**COMM 305: Media Critique and Position Assignment**

Final Project Due: Sunday Nov. 17 by midnight

**Description:**

 This is your final assignment in this class before the final exam. You will choose and debate a topic of media-related controversy drawn from discussions and readings in this course. I have compiled a list of general topics on the impact of the mass media in contemporary society (see below) and your assignment is to take a position and support a topic with compelling evidence using a variety of sources. Do not limit yourself to anecdotal examples to prove your points. Make sure you devote enough time to this task: use your time effectively and identify the examples you need to use to substantiate your arguments. Please, contact me should you need any help with identifying sources for your project. **Tip:** our book contains a lot of examples and lists of sources for each of these topics. Make sure you start there.

**topic:**

1. The media are quite powerful vs. the media are not so powerful.

**Format of the paper:**

* 7-8 pages, double-spaced, 12-point type, stapled, with title, names, and date on upper left corner.
* Include work cited page at the end and follow a correct bibliographic format (MLA, APA, or any other as long as you are consistent throughout the paper).
* Margins: 1inch top and bottom, 1.25 inches left and right.
* Number pages in lower right corner;