HNRS 2920
1 credit hour, credit/no credit only

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CRN: 32383
Days: T
Time: 10:30 AM - 11:45 PM
Location: LI 324

Learning outcomes:
Over the course of the semester, this class allows students to:
- Practice their critical reading and thinking skills;
- Practice their discussion skills
- Practice how to engage in civil discourse with people with whom you might disagree, on topics about which you might care passionately.

Introduction:
This class provides an opportunity for students to gather and discuss the news as covered in the New York Times, currently available to all members of the WSU community via a digital subscription; 15 paper copies are delivered daily to the Honors Center during the week. The class is envisioned as a magnet for any and all interested persons, including faculty and staff, to engage in conversations about the major events of the day—and potentially to examine the issue (or non-issue) of media bias.

Meeting time: The workshop will meet weekly for 75 minutes.

Workshop activities: Each weekly meeting will involve students gathering in the Honors Center (LI 324), and taking the first 20-30 minutes to read the newspaper. The remainder of the time will be spent discussing the articles that members of the class have read. The precise content of any given meeting is therefore impossible to plan in advance, but will depend on the contents of the New York Times that day (and, likely, in preceding days between class meetings).

Assignments and grades:
This class is credit/no credit only, and there will be no assignments outside of participation in the weekly discussions. You will receive a grade at the end of the semester, but it will not affect your semester GPA. However, in order to receive credit for this class, you must attend every class meeting. Exceptions will only be made for religious holidays or extreme extenuating circumstances, such as serious illness, death in the family, accidents, etc. By registering for this class, you are making a commitment to attend every week.

In the event of campus closure for an extended period, this class will continue via online discussion. If campus is closed for a short period (e.g. due to snow), we will simply skip class for the week.