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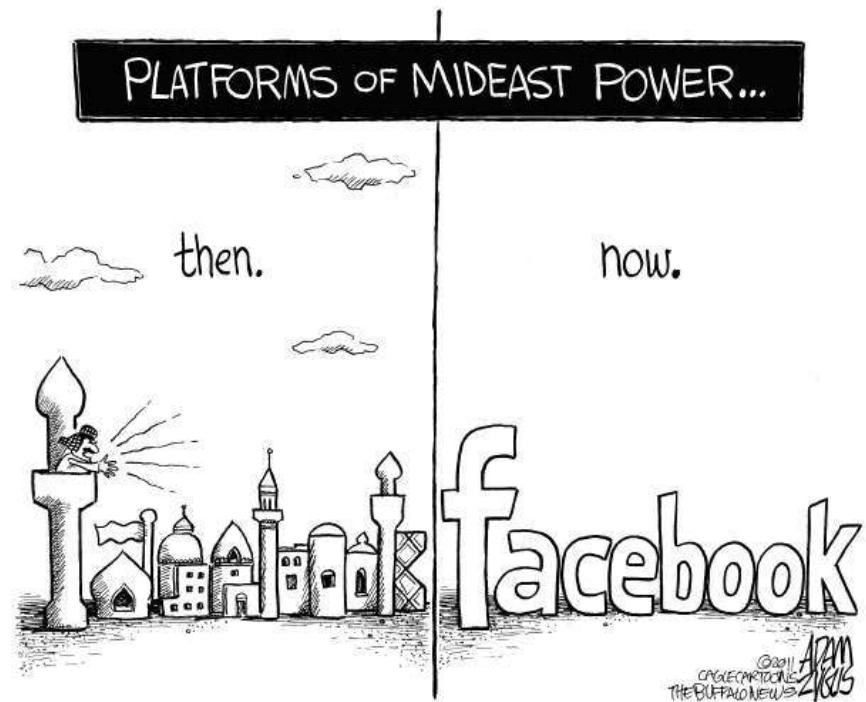
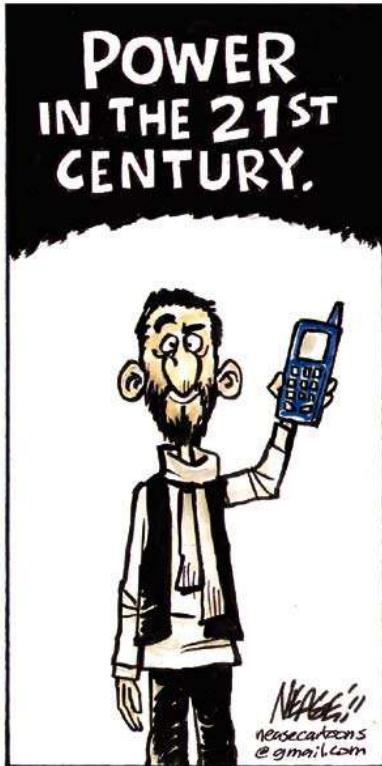


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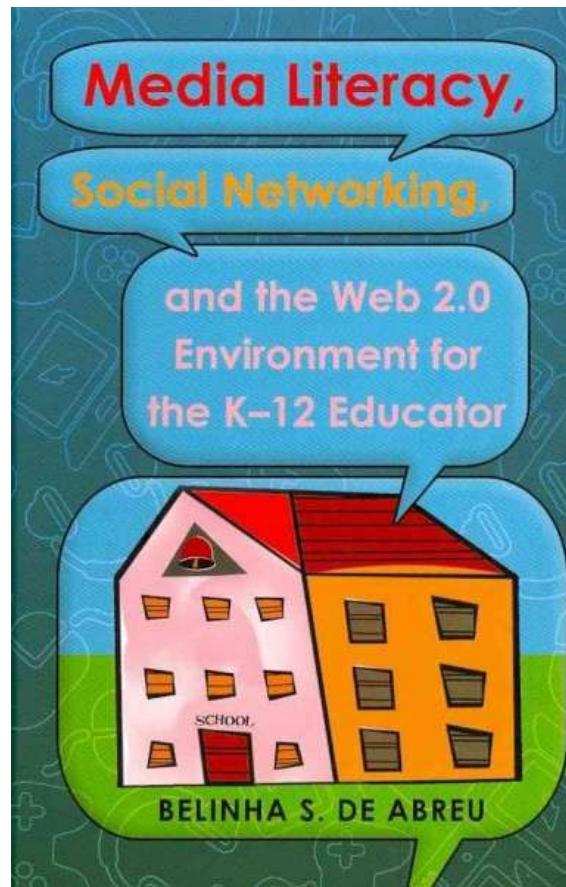
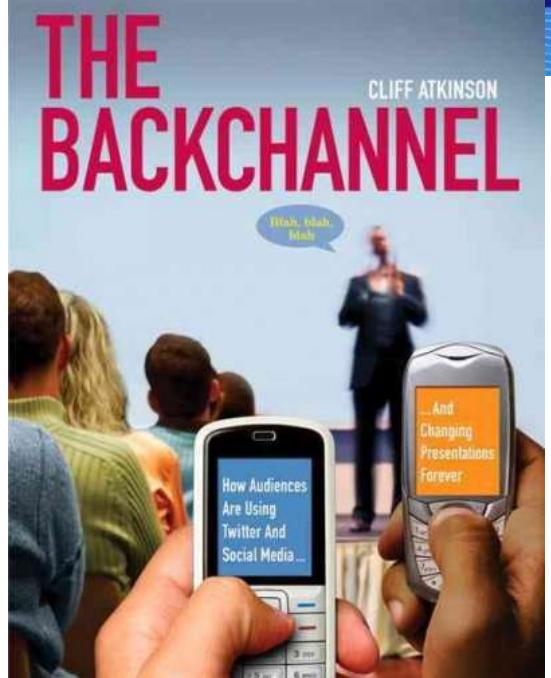
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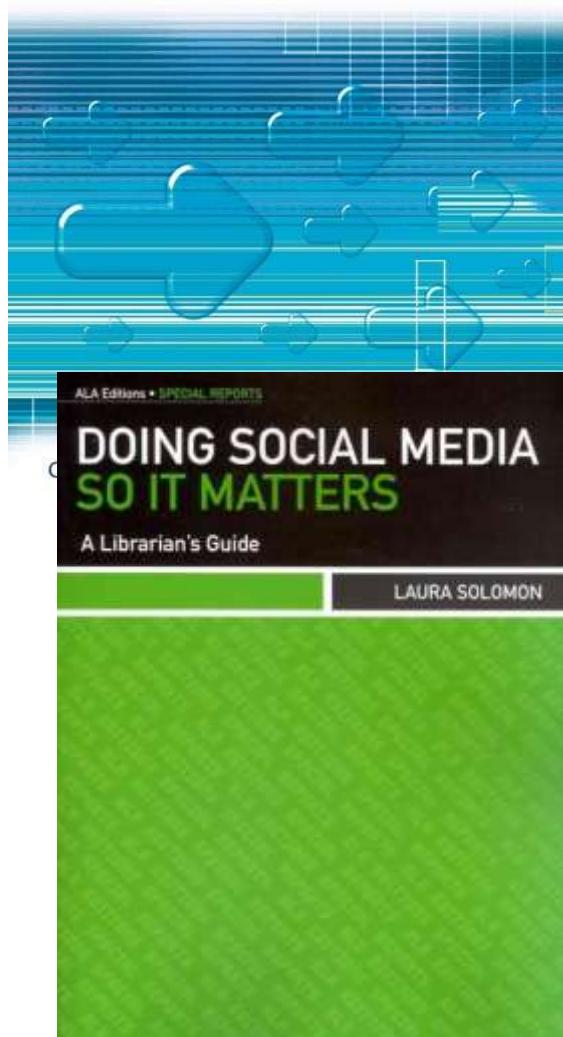
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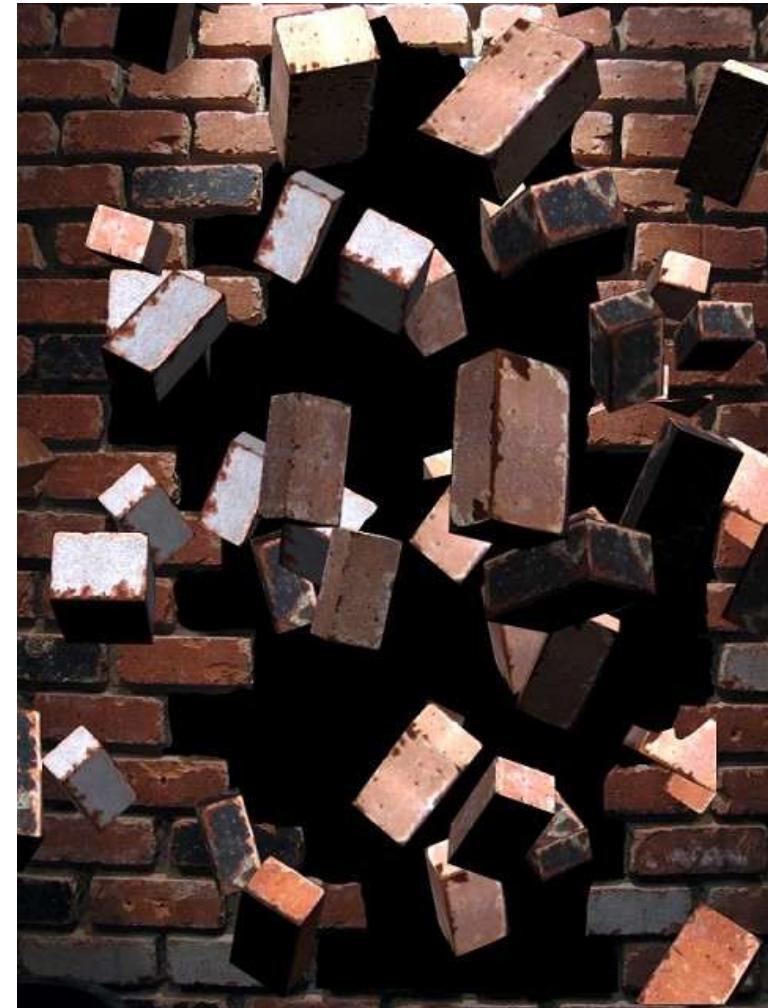


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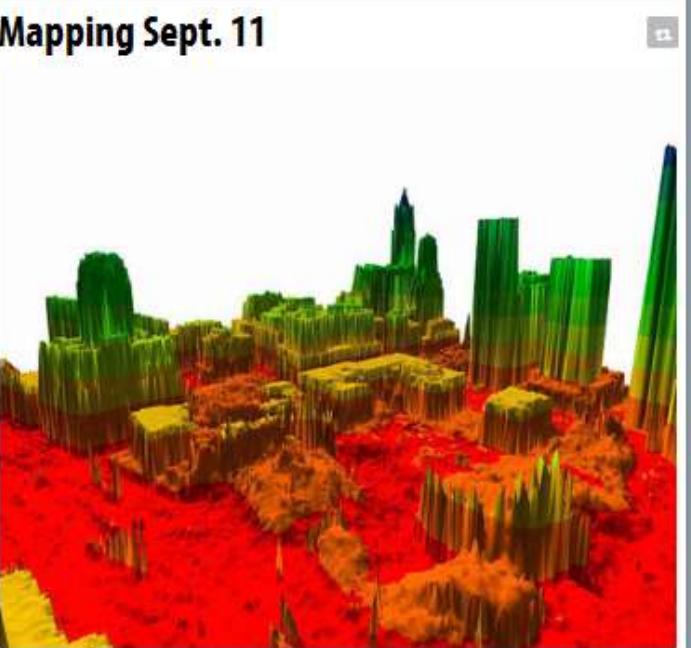
September 12, 2012

"Social Media for the Geography Classroom"
Seth Dixon - Rhode Island College

Class materials can be constantly updated...

 Scooped by [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)

Mapping Sept. 11



From www.loc.gov - September 11, 2:08 PM

"In collecting cartographic materials relating to the events of 9/11, the Library's Geography and Map Division is concentrating on documenting the role maps played in managing the recovery effort."

This page from the Library of Congress, hosted by the Geography and Map Division is a visually rich resources of geospatial images (aerial photography, thermal imagery, LiDAR, etc.) that show the extent of the damage and the physical change to the region that the terrorist attacks brought.

Tags: [Mapping](#), [geospatial](#), [remote sensing](#), [historical](#), [terrorism](#).

 **Mark V** Its fascinating that the heat generated lasted over 5 months. The thermal imagery must have been incredibly important for the safety of the workers at the site. (September 12, 10:07 AM)

 **Matt Mallinson** Tragedy. Knowing the thermal imagery at the site from aerial photographs must have helped the workers. (September 12, 10:14 AM)

 **Chris W** 9/11 was such an atrocity. There is not denying that, and if you do, get out of America. Having said that, it is also important to remember how Geography and GIS was utilized in the recovery and cleanup efforts. The thermal imagery maps demonstrate how important it was in the aftermath to have systems and technologies to help recover many of those brave souls as well as the cleanup efforts after that date. I noticed however, that the LOC Geography and Map Division only focused its imagery on the World Trade Center and didn't include the Pentagon or the Flight 93 crash site. (September 12, 10:15 AM)

 **melissa b** These maps are pretty neat. I never thought about something like this being done but I see now that this is being done and it is vital in finding information and aiding in cleanup. (September 12, 10:17 AM)

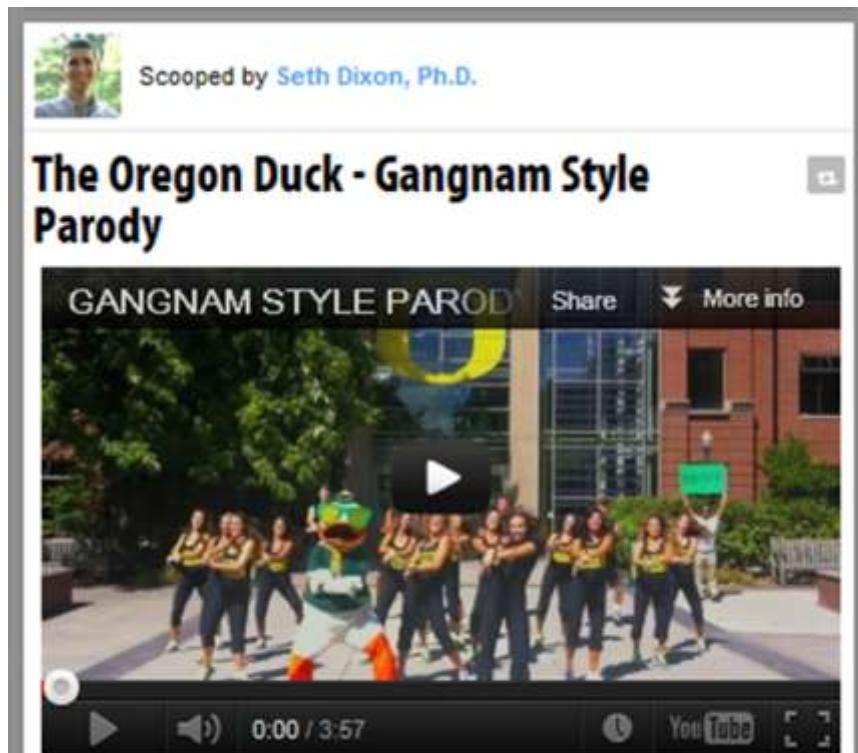
 **Matt E.** I found the thermal imaging and the lidar was very interesting, because it provided data and potential threats that rescue workers on the ground might be unaware. (September 12, 10:19 AM)

 **Jesse G** These thermal imagery and LIDAR maps are very useful and high-tech for the year 2001. I have not seen maps like this in regards to the landscape of Ground Zero. What an awesome tool that was able to organize a scene like this one that was out of control. (September 12, 10:34 AM)

A thumbnail image for a video. It features a globe on the left and a map of the United States with state boundaries and names on the right. The title 'Geography Education' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font across the top of the image.

A photograph of a vineyard in a valley, with mountains visible in the background under a clear blue sky. A wooden post supports the grapevines in the foreground.

Class materials are student selected...



From www.youtube.com - September 6, 9:54 AM

*"The Duck was bored the other day. Here's what he did.
Directed by: The Duck Starring: The Duck Also Starring:
Oregon Cheer, Sluggo, Bigfoot, a watermelon Fil..."*

The Oppa Gangnam Style sensation is all over the internet, complete with parodies that both honor and mock [the original](#). Questions to Ponder: Considering the concept of cultural diffusion, what do we make of this phenomenon? What cultural combinations are seen in this. How has the technological innovations changed the what cultures interact, spread and are replicated?

GANG NAM

GANGNAM IS A VERY WEALTHY AND AFFLUENT DISTRICT IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.



GANGNAM IS JUST 15 SQUARE MILES COMPARED TO NEW YORK STATE WHICH IS 47,213 SQUARE MILES, BUT...



GANGNAM HOLDS

7%

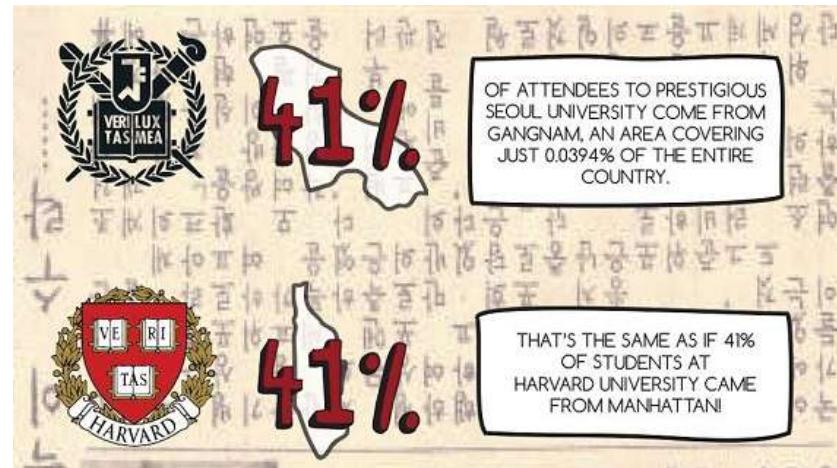
OF SOUTH KOREA'S GDP



NEW YORK HOLDS

7.68%

OF AMERICA'S GDP
DESPITE BEING OVER 3000 TIMES BIGGER!



The Class textbook can adapt to current events...



Scooped by Seth Dixon, Ph.D.

Anger Over Film Fuels Anti-American Attacks in Libya and Egypt



From www.nytimes.com - September 12, 3:46 PM

"Protesters upset over an American-made video denouncing Islam attacked the United States Consulate in Libya, while Egyptian demonstrators stormed over the walls of the United States Embassy in Cairo."

The idea of anti-U.S. protests in the Middle East and North Africa on the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 was initially quite shocking. As always, a greater understanding of the cultural context and timing helps explain (not necessarily justify) the situation. The video produced by ["Sam Bacile"](#) that has sparked the controversy is truly reprehensible and as cultural insensitive as it gets. Still, the protests, by blindly lashing out at the United States embassy, only exacerbate the cultural problems.

UPDATE: This [public gathering of Libyan's in Benghazi](#) to apologize for the death of Chris Stevens is quite poignant.

Questions to Ponder: How does one single YouTube video impact geopolitics? Culturally speaking, what makes this such a powerfully charged issue? Will this issue become fodder for the election?

Tags: MiddleEast, political, culture, Islam, religion.



Derek Ethier This one video severely worsened relations between the West (most notably America) and the Islamic World. There have been tensions between the US and the Middle East/North Africa for years and this only furthers trouble. While this video was an absolute abomination against the Muslim faith, there is no excuse for the actions of these extremists. The true problem, however, is ignorance. These extremists see all Americans as millionaire Capitalists trying to rule the world, which is of course untrue. At the same time, racists in America treat everyone who follows Islam as potential terrorists. We need to find middle ground...
(September 17, 1:28 AM)



Jeff F. I find it unsettling that such violence can erupt from the content of one film. It's also curious that only in Islam does such violence occur due to that religion's view of blasphemy. It makes me ponder what exactly is going on in Islamic culture that allows for this scenario to keep popping up. Rarely in modern times does violence happen in response to blasphemy against other religions and when it does happen, it tends to be isolated events rather than mass protests.

I think the most likely answer is that societies which are based upon other religions tend to be much more secular. Religion tends to play less of a role in most people's life.

(September 17, 6:46 PM)



Mark V Reading the accounts of Libyan protests and violence that culminated in the death of Ambassador Stevens leaves many questions. Notwithstanding of which is the role of religion in an increasingly secular globalized world economy. Of course there are many back stories here as well. The ghost of 9/11, the Arab Spring, uneasiness between Israel and Iran, US military presence in the Mideast, etc. The trigger for the violence-we are led to believe- was the video "Innocence of Muslims" by a California man named Sam Bacile. Bacile's video while short, was cartoonish and ruthless in its appraisal of Muhammad and Islam. Bacile is on record stating that "Islam is a cancer". Bacile an Israeli-American feels no need to engage in any cultural sensitivity on the issue, and his video has clearly caused much consternation in the Arab world.

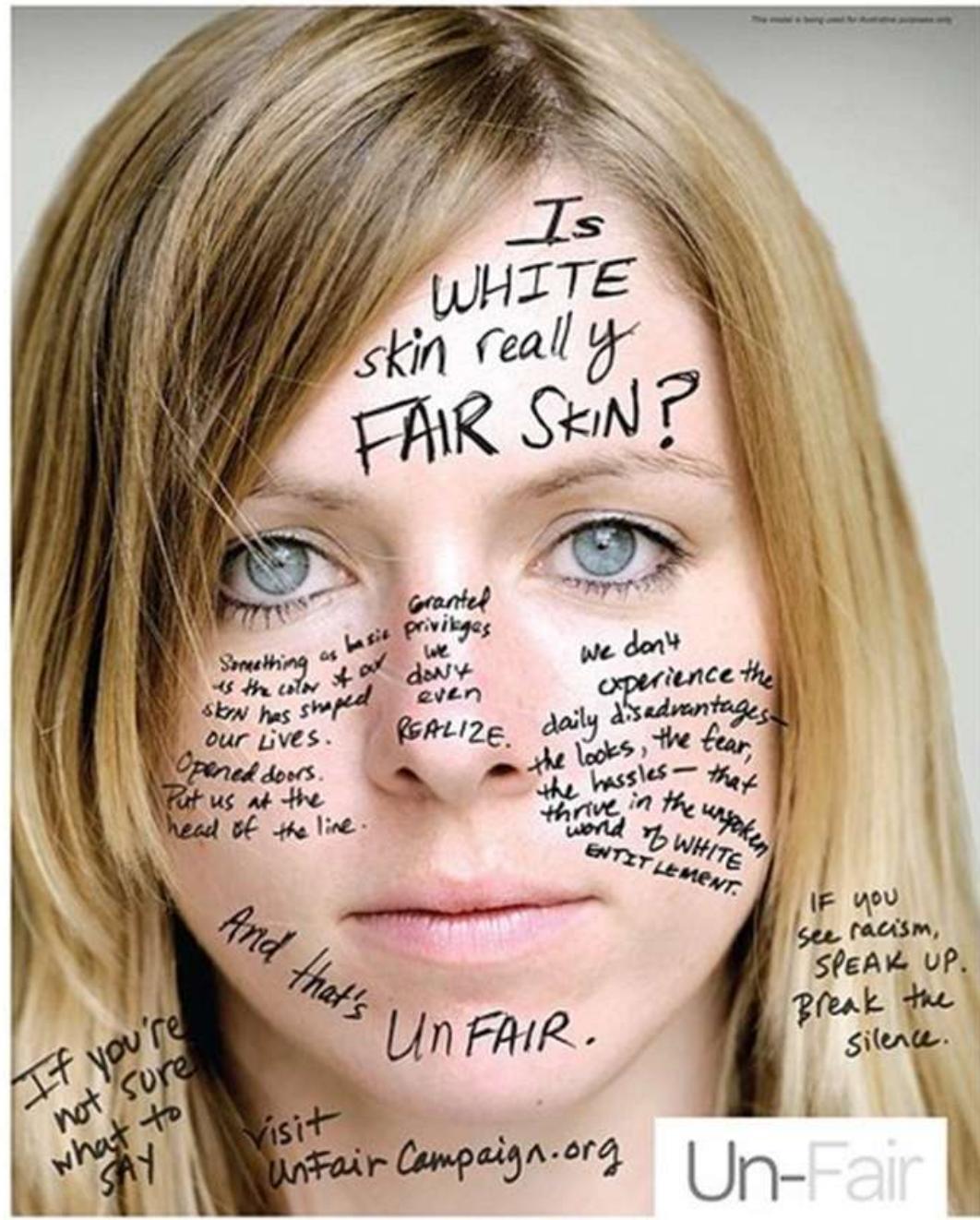
The cultural sensitivity issue is probably the hardest issue for America and West in general to overcome. Religion in the US is more of a decoration, a footnote, something that is on the decline, it is not the center of life here. For Muslims it's the focal point, a prism from which they look at the world through. Marginalized by the world, brutalized and manipulated within their own countries, Arabs look to their religion to be a rock on which they can build themselves. To dismiss it as ridiculous, comical, or evil can only foster great distrust and anger. Within the communities of the Mideast sentiment varies and many expressed horror over the embassy attacks, blaming extremists like the Muslim Brotherhood. Within all the confusion I think of the situation in Syria, the ongoing genocide and the chess pieces within a larger world stage. I wonder if there is a workable solution to any of the issues from North Africa to Afghanistan. One thing is certain Israel must feel insecure in the days, weeks, and months ahead, as things trend toward "us" versus 'them'.
(September 17, 9:38 PM)



Don Brown Jr This video effects geopolitics in the region in a number of ways as the US may find itself bearing the brunt of the Islamic world reaction from this video since the producer was a American. The fact that Jewish donors provided funds for the film will likely further strain relations between Israel, the United States and the Islamic countries. Likewise in the upcoming 2012 election how both parties choose to address this while trying to appeal to "Christian" voters will add another layer of complexity to this issue.

This video is a clear example of just how interconnected the world we live in today really is and how a single actions can affect many others creating unforeseen consequences. Hopefully the lesson that can be learned from the "Innocence of Islam" U-Tube trailer is that people need to be more cultural sensitive when it comes to displaying public information that can be easily diffused around the world. The largely negative reaction from the global Muslim community has shown us that we cannot afford to be ignorant or cultural insensitive to others in an increasing globalized and connected world. However another lesson that both the US, Libya, Egypt and the world at large should take note of is that nations should not become the focal point of acts of violence due to the actions of a few individuals whether it is a terrorist or Sam Bacile. We in the West need to take into account that in the Muslim world there isn't really a separation between church and state like there is in the here so religious matters affect every aspect of society. We should also take into mind that this was also the case in Europe not so many centuries ago, remember the Middle Ages and the inquisition.

(September 18, 8:33 PM)



Scooped by [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)

Un-Fair Campaign

Is WHITE skin really FAIR SKIN?

Granted privileges we don't even REALIZE.

we don't experience the daily disadvantages, the looks, the fear, the hassles — that thrive in the unspoken world of WHITE ENTITLEMENT.

And that's UNFAIR.

IF YOU see racism, SPEAK UP. Break the silence.

visit UnFairCampaign.org

Un-Fair

From unfaircampaign.org - September 3, 9:38 AM

The [University of Wisconsin-Superior](#) is in one of the least ethnically diverse regions of the United States and the university is partnering with other local organizations across that region aimed at highlighting structural advantages within society for Caucasians. This campaign to make 'white privilege' visible has not surprisingly generated controversy and has made race and its impact of society an issue quite visible, to the discomfort of many. The author of the book, "Colorblind," speaks about this issue on [PBS](#) as he argues that the United States is not in a post-racial society.

Questions to Ponder: In what tangible ways can you see 'white privilege' in our society? Is this ad campaign a good idea? What does the term normativity mean and how does it relate to this topic?

Tags: race, racism, culture, unit 3 culture, book review and ethnicity.

Quiet students can discuss sensitive materials...



Mary Rack A worthy project! Thanks for the courage to take it on. (September 4, 8:30 AM)



Nick R. We all know that this is a huge issue and I think that this project is very interesting and well worth it. The reason why is because this project can definitely put an end to racism in several parts of the country where racism is an issue. (September 4, 11:34 AM)



Mark VI I feel the United States as a whole is a post racial society in many ways, but I definitely agree that white people do have an easier time in society. (September 4, 11:36 AM)



Jeff F. White privilege is everywhere. Coming from a small town that is 98% white I notice that many people there live in a bubble. Whenever the news is on and a person of color is convicted of a crime, it's "those people" are nothing but trouble. When a white person commits a crime it's "oh, well, there must be something wrong with that particular individual."

You can also see white privilege taking place in the presidency. President Obama is constantly accused of being "unamerican" while others call him "Kenyan" or a "secret Muslim." Even Mitt Romney played upon this a few weeks ago when saying "No one asks for my birth certificate" aka "I'm white." If President Obama were white, none of these conspiracies would be popping up.

This ad campaign is a good idea. Most white people have absolutely no idea what privileges they were born with, especially when they're in a region with no ethnic diversity. They may mistakenly believe that America is "post-racial" because they just don't see very overt examples of racism all too often. I do, however, think they need to show more tangible evidence of white privilege. (September 4, 11:39 AM)



GIS student As Nick pointed out, this is a huge issue that is worth the time and investment. After reading about the "doll test" in which children always wanted to be like the "white girl" because of its successful characteristics, it shows how we live in a world in which we never judge one another on personality but on the color of each other's skin. (September 4, 11:41 AM)



Don Brown Jr Our conception of different groups of people is influenced largely by the extent of interaction we have with them. Space and the availability of diverse interactions can play a significant role in individuals' conceptions of others in an area. A lack of diversity in any particular place can create a situation where prejudices against different values/people are much more likely to surface. (September 4, 11:47 AM)



Melissa S. This "Un-Fair" campaign seems pretty interesting seeing a mainly dominant white area starting this movement. "If you see racism speak up and break the silence" was one of the things written on the girl's face in the photo. This could bring up some controversy since the area is mostly white. So how could they stop racism if it's not even going on where they are living? Hopefully this campaign will take off not only in this area of the country, but areas where racism happens everyday. (September 4, 11:51 AM)



Nic Hardisty I think that campaigns like this are extremely important in areas like Duluth (where the population is 90% white). Per the website, 80% of white high school students graduate, as opposed to 25% of African-American students. This speaks to the massive obstacles that minorities face in trying to achieve social/economic/educational success. This campaign helps a population (with a relatively small voice in their region) convey the reality of their daily lives to the dominant, privileged population that surrounds them. (September 4, 11:53 AM)

Students can add to the class content...



Suggested by [Derek Ethier](#)

Venezuelan youth could decide if Chavez remains in power



From www.washingtonpost.com - October 1, 9:56 PM

"Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez faces his toughest challenge since his first successful run in 1998."

DE: Though the older generation seems to have vehemently supported Chavez, a new day has emerged as the younger generation grows tired of crime and poverty. The Venezuelan dictator has ruled for far too long as far as they are concerned. However, the President is a brilliant orator and still draws support from poorer communities. They believe that his nationalization of the oil industry and spending money on social programs gives them more hope than they would have had otherwise. Either way, it appears that this election will be much closer than 2006 when Chavez won by 26%.



Suggested by [Sean Robin](#)

The Empire That Was Russia



From www.loc.gov - August 29, 3:41 PM

"Prokudin-Gorskii captured the diversity throughout the empire in his travels. The Russia of Nicholas II on the eve of World War I was a land of striking ethnic diversity."

SR: Russia is a place of surprising ethnic diversity. It would be mostly dependent on where it is in Russia, but it is very different from impressions that I had of it.



Suggested by [Don Brown Jr](#)

Campaign 2012: Ohio turns blue



From www.globalpost.com - Today, 4:22 PM

"It should have been a good year for the Republicans," said Beckwith. "You have an incumbent president who is not doing well. The economy is bad. But Romney's own mistakes have undermined his claim that he understands the voters..."

DB: In this election both presidential candidates are attempting to appeal to the heritage, identity and community of the "American" people, leaning strongly towards middle and working class citizens who have been hit hard the past decade by the country's economic downturn. States, especially during national elections can become highly symbolic of certain issues prevalent within American society. For example in the state of Ohio, the decline of manufacturing jobs has become quite symbolic of the plight that is happening to hard working-class citizens across the country, particularly the struggle of the American auto-industry. Ohio in many ways has become the electoral jewel of the Midwest serving as the political battleground in which both Democrats and Republicans alike are fighting for at all levels of government. The main reason why spectators believe that Ohio is gradually swinging towards Obama is Romney's failure to connect with them. Despite all his campaign contributions a growing number of voters believe Romney does not share their identity or interest making him an outsider as they increasingly gravitate towards Obama. Furthermore, Romney seems unable to shed his identity as a wealthy businessman or "1%"er who represents corporate America. During different times in history states take on certain identities that may symbolize the agenda of specific groups within American society. The 2012 election has become highly symbolic of the economic uncertainty of the times we live in and the political competition between how it should be resolved. So, what impact do you think Ohio will have on the upcoming election in November?

How can things like heritage, identity and community effect what a state or any other territory around the globe symbolize? Is the symbolism embedded in these areas continuous throughout history, inconstantly reinterpreted by different groups or both?



Suggested by Michelle Carvajal

Mexico takes steps to protect monarch habitats threatened by illegal logging



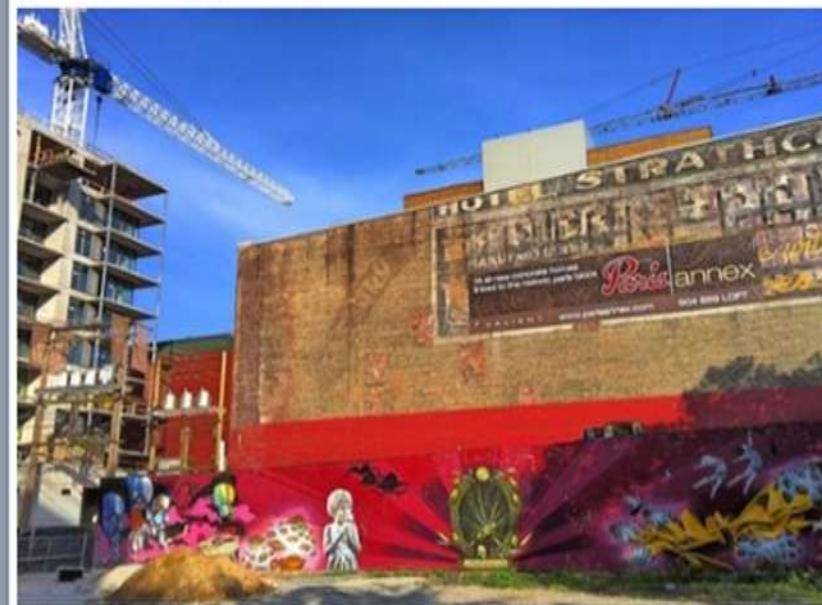
From mexicotoday.org - September 20, 10:19 AM

MC: If you read this article, I think you realize early on that migration is not only of the people as many do forget. Many animals migrate to and from locations in different seasons, for different reasons and to mate. The migration of the monarchs is actually interesting because not only do we learn that these monarchs migrate down to Mexico, but it gives us another reason to study how geographical locations, people and economy affect the monarchs. With this being said, illegal logging is what is causing these monarchs to lose their place to live, eat, and procreate during the winter season in the US. Not only does Mexico have a drug problem as far as trafficking goes but they also have this issue of individuals selling timber illegally. We know that the economy is good and at times bad in Mexico...Depending on your social class more than likely bad. The fact that people are still looking for ways to survive by illegally cutting down trees shows us that people regardless of law will do what it takes to survive. Many of the trees being cut down come from corporations (maybe) or from people who are looking to sell to corporations and are seeking only economic gain. Sadly for the monarchs, the laws in Mexico can only go so far, the police as well. Though they have armed officers patrolling the reserves, the loss of forest and land to the logging was significant enough that to this day they must continue to monitor it. Pollution within this region affects the climate which also affects the forest. Its a circle that needs to stop..but if it does, at what cost to the people, monarchs and nation?



Suggested by Roland Trudeau Jr.

Is Gentrification Always Bad for Revitalizing Neighborhoods?



From www.theatlanticcities.com - July 31, 3:04 PM

"If done right, cities can preserve their character while bringing in new business..."

RT: This article and its sub-articles are very interesting, the main point of it however is the fact that gentrification can be done in a manner as such that it will not just demolish the old city but rather build upon it. Involving the residents would be a key factor in this process, more often than not it is the new ones moving in who decide the fate of the area. Retaining original buildings and recycling them into something new helps preserve the original culture of the area. The main issue with gentrification is the loss of the familiarity within the area.

Students can add to OTHER classes resources...

Suggested by [Sean Rooney](#)

Urban Agriculture Sprouts in Brazil's Favelas



From www.ipsnews.net - September 25, 10:25 PM

“Urban Agriculture Sprouts in Brazil’s Favelas - Organic agriculture is a growing trend in big cities around the world, including Latin America, and no...”

This article nicely ties two commonly taught issues in human geography that aren't the typical combination: 1) the growth of organic farming and 2) the spread of squatter settlements and slums in the developing world.

Tags: [agriculture](#), [food](#), [urban](#), [unit 5 agriculture](#), [unit 7 cities](#).

Students (and the public) can react to each other's class contributions...

 **Daniel Anderson** it's fun to do as well (September 25, 10:41 PM) *

 **Leonardo Martins** thanks you for this. (September 26, 2:29 AM)

 **Leonardo Martins** rescooped this on [Degree South by Leonardo Martins](#). (September 26, 2:30 AM)

 **Leonardo Martins** shared this post on [Twitter](#). (September 26, 2:30 AM)

 **Josh Kettell** rescooped this on [JVK Geography](#). (September 26, 5:18 AM)

 **Ana I. Porras** rescooped this on [Saberes](#). (September 26, 7:51 AM)

 **Jane Ellingson** rescooped this on [AP Human Geography at West High School](#). (September 26, 8:33 AM)

 **Michelle Carvajal** thanks you for this. (September 26, 10:21 AM)

 **Michelle Carvajal** this was very interesting. (September 26, 10:24 AM)

 **Camastro** rescooped this on [World issues](#). (September 26, 10:35 AM)

 **Camastro** shared this post on [Twitter](#). (September 26, 10:35 AM)

 **jihira requena** rescooped this on [Educacion y creatividad](#). (September 27, 11:19 PM)

 **Steve Westgate** rescooped this on [Human controll on the landscape of the Earth](#). (September 30, 5:42 PM) *

 **Derek Ethier** Not only does this provide some green relief in the concrete jungles that are favelas, it also provides a healthy diet for residents. It reminds me of how people in the cities grow gardens. I think it is a great idea. (September 30, 6:43 PM)

 **Mr. Rodrigues** thanks you for this. (September 30, 7:31 PM)

 **Mr. Rodrigues** It's important to give the impoverished residents of the favelas a resource that can feed them as well as provide a modest secondary income stream. Also of importance is that they are educating these urban farmers in the methods of organic production - in a dense urban sprawl like the favelas, the last thing you'd want to do is pollute the already meager supply of clean water with potentially carcinogenic pestise (September 30, 7:35 PM)

 **Mr. Rodrigues** rescooped this on [Geography 400 Class Blog](#). (September 30, 7:48 PM)

 **Mr. Rodrigues** shared this post on [Twitter](#). (September 30, 7:48 PM)

 **Matt Mallinson** I think this is an awesome idea. It shows that good things can come from places like these favelas, I'm guessing these organic foods are much healthier than what citizens are used to eating too. (September 30, 8:31 PM)

 **Joshua Choiniere** I found this to be a positive aspect that can help the people in the favelas. They are growing their own food from their own homes and it allows them to have food and safety because they don't have to worry about going somewhere far off to farm. (September 30, 9:12 PM)



Scooped by [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)

Europe's failure to integrate Muslims



From www.aljazeera.com - May 29, 3:10 PM

“Laws restricting Islamic symbols in the public sphere are fuelling political distrust and a shared sense of injustice.”

One of the free response questions in the 2012 AP Human Geography test focused on increasing Muslim population in many European countries. The Muslim community has (in the view of most Europeans polled) has not adequately assimilated into European society, and with many Europeans feeling a cultural threat, have created a politically charged situation. Has Europe failed to integrate Muslims or have Muslims failed to integrate in Europe? Is this a problem? Why or why not? To see the APHG test question, click here: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/repository/ap_frq_human_geo_2012.pdf

Students can intellectually “own” the course material...



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From www.aljazeera.com - Today, 8:30 PM

So, I'm of two minds about this - and I feel that each has it's merits in modern society:

On the one hand, I've a fierce belief in the individual's right to choose (anything and everything) and determining one's Religion epitomizes that ideal.

However, there ideas and practices that tend to marginalize women or children which might need to be addressed to ensure equal participation in modern society. How can a woman, who cannot show her face, contribute to society equally? Can a child enrolled in a western school still answer the call to prayer without it impacting his or her educational progress?

Devil's advocacy aside, the real question is how far down that slippery slope can you travel and still claim to be "educated" or "enlightened?"

Via [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)

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From www.aljazeera.com - Today, 8:28 PM

“Laws restricting Islamic symbols in the public sphere are fuelling political distrust and a shared sense of injustice.”

America is a country that prohibits discrimination no matter what so it is different to read about a country that so openly restricts a group of people. It is out of fear that the Muslims are going to try and take control in Europe and fear is a big motivator. The muslim people have to choose between their religion or being able to live life in Europe. It must be such a hard decision for the young girls that have to choose between religion or an education.

Via [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)



Rescooped by [Benjamin DeRita](#) from [Geography Education](#)

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From www.aljazeera.com - Today, 9:21 PM

“Laws restricting Islamic symbols in the public sphere are fuelling political distrust and a shared sense of injustice.”

Primarily I found this to be an interesting and well written article. Europe is facing an evolving issue that has targeted Muslims, just as other ethnic groups have been targeted in the past. Recently passed laws In Europe which restrict the Muslim minority are disproportionately affecting this demographic. Laurence argues this method of ostracizing an ethnic group has failed in the past, his correlation made to “The wind and the Sun” is especially insightful. If restrictions to Muslims are to continue, it is clear a different method is needed.

Via [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)



Rescooped by [Crissy Borton](#) from [Geography Education](#)

Europe's failure to integrate Muslims



From www.aljazeera.com - Today, 9:00 PM

Although I feel people should be respectful of other cultures, religions and differences I also think that no one group should be given special treatment. Are other religious groups given prayer time at public schools? Are other people restricted from wearing religious articles if they have a public job? If countries are singling out Muslims then I think the problem is the countries however if Muslims are demanding special treatment then they are at fault.

Via [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#)

The teacher becomes the learner...

Rescooped by [Seth Dixon, Ph.D.](#) from [Niger Delta region of Nigeria](#).

Shell Oil - The Awful Truth

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This satire provide a critique of the political, economic and environmental actions of Shell oil in the Niger Delta region. The biting commentary highlights the obvious lies that have been told by Shell over the years while their company has been ravaging the Niger Delta.

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Could Asia really go to war over these?



From www.economist.com - October 3, 10:42 PM

"THE countries of Asia do not exactly see the world in a grain of sand, but they have identified grave threats to the national interest in the tiny outcrops and..."

BD: One Chinese newspaper has helpfully suggested skipping the pointless diplomacy and moving straight to the main course by serving up Japan with an atom bomb. At first I was drawn to this article because the correlation made to the British Isles discussion we had in class. As in Europe, parties on both sides are seemingly prepared for militaristic interaction in the coming years. However both Japanese and Chinese governments have downplayed thesees extreme positions at this time. Of course both Japan and China have historical claims to the uninhabited islands. More important than the territory, it is the climate of international relations between the two major powers that is the cause of concern. Both sides are refusing to back down for fear of "setting a precedent" meaning if a concession is made on either side, the other would take advantage of the rivals weakness and "scheme against it."

Via [Benjamin DeRita](#)

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Earthbag Construction

Innovative architecture from recycled plastic bags (filled on-site with local materials, stabilized and then plastered). How can this be a part of a sustainability plan? A development plan? This image is actually from Rochester, NY, complete with building permits and plans to export the idea to Argentina, Mexico, Philippines and many other places.

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Water Wars

The future of warfare may not be fought over limited resources such as coal and oil but rather over renewable but harder find resources such as fresh water.

As populations grow so does pollution into our water ways, be that fresh water streams and rivers, lakes and ponds only present less than 1% of all the water on earth with another 2% in the atmosphere there is precious little fresh water to waste.

Supply and demand for water, especially in dry areas like the middle east could see a massive escalation of military conquest to control the limited water ways the area has to offer.

One thing is for sure, conflict over water will affect the entire planet in one way or another

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Water Conflict Chronology Timeline

Although there hasn't been an actual water war fought in centuries, we see water conflicts arise all the time.

After Turkey closed off the Euphrates in the 1920's to fill a dam

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Water wars: 21st century conflicts?

This offers an interactive map of where water shortages occur and areas that could see future conflict because of it.

The middle east is likely to be the hardest hit area of the world when it comes to water shortages. Having a large population dependant on limited resources in one of the driest places on earth affects everyone from the rural to the urban areas.

Governments face the challenging call of trying to supply water but also keeping the cost of it down.

In Somalia we are already starting to see thousands of water refugees flee to Kenya in an attempt to find and secure water for their families. Water, the most necessary of all resources to human life, is worth a lot of money in Somalia where drought and lack of government involvement have left the people high and dry.

"Almost half of humanity will face water scarcity by 2025 and strategists from Israel to Central Asia prepare for strife."

Could there be 'Water Wars' in the Future?



The debate on aquifers continues as new technologies designed by oil companies are able to tap historic water reserves deep in the Earth's crust. The geopolitical significance of water rises as population growth within dry climates continue to rise. As more countries (and people) compete for limited resources, outbreaks of armed conflict becomes more likely. The more pertinent question might not be 'if' but 'when.'

Via Kyle M Norton



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Students gain confidence in their own voice...



Kyle M. Norton

Hey Mr. Dixon

I figured you would appreciate this. The other day on NBCNEWS.com Richard Engel was doing a live chat about the conflict in Syria. I submitted a question and it was one of the few he responded too.

The question I asked was "What happens if Israel attacks Iran while Assad is still in power? Does he militarily back his ally in Iran or is his army worn to thin? Does it change the course of the civil war?"

Engels responses was something along the lines that both sides want Israel to attack Iran. Assad can use it to divert attention away from his country towards Israel. The Rebels he spoke to are anxiously waiting for Israel to strike because they see Iran as a cog in the machine that backs Assad. So any military strike on Iran is beneficial to them.

Nevertheless I've been following whats going on the in the Mideast closely, things are starting to get a bit dicey and I think were close to a bigger conflict than we've seen in decades happening within the next six months.

Students continue to collaborate AFTER the semester ends...

The walls of your classroom come down...



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Spatial Thinking Key to Solving Crime



From [geographyeducation.org](#) - September 25, 4:08 PM

What are all these news reporters and school administrators doing in my classroom? Monday, September 24, 2012 was most certainly an interesting day in my Mapping Our Changing World (GEOG 201) class...

One of my students applied some mapping skills and spatial analysis to a string of unsolved bank robberies in Rhode Island. After 7 months of eluding capture with at least 8 robberies under his belt, the "bearded bandit" was apprehended less than 48 hours after my student handed over his analysis to a contact in the police department. Coincidence? I think not! Great work Nic, showing that spatial thinking and geographic skills can be applied to a wide range of disciplines and activities.

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