

Paper #5: News Parody (20%)

For your final paper, you will incorporate both the creative abilities you've honed over the course of the semester beginning with Paper #1 as well as the considerations of tone, audience, and argument you've developed in Paper #2 and Paper #3. This assignment will be an exercise in the comedic art of news parody. You will choose a topic **from your present life** to explicate and report on in the tone and style of a news parody in the tradition of *The Onion*. Consider all the conventions of news available to you: made-up statistics, fictional interviews with bystanders, a suspiciously one-sided reporting job indicative of authorial bias. All of this is fair game.

Particular attention should be paid to tone, detail, diction, etc., in addition to the grammatical considerations taken with each paper. The title should be in the form of a news headline.

The final draft of this project should be 4 pages double spaced, submitted in MLA format. You should also include a 1 page process memo with your final draft.