

## FINAL PROJECT-SPRING 2025

I'm unpacking the final project with you today. My aim for this project is for you to collaborate with your Podcast group by doing some investigation and reporting with a presentation.

**Here is your task:** Starting today, work with your group to listen to and analyze 3 podcasts from your peers. Your goal should be to do the work we've been practicing all semester long: *investigation, gathering your ideas into something cohesive, and communicating those ideas carefully to your audience.*

In your presentation, be sure to **REPORT** on what you're investigating using the techniques we've practiced: *who, what, when, when, where, and possibly how.*

To get you moving, consider the following framework: You're listening to these podcasts carefully for what your peers have discovered about journalism this semester. *What is important in their discoveries and why? What themes are emerging here? What could you say is noteworthy—or rather newsworthy and why?*

Please note, I will assign which podcasts your team will focus on.

**Specifics:** Presentations will take place in class starting on Friday, April 18. Presentations will be between **5-8 minutes** long, no fewer than 5 for credit, no more than 8 for fairness and ease of movement through every group's presentation. Each member of your group should have equal "airtime" so if you're a group of 3, that means basically 2 minutes each. You're welcome to work with notes, but please don't just read from a script—**connect with your audience, please!** You're also welcome to add a PowerPoint presentation, but please be mindful of how useless these kinds of presentations are if **YOUR TEAM** isn't the star of the show. A robot or a chimpanzee can click through a PowerPoint slide deck. So what?

If you are unable to attend class on Friday, April 18, I will modify the assignment and it will be due on TUESDAY, April 22. The workload for 1 person will likely be about the same as for the group, so working together will be easier and ultimately better for you. It is your responsibility to follow up with me on all details.

Should a member(s) of your group miss class on 4/18, you (and your remaining crew) will need to deliver the news (the show must always go on). Deadlines matter and life almost always gets in the way of everything going perfectly.

**Grading:**

- Meets time expectation \_\_\_\_\_/2\_\_\_\_
- Works with 3 podcasts \_\_\_\_\_/2\_\_\_\_
- Each member has equal airtime \_\_\_\_\_/2\_\_\_\_
- Reports on findings and offers some insights or analysis\* \_\_\_\_\_/3\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/10\_\_\_\_

\* This is the SO WHAT of your presentation