY HAND.



THIS IS THE SET-UP SLIDE TO A 3-minute VIDEO THAT STARTS WITH A SINGLE CLICK.

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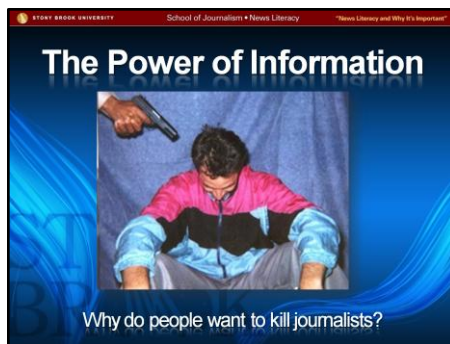
CAIRO PROTESTER BEING SHOT

VISUALIZATION of INTERNET SERVICE CUT-OFFS

ENDS WITH BBC REPORTER EXPLAINING WHY HE GOES INTO HARM'S WAY.



(LECTURER: CLICK NOW TO LAUNCH VIDEO)



PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH AN EXCERPT OF PEARL'S HOSTAGE VIDEO (1 MINUTE: NO VIOLENCE)

This is Wall Street Journal South Asia Bureau Chief Daniel Pearl.

"Danny" as his friends called him, was born in Princeton, New Jersey, and grew up in Los Angeles, the son of a computer science professor. He graduated from Stanford University in 1985, where he co-founded a student newspaper. He got an internship at the Indianapolis Star and spent a winter in Idaho, busing tables to pay for his ski pass. After a trip through Russia, China, and Europe, he joined the Berkshire Eagle, a legendary small-town paper in western MA.

He moved up, to the San Francisco Business Times and then to Wall Street Journal by 1990. Promotions followed: Atlanta; Washington, DC; London; and then South Asia Bureau Chief in Mumbai, India.

January 23, 2002, he was in Pakistan to investigate links between Richard Reid (the "shoe bomber") and Al-Qaeda.

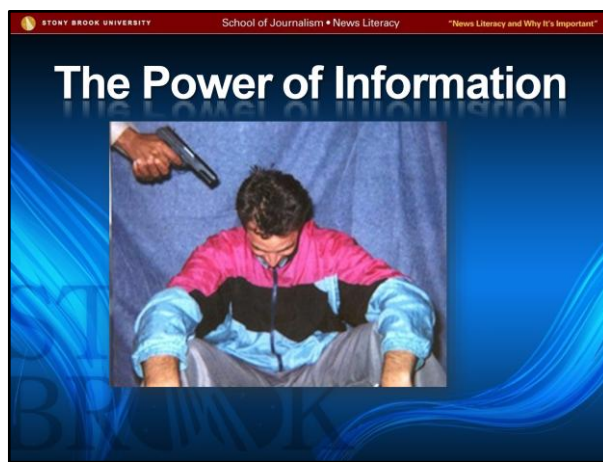
It seemed like a lucky break when he got a call telling him where to rendezvous for an interview with Sheikh Mubarak Ali Gilani in Karachi.

A militant group calling itself The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty kidnapped him near the Metropole Hotel. Using used a Hotmail address, they declared him a CIA operative and listed the usual demands: release prisoners, change policy, withdraw troops...or else.

Here's the video they posted. (LECTURER: CLICK NOW TO LAUNCH HOSTAGE VIDEO)



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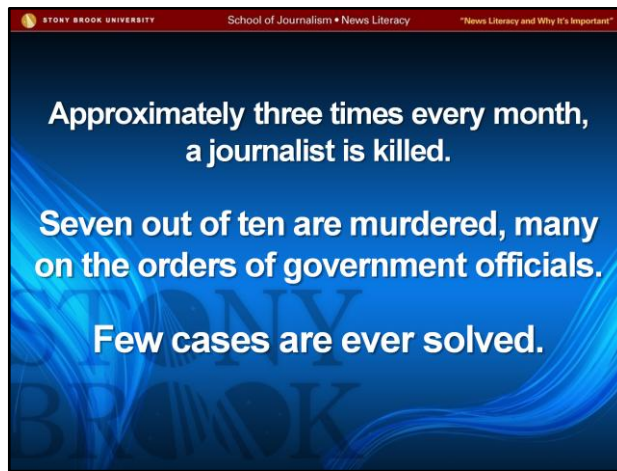


There was no response to public pleas from Pearl's editor, nor from his wife Mariane, who was six months pregnant with their first child.

Nine days after Danny Pearl was kidnapped, his captors released a video of themselves cutting his head off.

On May 16, 2002 (about 4 months after the kidnapping) Danny's severed head and decomposed body were found cut into ten pieces, and buried in a shallow grave at Gadap, about 30 miles north of Karachi. In the grave was the jacket of the tracksuit Pearl was wearing in this photo, taken by his kidnappers when they grabbed him.

His son, Adam Daniel Pearl, had already been born.



Facts, collected by CPJ, that sometimes surprise students.

Right now, the most dangerous place in the world to be a journalist is in the areas of Mexico controlled by the drug cartels.

In Russia, government and business interests are suspected in the deaths and disappearances of dozens of journalists.

And in China, jailings and beatings are the norm.

It's a widespread phenomenon





**Lucas Mebrouk Dolega**, a photographer with the European Pressphoto Agency died from head injuries January 17, in Tunis, Tunisia after a tear gas canister fired by security forces hit him in the head. He was covering the massive January 14 protests that led to the ouster of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Dolega believed that "the closer, the better," his colleagues said in a memorial on the Agency's website.

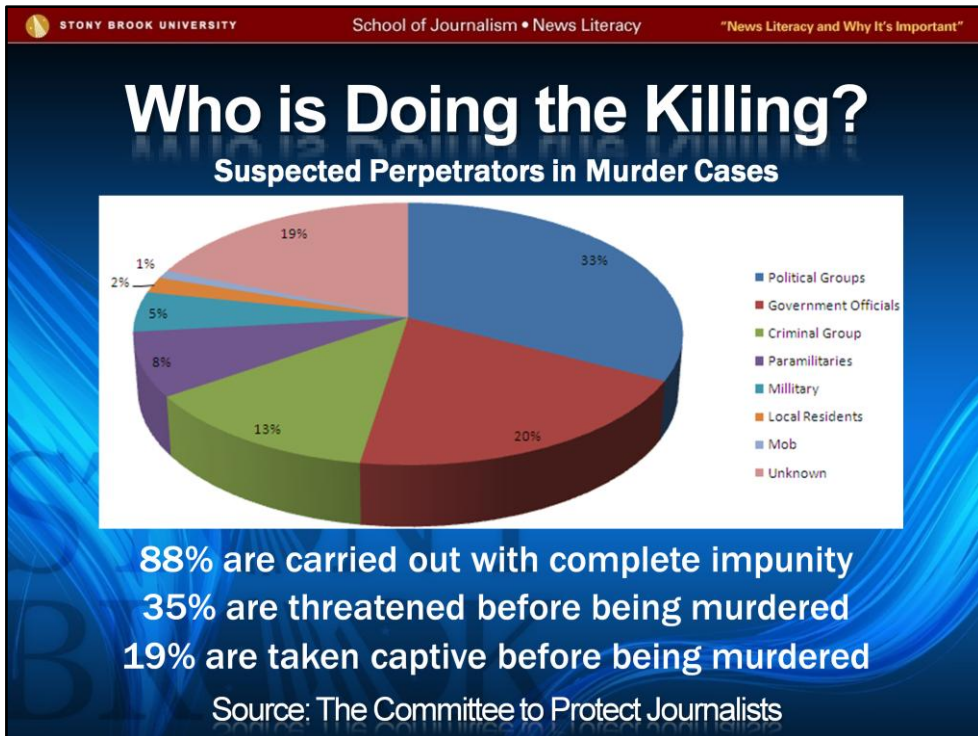
"His last pictures, transmitted by his colleagues after his injury, make us proud, as does his entire body of work. We have lost a dear colleague, a good and gentle man and talented professional, who paid the ultimate price for his passion in life."

**Wali Khan Babar**, a reporter with Geo TV was shot and killed shortly after he filed his report about gang clashes in Karachi, Pakistan's Liaquatabad district. Two attackers intercepted his car while it was stopped in traffic, shooting him multiple times in the head and neck.

More than 17 people were killed in Karachi during civil unrest that day. The violence was blamed on political and sectarian fighting as well as general gang violence.

Speaking at a rally the day after Babar's death, Geo Karachi Bureau Chief Faysal Aziz Khan said that no government official had contacted the station in the many hours after Babar's death. "No one from the government has approached us regarding the incident. Also, no senior police officials are ready to tell the media about the murderers of Babar and explain the details."





POINT: CPJ attempts to distinguish motives from mistakes and to determine who is responsible when journalists are killed for committing journalism.



During anti-Government protests in January of 2009, Sri Lankan officials stepped up their assaults on journalists. Lasantha Wickrematunge, editor of The Sunday Leader, had been detained and threatened but was still pushing investigative stories about the government.

January 8, 2009 as he drove to work, he was killed by gunmen on motorbikes, the fourth journalist killed in a short period in Sri Lanka. (CLICK BRINGS UP HEADLINE AND PULL QUOTE)

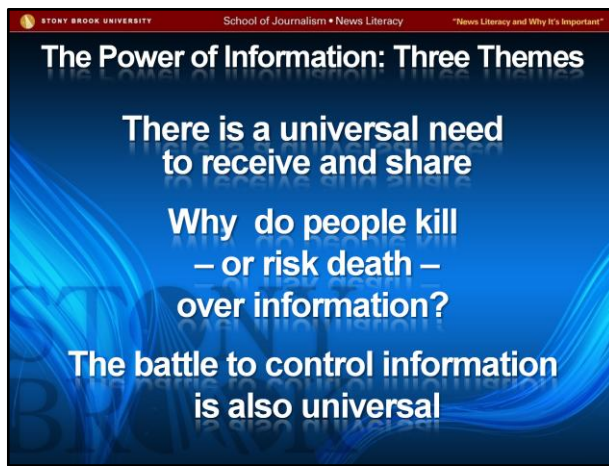
Staff of the Sunday Leader discovered that, expecting to be killed, he had already written his own obituary.

Read excerpt aloud:

*“No other profession calls on its practitioners to lay down their lives for their art save the armed forces and, in Sri Lanka, journalism. In the course of the past few years, the independent media have increasingly come under attack. Electronic and print media institutions have been burnt, bombed, sealed and coerced. Countless journalists have been harassed, threatened and killed. It has been my honour to belong to all those categories and now especially the last.*

*I hope my assassination will be seen not as a defeat of freedom but an inspiration for those who survive to step up their efforts. Indeed, I hope that it will help to galvanize forces that will usher in a new era of human liberty in our beloved motherland. I also hope it will open the eyes of your President to the fact that however many are slaughtered in the name of patriotism, the human spirit will endure and flourish.*

*People often ask me why I take such risks and tell me it is a matter of time before I am bumped off. Of course I know that: it is inevitable. But if we do not speak out now, there will be no one left to speak for those who cannot, whether they be ethnic minorities, the disadvantaged or the persecuted.”*



Here are the three main themes of today's lecture.



SLIDE: Blackout is over.


Change your homepage and read the news daily. The news is your third "textbook."

Weekly News Quizzes begin next week.

All questions are drawn from the NYT...for now

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# Classroom Etiquette



- No Cellphones
- No Smartphones
- No Texting
- No Talking
- No Sleeping
- Be on Time

**Violators will be asked to leave class**

A quick review of attendance policies and etiquette

Reminder: Check Blackboard daily



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# News Matters



*You Write a sentence here, connecting the news to a course concept.*

**YOUR REC. #**

Submitted by: **YOUR NAME GOES HERE**  
Professor: **MY NAME GOES HERE**

Here's a weekly tradition in News Literacy.

Students reading the news every day see stories that illustrate some point from the course.

They may earn extra credit by building a slide that is accepted for use in lecture.

We'll explain that system next week.

For now, here are some examples of what the finished product looks like.

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# News Matters

## NASA Identifies 54 Potentially Habitable Alien Planets

by Denise Chow, SPACE.com Staff Writer  
Date: 02 February 2011 Time: 11:19 AM ET



SPACE.COM

In three weeks, I'll say this illustrates "News Drivers"

2/2/2011 Submitted by: Stu Dint Professor Smartypants 1

<http://www.space.com/10742-kepler-exoplanets-data.html>

<http://kepler.nasa.gov/>

Kepler is a cool space probe. It measures light fluctuations to look for possible planets orbiting stars.

Other possible stories, if you don't like space.com. Although, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, etc all get their space stuff from space.com, so I'd say it's legitimate news.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501465\\_162-20030285-501465.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501465_162-20030285-501465.html)

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/thebigblog/archives/237720.asp>

<http://news.discovery.com/space/kepler-exoplanet-count-increase-110202.html>



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# News Matters

## Dallas hunts teen sex rings before Super Bowl; big game said to attract thousands of pimps, hookers

NYDailyNews.com  
**DAILY NEW**



In three weeks, I'd say it illustrates a news driver, or two

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[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/02/01/2011-02-01\\_dallas\\_hunts\\_teen\\_sex\\_rings\\_before\\_super\\_bowl\\_big\\_game\\_said\\_to\\_attract\\_thousands.html?r=sports](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/02/01/2011-02-01_dallas_hunts_teen_sex_rings_before_super_bowl_big_game_said_to_attract_thousands.html?r=sports)

Also:

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/sns-ap-us-travel-brief-super-bowl-sex-trade,0,999608.story>

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# News Matters



**P Diddy sued for \$1 trillion and accused of causing 9/11 attacks**

*Valerie Turks says Diddy owes her damages...*

January 28, 2011 | 2 Comments



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<http://www.nme.com/news/p-diddy/54739>

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# The Power of Information: Three Themes

**There is a universal need to receive and share**

Why do people kill  
– or risk death –  
over information?

The battle to control information  
is also universal

Okay...Back to the THE THREE BIG THEMES OF THE LECTURE



Why IS there a universal need to share and receive news?

ASK: How many of you share news as you read it...linking Facebook posts or blogging or “*LIKE*” ing items posted by others.

What is it about us that we all seem to need to receive and share information?



Maybe some of it is that we humans find it hard to keep a secret... Even when it could wreck our life.

ASK: Who is this? (Monica Lewinsky, Linda Tripp)

What was the secret?

What were the consequences of “sharing” this information?

(Monica told her friend Linda Tripp. Tripp told her to keep the famous dress, recorded their conversations and turned the tapes over to independent counsel Kenneth Starr, who led the impeachment effort.)



If knowledge is power, then is power predicated on secrecy?

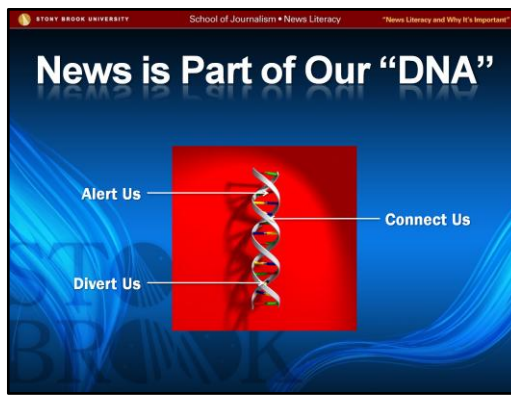
If knowledge is power, then what is ignorance?

Knowledge makes WHO more powerful?

(News Consumers are more powerful than non-consumers)

This is Clinton on the day he was impeached by the House of Representatives, December 19, 1998





Hunger for News is part of our “DNA”  
(metaphorically speaking)

Every society studied by anthropologists - no matter how primitive - prized a system for exchanging news.

What is this Need to Know? Think about your day on campus. The most common question is... “What’s New? What up?”

For purposes of this course we observe that humans seem to need three kinds of news: Alerts, Diverts, Connects. Hang on to those ideas, They’re useful in the writing assignments.

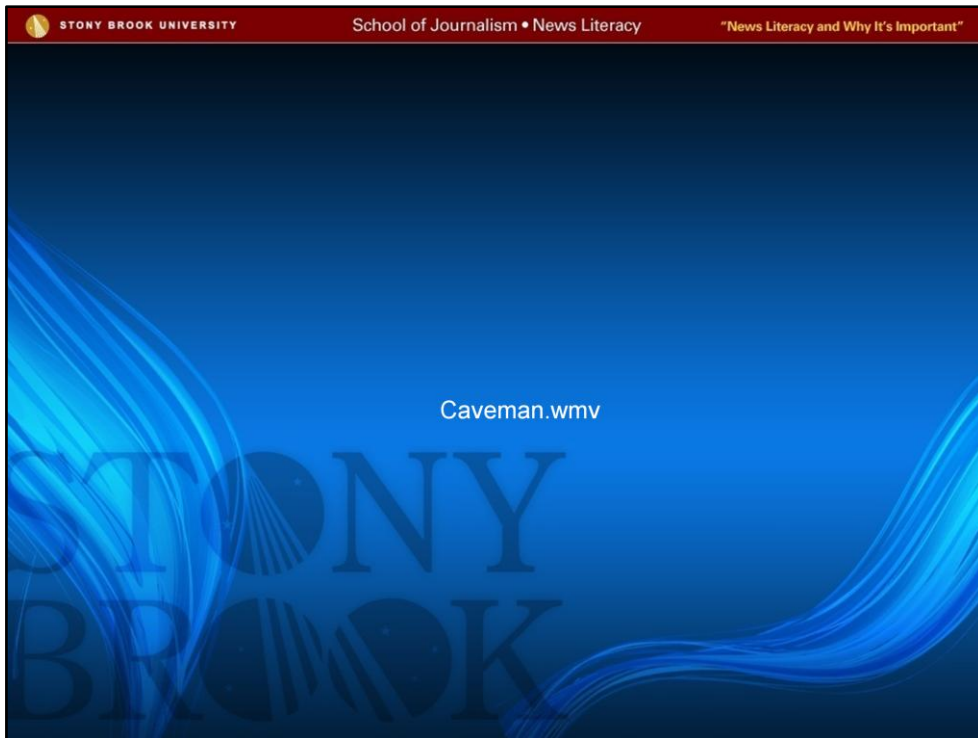




PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH THE FUNNY FED-EX AD (38 seconds)

Without information systems that alerted them to danger, humans wouldn't have survived. This highly scientific reconstruction shows how humans need information that alerts them to new opportunities and alerts them to danger.

(LECTURER: CLICK NOW TO LAUNCH VIDEO)



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Looking to close a \$10 Billion budget gap, Governor Andrew Cuomo calls for SUNY's operating budget to be cut by 10 percent, or \$100 million.

Stony Brook University, the system's second largest campus, expects to lose approximately \$12 million, according to university spokeswoman Lauren Sheprow.

In addition, Cuomo is seeking to remove all of the state's \$154 million in subsidies for New York's three regional teaching hospitals, including Stony Brook University Medical Center, which would lose \$55 million in state support.

All told, Stony Brook University is being asked to absorb an estimated \$67 million cut.





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PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH  
When you were deciding whether...or how...to go to  
school on Wednesday, did information like this help  
you make up your mind?

.....(LECTURER: CLICK NOW TO LAUNCH  
VIDEO)

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# It Alerts Us...

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...to the dangers bad weather

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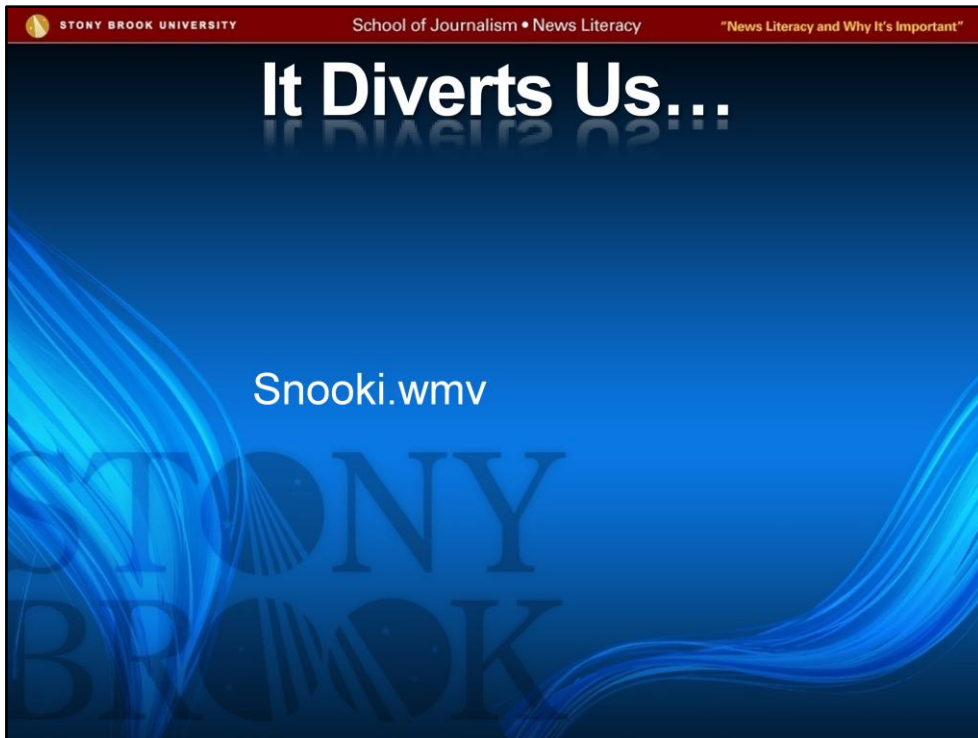


## It Diverts Us...



We're Obsessed with Celebrity

Don't be embarrassed to admit you're a TMZ fan, a People Magazine reader...or a Page Six Devotee. The fact is, news is often a form of entertainment, whether we're laughing at the antics of the rich and famous or chuckling over some debate in the U.S. Senate. Here's how people a world away divert themselves with news from Jersey Shore...



PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH Taiwanese animation story about Snooki



As did stories told around the campfire or in the darkness of grass huts at the dawn of human history, news stories connect us. The telling and re-telling of them. The discussion of them...That's deep in our DNA.

Here's an example:

The youngest victim of the Tucson shooting was [Christina Green](#), a 9-year-old who was the only girl on her Little League team, sang in her church choir, served on the student council, got straight As and volunteered at a children's charity.

She went to meet her congressman at a supermarket, where a gunman shot Representative [Gabrielle Giffords](#), leaving her in critical condition, and killed six people, including Christina.

She was born on Sept. 11, 2001 and her mother says, " She was very bright, very mature, off the charts. She was the brightest thing that happened that day."

At the hospital, her mother said, "We waited for a while, and then the surgeon and people from the I.C.U. unit came in and police officers and other people, and they told us the bad news," she said. "She had a bullet hole to the chest, and they tried to save her, but she just couldn't make it. It was really, really bad."

Christina's family donated some of her organs and one has already saved a child's life in Boston.



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This launches Obama at the Tucson Memorial service. It’s 3 minutes, but if you want to cut it in half, the obvious spot is when he emphatically says “We Must” make politics as good as Christina dreamed it could be, etc.



(Animation all automatic. Twilight Zone images fade in and out ending with News Literacy Blackout Zone.)

I wanted to pause for a moment and ask you for any reflections from your News Blackout. Did anyone feel a NEED for information, when they couldn't have it any more?

ASK: What surprised you about the News Blackout?

Any funny stories about it?

Was anyone sure they'd miss their daily dose of news, and then not miss it?

Was anyone sure they would NOT miss the news, and find they did miss it?

Any interesting reactions to the deficit?



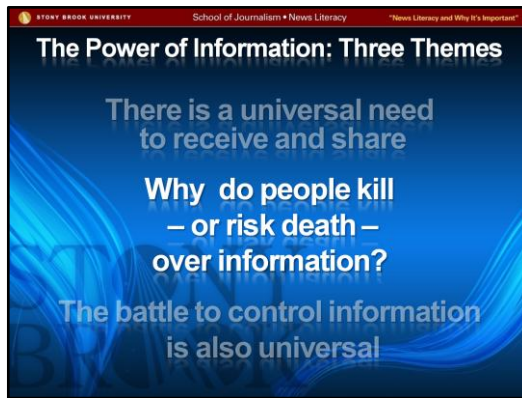
The Roman Emperor Cicero ordered news about Rome sent to him when he was away. He griped that the news in these letters was a lot of tittle-tattle and gossip: which gladiator was paired off with which...who was on trial for what scandalous or embarrassing crime...what leak about the Emperor was making the rounds.

Don't be embarrassed if TMZ is part of your daily news diet. It is human to seek information that diverts or entertains us and that has always included a fair amount of tabloid news and sports reports.

PAUSE FOR TRANSITION.

These patterns, seeking information that alerts us, that connects us, that diverts us...make us human, which is why in News Literacy we assert that the need for information is in our DNA.

But information-seeking and information-spreading have a lot to do with power... which makes it dangerous.



The news this week was just a few facts or a clip of video from Tahrir Square or maybe some audio of a reporter watching anti-Mubarak protesters scuffling with Mubarak's thugs...What's the big deal?

Why would the Egyptian government kill over a little information?

Why would someone risk death to get information out and into the public's hands?





(LECTURERS: BE READY TO CLICK AGAIN TO ZOOM IN ON THE PHOTO AND THE SOLDIER)

Japanese television aired video of the last seconds of 50-year-old news videographer Kenji Nagai’s life during the Buddhist Monk-led protests against Burma’s dictatorship. Nagai, who was on the edge of a crowd of panic-stricken demonstrators, is shoved violently to the ground by a soldier. The crowd flees, leaving behind Nagai – dressed casually in shorts and flip-flops – on his back in the street. In his right hand is a video camera, held high to protect it from the fall.

(LECTURER: CLICK NOW FOR THE CROPPED VERSION)

A loud crack can be heard on the video as a soldier points his rifle at Nagai, shooting him at point-blank range. His elderly mother told reporters that she begged her son not to go to Burma, but Nagai had simply told her that it was his job to go to places nobody else wanted to.



The control of information and the use of propaganda - a concept we will discuss at greater length later - can lead to terrible results.

In Germany in the 1930s, where the Nazi Party bought weak newspapers before it came to power and cranked out propaganda. Once in power, they licensed newspapers and dictated content.

For the sake of their license, even non-partisan papers agreed to print Nazi propaganda free and to take no ads from Jews. As insurance, dozens of German advertisers cynically bought space in Nazi organs.

Thus controlled, Germany's newspapers did little to challenge Hitler.

What do autocrats fear?



(Lecturers: animation automatically brings up suicide, then prison camp internee, then Gutman)

POINT: During Bosnia's civil war (1992-1995) the Serbs started systematically using mass rape of civilians as a weapon in so-called "Ethnic Cleansing." Estimates ranged from 20,000 to 50,000 victims. The U.N. investigation found Serbs took steps to maximize shame and humiliation to not only the victim but also the victim's community. (UN report *(S/25274)*)

Impregnated by Serbian fighters, the women were forced to carry the child of their rapist. In this way, the Serbs intended to wipe out Muslim bloodlines. Roy Gutman of Newsday was the first reporter into prison camps like Srebrenica. His reporting sparked worldwide outrage that pushed the U.S. and other nations to intervene.

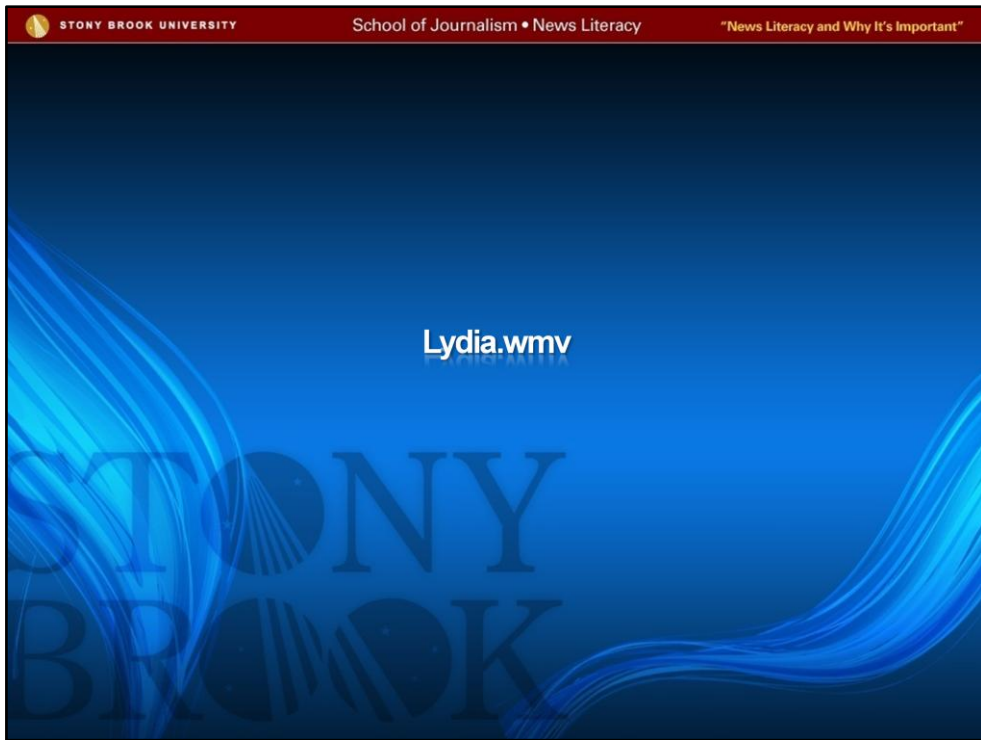


Mexican journalist Lydia Cacho exposed the controllers of child rape and pornography rings flourishing amid the \$500-a-night resorts and white beaches of Cancun, including the owner of a leading resort hotel.

He fled to Los Angeles, where he owned a mansion.

The Journalist? Police arrested her for “Defamation” under a Mexican law that made it a crime to publish damaging information about a person, even if it were true. They stuffed her in a van, drove her 950 miles across Mexico, threatened to kill her and finally delivered her to a jail in Puebla, where she was strip-searched while male officers loitered on the other side of a thin plastic curtain. Two months later, tapes were delivered anonymously to Mexico City newspaper and broadcast reporters on which Puebla Gov. Mario Marin is heard telling one of the targets of her investigation that he will have her arrested and raped. The child abuser was extradited for trial.

In the wake of protests, Mexico’s Congress revoked the defamation law and she won her case.



Click to launch Cacho video



PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH THE ABC PIECE ON THE FALL OF THE WALL (1:32 video)

POINT: The Berlin Wall, was built in 1961 because more than 2.6 million of 17 million East Germans escaped to West Berlin or West Germany from 1949 to 1961 and the Communist system could not afford the embarrassment...or the loss of talent.

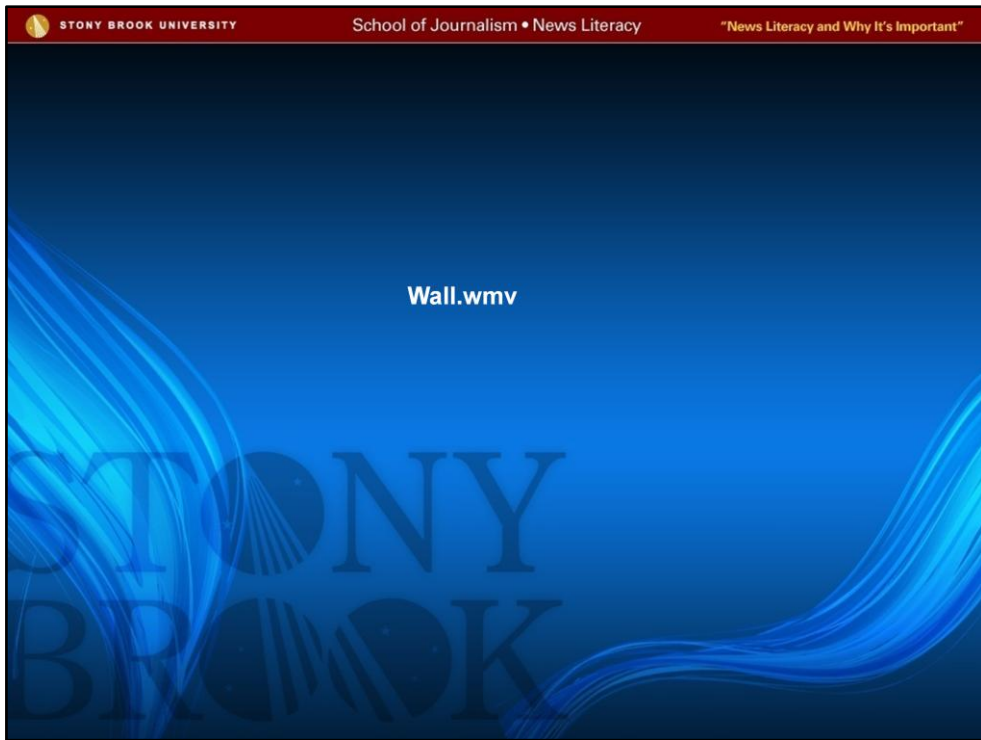
The wall fell in 1989, not through force of military might, but because of the power of information.

As much as they tried, the communist governments of East Germany and other Eastern Bloc states could not prevent information about a better way of life in the west from penetrating their societies, via television, radio and other means. (Radio Free Europe clip?)

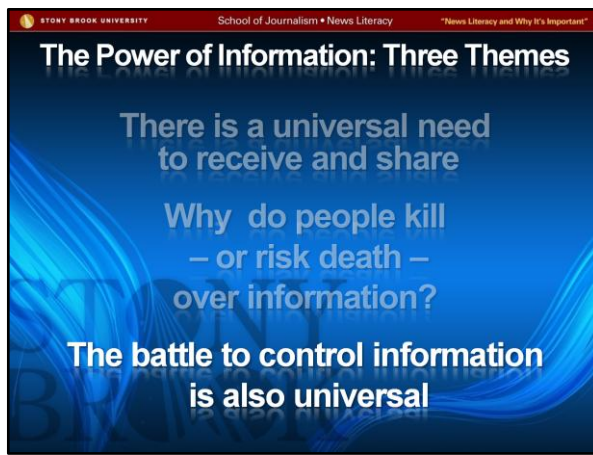
Once the borders were opened, information spread quickly across Eastern Europe, sparking mass border crossings and...Shopping.

.....(LECTURER: CLICK NOW TO LAUNCH VIDEO)

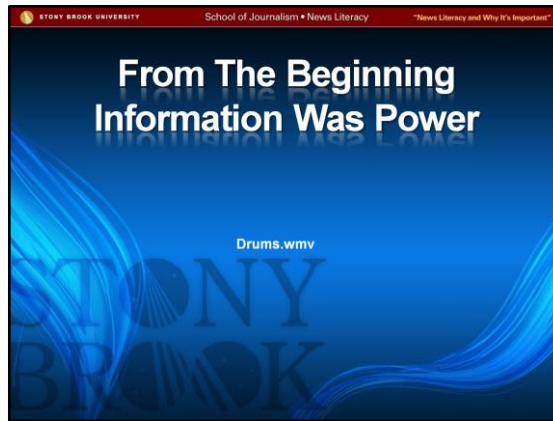




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“START AUTOMATICALLY”



Whether conducted with rocks and sticks in Tahrir Square or with network switches, the battle to control information is universal.



NEWS FELLOW: LINK **video** TO THIS SLIDE AND SELECT “START AUTOMATICALLY” – (Drums.wmv 30 SECONDS) (FYI: Drum telegraphy is based on speech patterns. )

(Lecturer: As drumming winds down...)

Drums were one of the earliest forms of remote communication and their use sometimes rebalanced the power equation. European expeditions to West Africa were surprised: tribes they encountered already knew when they were coming and what they were up to.

Regardless of the method, of transmission, Saber es Poder. (Knowledge is Power) and the powerful try to clamp a lid on knowledge they don't want to get out.

## Even (especially) Emperors Need to Control Information



"I fear three newspapers more than  
a hundred thousand bayonets."

**POINT:** Modern dictators learned from Napoleon who learned from Caesar that you control the public by controlling their access to information.

## Victor Hugo's Symbol of Change



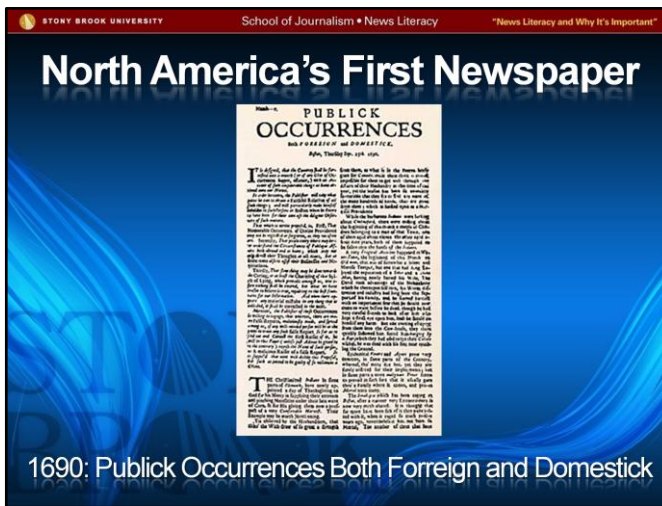
In Victor Hugo's novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," published in 1831, the printing press symbolizes the huge changes sweeping Europe in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century.

In this scene, King Louis and Frolo, the Archdeacon of Notre Dame Cathedral examine a printing press.



## Hunchback clip

(Framing the story, the scene opens with the bells of Notre Dame, King Louis inquires who the bell ringer is, then turns to examine the press. The printer sez he is printing books for The People, who will learn to read. Frollo asserts that the printing press and the books it produces will destroy the intellectual authority of the church.)



The first news sheet in North America debuted in 1690 and produced just one edition.

*Publick Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick*, was published in Boston by Benjamin Harris. The English authorities, in "high Resentment" that Harris dared to report that English military forces had allied themselves with "miserable" savages, put him out of business four days later.





This map shows countries judged to have a free press in green, partly free in yellow and not free in blue. You'll note correlations to the places CPJ reports reporters are being beaten, kidnapped, jailed or killed.

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=251&year=2010>



Two cultures' views of the battle: Does news coverage help fix societal problems or make them worse?

On Aug. 1, 2007 during evening rush hour, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge in Minneapolis collapsed, killing 13 people and injuring 145. On the evening of the collapse, CNN, MSNBC and Fox News went live and stayed live through the overnight, along with local stations. In the days that followed, most of America's top anchors broadcast live from the scene: Shepard Smith and Greta Van Susteren(FOX), Katie Couric (CBS), Charlie Gibson(ABC), Brian Williams and Matt Lauer (NBC) Soledad Obrien and Anderson Cooper (CNN), Contessa Brewer (MSNBC)

Ten days later in Southern China, Communist authorities banned most state media from reporting on the collapse of a bridge under construction near Fenghuang, which killed at least 47 people. Local officials punched and chased reporters from the scene.

We'll look in future weeks at this fundamental difference between China's emphasis on stability and America's focus on openness. With globalization, those values increasingly clash.



Governments seek to control their history, as well as news coverage.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1989, est. 3000 dead during pro-democracy protests. Gov't kicked out foreign press after a few days. This photo showed a lone protester facing down the government's tanks dispatched to clear protesters out of Tiananmen Square.

China kept this out of history books and off Baidu (Google-like search site) for years and only recently can it be found in official histories.

(LECTURERS: Some Chinese students object to our simplification of this example, be ready for questions.)



In Russia, 19 journalists have been murdered for their work since 2000. Only one murder conviction.

This guy, Mikhail Beketov wrote about dubious land deals. Crooked loans. Under-the-table hush money in his suburb of Moscow. Not long after he criticized the city's leadership, he was savagely beaten outside his home and left to bleed in the snow. His fingers were bashed, and three later had to be amputated. He lost a leg. Now 52, he is in a wheelchair, his brain so damaged that he cannot utter a simple sentence.

CPJ ranks Russia the fourth-deadliest country in the world for journalists.

Two of the 2009 murder victims worked for a single paper, the independent *Novaya Gazeta*; and five of its reporters and editors were slain this decade. In 11 cases during 2009, journalists, their media outlets, or their families were threatened, harassed, forced to leave their assignments, or prosecuted on politicized charges.

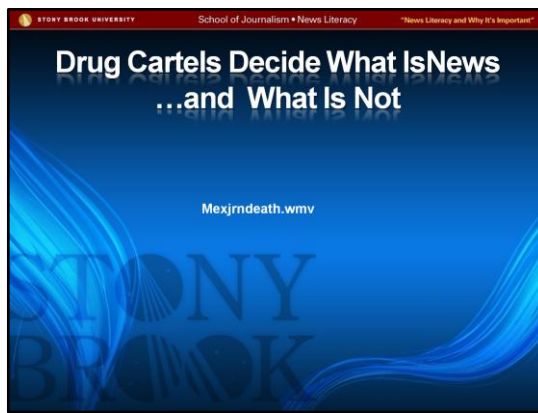


PRE-VIDEO SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LAUNCH this broadcast about what does not get reported in Mexico (2:25)

In the last 10 years, CPJ research shows, 32 editors and reporters have been killed, at least 11 in direct reprisal for their work. Nine have disappeared since 2005. Most of those targeted had covered organized crime, drug trafficking, or government corruption—topics that journalists now say they avoid in fear of reprisal.

Powerful drug cartels, which grew by exporting narcotics to the United States, have extended their reach to street sales, extortion, and kidnapping. Rival groups fighting for urban markets murder one another's members, and bribe or kill police officers and public officials.

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In Ciudad Juárez, a Cartel battleground, there were nearly 2,000 drug and cartel-related murders in 2009, according to officials and news reports. Almost all of the murders went unpunished and journalists extensively censor their own stories, CPJ reports.

"We have learned the lesson: To survive, we publish the minimum," says Alfredo Quijano, editor-in-chief of *Norte de Ciudad Juárez*. "We don't investigate. Most of what we know stays in the reporter's notebook."



Tunisians were galvanized in mid-December when a 26-year-old college graduate set himself on fire to protect high unemployment and the government's obstacles to his attempts to earn a living as a shopkeeper.

When he died in mid-January, protesters used blogs, Facebook, Twitter, WikiLeaks documents, YouTube and other methods to mobilize themselves get word out.

From the 4Chan swarm, activists who collectively call themselves Anonymous helped young Tunisians get around the government's censorship attempts.

President Zine el Abidine ben Ali, who had been in power for more than two decades, fled and Tunisia is organizing a new government.

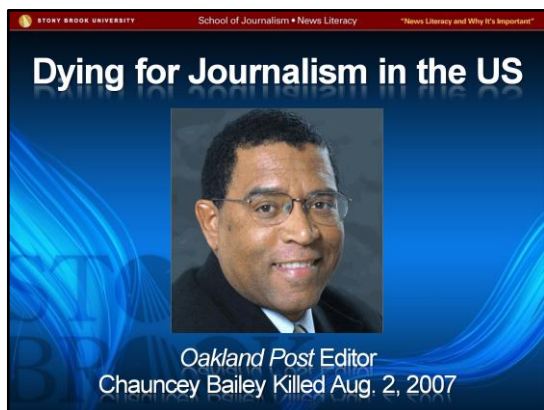
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Pro football player Daniel “Pat” Tillman turned down a \$3.6million 3-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals in June 2002 in the aftermath of the September 11, 2011 attacks. Instead of playing safety, he joined the U.S. Army Rangers and served multiple combat tours before he died in the mountains of Afghanistan. Lt. General Stanley McChrystal, who knew the circumstances of Tillman’s death, nonetheless approved a Silver Star citation for Tillman...Later it was learned that the U.S. Government, eager for a popular and handsome war hero, covered up the fact that Tillman had been killed by friendly fire. A documentary, “The Tillman Story” was released in August and is still in theaters.

(McChrystal, whom the Tillman family criticized for his role in the cover-up, was forced to resign his post as commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan this summer after he and senior officers under his command were quoted in Rolling Stone criticizing the decisions and officials of the Executive Branch, a freedom members of the U.S. military do not have while in uniform.)



It can happen here too. **Chauncey Bailey, Jr.** had a long career including stints at The Detroit News and The Oakland Tribune, noted for his coverage of issues affecting the African-American community. Late in his career, he took on the job of editor-in-chief of The Oakland Post, a small community newspaper. While investigating Yusuf Bey IV, the CEO of Your Black Muslim Bakery, Bailey was shot, assassination style in the street on August 2, 2007.

To continue Bailey's work and answer questions regarding his death, more than two dozen reporters, photographers and editors from print, broadcast and electronic media, and journalism students teamed up to investigate and solve the crime. The Bailey Project alleges an Oakland detective has protected Bey from prosecution for other felonies.



SLIDE: HAPPY ENDING ( Newsday journos released from AG during FIRST Gulf War)

POINT: Two Newsday journalists were released from Abu Ghraib prison after 15 days. From Howie's archive, read the following quote about why they were willing to risk their lives, why they were returning to Iraq.

*After Matt reached Jordan he called the office. There was, of course, wild jubilation on both ends of the phone. Later that day I was able to reach him. I asked him if he had any regrets now about staying behind in Bagdad after many other reporters had decided to leave. Matt had stubbornly held out to remain behind. Here's what he said to me on the phone: **"Howie, I had to be there. I had a moral obligation to report from where the bombs were falling."***

*Subsequently, Matt wrote a piece for Newsday recounting his experience in captivity. He recalled listening from his cell as another prisoner was beaten and tortured. Then he wrote: "Journalists are meant to bear witness, that's rather the point of our job. We watch and record, tell other people what we have seen, perhaps in the hope that an account, a witnessing, could eke away at the badness."*

# Your Assignments...

## 1)The Censorship Packet

Read the Google vs. China articles in the Virtual Course Reader on Blackboard. In a 250-word essay, you will debate implications of following or not following China's policies on freedom of information.

Due at your next recitation.

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