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Is War Ever Justified?:
Spanish American War

How can media influence the perception of an event?

Look at the following headlines and then answer the questions:

“Search for Missing Bride”

“Cold Feet Suspected in Case of Missing Bride”

“Bride Missing! Recent Fight With Groom’s Family”

1. How do these headlines differ?
2. Consider the wording and how a reader might respond to each article.



Build up to the Spanish American War

Nationalism:

Jingoism:

Yellow Journalism

Definition:

Why?

Spanish American War Outcomes

Spain

United States

Platt Amendment



I.-That the government of Cuba shall never enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba, nor in any manner authorize or permit any foreign power or powers to obtain by colonization or for military or naval purposes or otherwise, lodgement in or control over any portion of said island.

II. That said government shall not assume or contract any public debt, to pay the interest upon which, and to make reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate discharge of which, the ordinary revenues of the island, after defraying the current expenses of government shall be inadequate.

III. That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property, and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed and undertaken by the government of Cuba.

IV. That all Acts of the United States in Cuba during its military occupancy thereof are ratified and validated, and all lawful rights acquired thereunder shall be maintained and protected.

V. That the government of Cuba will execute, and as far as necessary extend, the plans already devised or other plans to be mutually agreed upon, for the sanitation of the cities of the island, to the end that a recurrence of epidemic and infectious diseases may be prevented, thereby assuring protection to the people and commerce of Cuba, as well as to the commerce of the southern ports of the United States and the people residing therein.

VI. That the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left to future adjustment by treaty.

VII. That to enable the United States to maintain the independence of Cuba, and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defense, the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United States lands necessary for coaling or naval stations at certain specified points to be agreed upon with the President of the United States.

VIII. That by way of further assurance the government of Cuba will embody the foregoing provisions in a permanent treaty with the United States

Summarize the **Platt Amendment Provisions** in your own words in the table below. Number 6 has been done as an example for you.

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6	<i>Cuba has to give up a certain piece of land (the Isle of Pines), for other countries to fight over later.</i>
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SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Document Analysis Chart – Which Document Do You Believe?

Document	Publication Date	According to this article, what happened to the Maine?	What information is included to support this version of the story?	Write a quotation that <i>contrasts</i> with something from the other document
A <i>New York Journal</i>				
B <i>New York Times</i>				



Compare the evidence used by both newspapers to support their claims about what happened to the *Maine*.

Which newspaper uses stronger evidence? Explain.