

**CURRENT EVENT ANALYSIS
(25 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

DUE BY MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, SUBMITTED TO COLLAB

ASSIGNMENT

A brief summary and analytical commentary on a current news item about America as it is presented in the Russian media. In order to complete the assignment:

1. Follow one or more of the links you'll find in **Collab > Resources > Assignment Guidelines & Resources > Current Events Analysis > Russian News in English** to find a current news item on the United States from a Russian perspective. In the introduction of your analysis, *briefly* (250-300 words) summarize what the news item is about, and please don't cut and paste, but attempt to **paraphrase in your own words**. *Explain why you chose this particular news item to focus on.*
2. Find an account of the same event in a reputable American newspaper or other news outlet (the New York Times, CNN.com, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, NPR.org, are all reasonable choices) and briefly describe the ways in which the American account of the event is similar to or different than the Russian account.
3. Devote most of your analysis to reflecting on the following questions:
 - Why did this news item receive coverage in the Russian media?
 - How would you *expect* this news item to be covered in the Russian media? Did the coverage meet your expectations, or was there anything about the way the item was covered that was unexpected? (And why was it unexpected?)
 - How do the readings and other materials covered in class thus far shape the way you interpreted this news item?
4. Include complete citations identifying both of your sources.

*The entire analysis, including summary,
should be between 2-3 pages, double-spaced.*

OBJECTIVES

- To discover how America is portrayed in the contemporary Russian media
- To consider how representations of America may or may not have changed since the Soviet era
- To draw on what has been learned thus far in the course to inform your conclusions

