UNIV 197B – Reading the New York Times
Fall 2016 - Comparison Paper

You are to pick one article of interest from a recent issue of the New York Times. Using the free web and/or library databases, find two other newspapers reporting on the same story. Think about which newspapers might have a different perspective on the story: an international paper, a minority-run press, a local (to the story) paper, one with a different political leaning, etc. After reading all three articles, you should write a paper that compares the New York Times article to the other two papers (OR you may choose to compare to only one of the newspapers). **Note:** please do not use something syndicated for this assignment.

You should address as many of the following issues as you can in your paper (you may notice other issues worth discussing as well):

- **Viewpoints** - are they taking a side or not?
- **Quotes** - how many quotes do they use, and who’s quoted? Who’s NOT quoted?
- **Location in the paper** - where was the article published: front page or more buried?
- **Who do they interview?**
- **Do they include pictures, illustrations, graphs/charts or editorial cartoons?**
- **How long is the article?**
- **Who wrote it (single author, editorial board, co-writers)?**
- **Tone of voice** - is it argumentative or explanatory?
- **Is this the only article about this or is it heavily in other days/sections?**
- **What title did they give the article - is it straightforward or sensationalized?**
- **Language:** Is it simple or complex? Are the sentences long or short?
- **Who do you think is the intended audience for this source?**

Requirements:

- The paper should be 2.5 to 4 pages in length, double-spaced. (double-sided is fine)
- At the top of the first page, you should have the citations for the newspaper articles you chose. Use the following MLA citations for formatting examples:
  - Print newspaper:
  - Newspapers in databases:
  - News articles on the web:
- All the articles you compare should be attached to the hard copy of the paper.

**DRAFT DUE:** Monday, October 10  
**FINAL DUE:** Friday, October 14