

Spring 2017

SOCIOLOGY 201 B

5 Credits (I&S) : 19221

Monday/Wednesday 11:30-12:50

A PRESIDENT WHO TWEETS: The Evolution of Media and Politics in U.S. Society



- How do different forms of media shape political conversations in their own unique ways?
- What is the relationship between contemporary media and current social structures?
- How has the evolution of popular culture intersected with social and political discourse?

Media have become more than just a presence in our lives. Today we are exposed to and use many different forms of media in all aspects of our lives. In fact, you may be reading this on a sheet of paper, on a computer screen, or even on your phone!

This class will discuss the evolution of American media and how it has shaped, and been shaped by, American society. Students will trace how media forms, from the printing press to Facebook, have influenced our political process, leading up to this current moment in which the new President uses Twitter as a his preferred platform for addressing the nation. The class will also consider how U.S. popular culture, including television, movies, and music, impacts social and political life.

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