**The Assignment:** This assignment is important for several reasons:

* First and foremost, it will give you an idea of current public discourse in our country. Remember that one of the expectations in this course, and on the test, is that you are people who read publications, newspapers, and are aware of important discussions in this country and the world.
* Secondly, it requires you to write a Preci. This will end up the starting point for your rhetorical analysis essay, and will lay the foundation for the structure of the essay.
* Third, this will help you seen the difference between analysis and summary.
* Fourth, it will help you with how to annotate a piece in preparation of rhetorical analysis.

*For this assignment, you will choose and print an article for the following* ***once per week.***

**The assignment has three parts:**

 **Part I/Annotation – the article must be annotated and labeled (5 points):**

* Speaker’s tone and possible tone shifts
* Rhetorical strategies/language
* Aristotelian appeals:
	+ Ethos – where does the writer establish his/her own credibility?
	+ Pathos – where does the writer appeal to the audience’s emotions? What emotions?
	+ Logos – how is the argument logically structured/organized/arranged?

Is it an inductive essay? A deductive essay? (divide the piece into its logical sections)

 **Part II/Preci – After annotating, write a one-paragraph preci (see handout) (5 points)**

**Part III/Subject Response Paragraph (more than three sentences) – your one paragraph subjective response. (5 points)**

**Daily Op-Ed Articles**

<http://www.dailyoped.com>

**Top Columns of 2015**

http://www.bustle.com/articles/127855-the-11-best-op-eds-from-2015-that-you-should-definitely-make-time-for-before -the year

**Pulitzer Price Winning Columnists (Only choose modern columnists, who are still writing)**

<http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/212>

**A list of the world’s most influential journalists** you have to search their articles separately)

https://www.nyfa.edu/student-resources/top-12-influential-journalists-today/