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- 1. Articulate the ethics of visual journalism as elements of reliable reporting.
- 2. Use specific examples from the past and present to illustrate the evolution of these tools of reliable reporting and their impact on our culture.
- 3. Describe the kinds of stories to which visual reporting tools are best suited and III-suited.
- Explain the burden that difference places on news consumers seeking to harness the strengths and weaknesses of visual journalism.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge of ways to test the reliability of images to prepare for Deconstructing TV News exercises

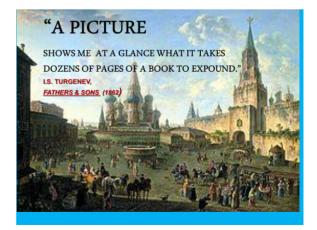
These skills relate to course outcomes 1,3,4,6

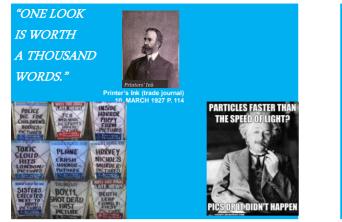
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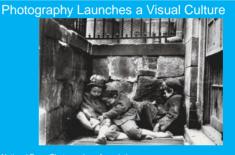




The Birth of American Photojournalism



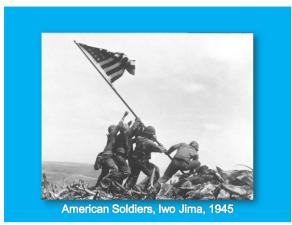
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 1863 Timothy O'Sullivan



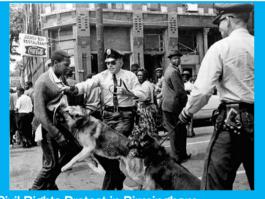
National Press Photographers Association: "Photographic and video images can reveal great truths, expose wrongdoing and neglect, inspire hope and understanding and connect people around the globe through the language of visual understanding."











Civil Rights Protest in Birmingham, Bill Hudson, 1963



"It took police dogs in Birmingham To sell civil rights in Des Moines." -Allard Lowenstein



Kent State University, John Filo, 1970



Vietnamese Children Fleeing Napalm Strike, Nick Ut. 1972





Sudan, Kevin Carter, 1993









The Obama Fist Bump, 2009



Pelican, Gulf of Mexico, 2010





Beirut, 19 Oct 2012 Associated Press



Mantoloking,NJ, Nov. 1, 2012 by Bonnie Jo Mount



Malala Yousafzai, Rhoda Buchanan, Times of London



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais





#### **Professional Ethics** (excerpt)

...Our primary goal is the faithful and comprehensive depiction of the subject at hand"

- Be accurate, comprehensive (and) provide context
- Resist being manipulated by staged photo opportunities.
- Avoid stereotyping individuals and groups. Show private grief if the public has justifiable need to see.
- ✓ Do not intentionally alter or influence events you record.
- ✓ Do not manipulate images or add or alter sound in any way that can mislead viewers or misrepresent subjects. Do not pay sources or subjects.
- Seek diversity by including unpopular, unnoticed points of view.
- Respect the integrity of the photographic moment.



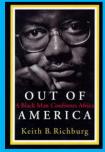
# Countdown o Test #2

Held in Recitation AFTER Lecture **Emphasizes Lectures 7-12.** 

Same format as Test #1: 10 questions, 100 points possible.



#### Extra Credit Event #3 May 1: The Power of Social Media in China



## **Keith Richburg**

Veteran bureau chief for The Washington Post: 20 years in Beijing, Paris, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Nairobi and Manila and New York.

SAC Auditorium, 8 p.m., Tickets not required, but early arrival is. Doors open at 7:45



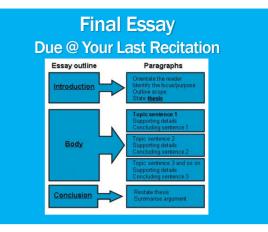


- Stop to Think Twice: Don't Let Volume and Speed of Information Wash You Away
- **Anonymity Undermines Authenticity**
- **Don't Confuse Rank With Reliability**
- Publish to be Proud: What you Post Defines You

# The End is Near

Get caught up on homework Start early on your essay Review the syllabus









Will you be the next winner?

## **News Matters!**

Which Matters Made News on Your Homepage TODAY?

And

What Course Concepts Were on DisplayThis Week?



•Course Evaluations start early

to give you plenty of time to complete them

•PLEASE DO give us your thoughts.



**Can You Trust Photos?** 

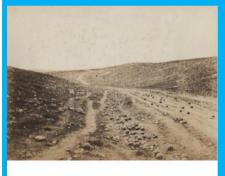
## History of Photo Manipulation



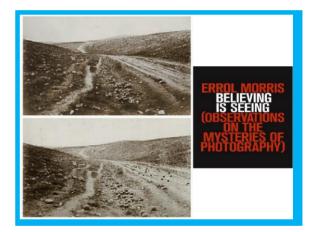


When soviet dictator Josef Stalin ordered the death of the head his secret police, N. Ezhov, he had his photo-retouchers "airbrush" the man out of existence.

## Ps Photoshop version 0.1855



Roger Fenton. "Valley of the Shadow of Death" with cannonballs. 1855.



#### BEWARE THE TOO PERFECT, TOO PAINTERLY COMPOSITION... USE CAPTIONS AND CREDITS TO INTERROGATE: WH TOOK THIS AND WHAT IS IT?



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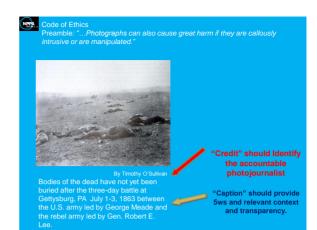


Pictured vs. Posed Context explains symmetry/framing

The Space Shuttle Challenger Explodes, 1986

#### Ethical, Squeamish or Fraudulent? NY Daily News Doctored Marathon Bomb Aftermath Photo









Is This North Korean Hovercraft-Landing Photo Faked?







#### As With Twitter: Fakery Plagues Big News



BBC News uses 'Iraq photo to illustrate Syrian massacre



#### Crowd-sourcing

Via Social Media Means Organizations Like BBC, CNN, Reuters Hire Information Forensics Experts

Inside the BBC's Verification Hub: 'What everyone wanted to know, on Twitter and in the newsroom, was this: Was the video real or fake? That is the kind of question the [User-Generated Content] Hub is there to investigate.'

# You Must Look at Photos and **Captions Carefully**

- Check Photo Credits
- Check Photo Captions
- Note: File footage, photo archive

•Look for these words:

- "Photo enhancement"
- "Digital photo manipulation"
- "Photo composite / illustration"



**Ethical News Consumers Seek (and Share) Faithful Depictions** 

**Blow Your Whistle when:** 

- Editing alters faithful depiction
- Addition of sounds alters reality
- > Journalist pays the source/subject
- Journalist stages/recreates a scene
- No public good results from intrusion
- > Missing context renders images unfaithful
- > Journalist is not accountable (captions and credits missing or incomplete)

#### Framing Next Week's Lecture



"It (the World Wide Web) is going to be important...but it's certainly not going to be like the first time somebody saw a television...It's not going to be <u>that</u> profound."

> - Steve Jobs Wired Magazine, February 1996

## The Power of Television A National Experience





TV Makes You an Eyewitness to Important Events in Real Time



## The National Hearth... We Gather to Hear



Shared National Experiences Build Culture, Shared Memory

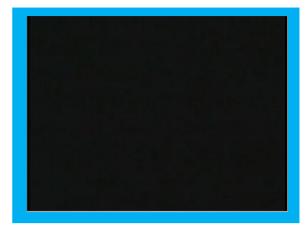


On TV, you hear sources directly and they can't claim they were misquoted



TV Verifies Powerfully

**Seeing is Believing** 



#### **Sound Changes Perceptions**



ASK: What is the Origin of the Sound?

The Ethical Professional Does Not Intrude on Reality.

If You Hear Music, You Must Hear Who is Playing it



Responsible use of Sound Now that Everyone with HD on Their Phone Is Enlisted to Gather News To Hold Audience News Producers use Entertainment Techniques In News Reports

- Scary Details; Loaded Words
  - Dramatic Music
    - Quick Cuts
  - Sound Effects
  - Flashy Graphics



# **Advantages of TV News**

 It makes you a witness to important events in real time

- It can be a powerful tool for verification
  - It makes reports personal, relatable
    - It creates a national experience

### TV's New Advantage : It is No Longer Linear and Time-Compressed



#### ARE SOME STORIES NOT COVERED AT ALL ? NO PICTURE =NO STORY ?

## TV's Limitations



The U.S. Supreme court will use a dispute between Nigerian villagers and oil giant Royal Dutch Shell to decide whether corporations may be held liable in U.S. courts for alleged human rights abuses overseas.

- Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum, 10-149

Important stories lacking good video May be underplayed or ignored on TV

# **Disadvantages of TV News**

- Airtime is limited, brevity rules, so context is often sacrificed
- Powerful personalities and emotions distract viewers from facts
- Important stories without good video get little or no air-time

# IT EASILY CAN TURN YOU INTO A COACH POTATO



## OR INTO PASSIVE FAT CAT



# OR A SIMPLE SUSCEPTIBLE SPONGE



## Lessons for the TV News Consumer:

 Be active, not passive: Look and listen skeptically when it's too pretty, too perfect
Supplement TV news with web, radio and print news.
No outlet has a monopoly on Truth, <u>compare</u>

#### Harnessing the Power of Images

- 1. Photo Journalism is not ornamentation.
- 2. Interrogate images: Credit it tells you who shot it
- 3. Notice added-in music. It is manipulation

4. "News re-creations" and photo ops are not journalism

5. Context makes a depiction faithful: Caption tells you 5ws and HOW

