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2 News Articles Essay Assignment

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Due Monday, July 11/12, 2022

Critically examine two news articles or video clips for bias and perspectives on the coverage of Indigenous news.

Pick two news articles or news clips. One from Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) and the other one from a mainstream Canadian news source (CBC, Globe&Mail, GlobalTV, CTV...etc.)

Or

You may pick one out of the three topics to write about in your essay.

Land Treaties: Wolastoqey Nation

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/wolastoqey-nation-files-claim-against-new-brunswick-corporations-for-exploration-on-their-land/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/wolastoqey-nation-filing-for-title-claim-against-new-brunswick-1.5750955>

Catholic Church Apologies to Residential School Survivors

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/residential-school-survivors-meet-with-archbishops-to-discuss-the-popes-visit/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/residential-school-survivors-pope-apology-1.6473694>

Missing Woman: Tatyanna Harrison

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/mobile/mother-pleads-for-information-2-months-after-daughter-s-disappearance-1.5942733>

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/b-c-mom-seeking-information-on-whereabouts-of-missing-daughter-tatyanna-harrison/>

Draw from what you learned in our class to explain the possible reasons or connections for the events or disputes in the news and the portrayal of the events and disputes. For example, in news about land treaty disputes, examine the difference in Indigenous and European cultures and history between the two groups. Use secondary sources to support your analysis. You may also use additional primary sources.

Use two or more additional reliable primary and/or secondary sources outside the class to support your answers.

Do not write long summaries of the news articles, news clips, or supporting sources. Instead, I want your analysis—why do you think the two articles or video clips take different approaches?

Use the following questions as a guideline for your analysis. However, you do not need to answer all the questions. Only use the ones that apply to your articles.

What is the purpose of the article? What agendas does the author or the newspaper have? Who is its audience? What is happening globally and locally that may affect the way the article was written?

What gets more extensive coverage, the tone of the language, the order in which information appears, and politicized or controversial issues. What current political controversies or editorial positions do you think explain the overall approach, problems, or biases in the articles you have chosen? How do you think the venue or the author's background have shaped the article's approach toward portrayal of the war? How would you propose improving the articles to make it more balance or accurate?

This is a university course. Use proper research methods. This assignment is going to take you some time so get started. When including research in your essay, you must use quotations, paraphrases, or summaries and cite the sources correctly. DO NOT **COPY** FROM THE INTERNET. If you do not cite your sources, you will receive a zero on the assignment.

Requirements:

- 3 - 5 pages not including the biography or cited work
- 12 point font, double space, and word document (.docx file)
- A minimum of 2 primary and/or secondary sources from approved online sources, academic journals, or books. You can check out Google Scholar or the Canadian Encyclopedia as sources. Students may not use Wikipedia as a source. Anything copied from Wikipedia will result in a zero on the assignment.
- Include links for your articles and sources

- Chicago or MLA citation method
- Submitted through MyCC and Turnitin
- No plagiarism!

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Late Submissions: Your assignments must be handed in by the submission deadline or else they will be considered late. Late assignments will lose 10% per day, including weekends.



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