

Assignment 1: Short paper.

Pick a contemporary information 'case' or phenomenon and analyze its contributions to and/or limitations on democratic practice, using analytic frameworks supplied by two of the following theorists: Habermas, Dewey, Lippman, Marion Young, Mouffe, Barber, Schudson, or Putnam. Your paper should include: an abstract of the argument (1 single-spaced paragraph); a succinct description of the case (2-3 double-spaced pages); and an analysis section that uses concepts and frameworks supplied by your two theorists to analyze and evaluate the case at hand (5-6 double-spaced pages). [nb: your analysis needn't agree with your two selected theorists; if your case contradicts or calls into question some of their ideas, feel free to argue this].