Communication 196: Seminar in Communication: Propaganda in War & Revolution

This seminar examines the use of propaganda by revolutionary and antirevolutionary groups, and belligerents during hot and cold wars. The class begins with an examination of the uses of propaganda during World War I, and the widespread use of propaganda in the newly-created Soviet state. The seminar then examines the roles of propaganda during the Third Reich, and by the Allies and Axis powers during World War II. The focus will then shift to Cold War propaganda, and the war of words waged by revolutionary and antirevolutionary groups, and their benefactors, during this era. Finally, the course examines the current uses of propaganda in the Middle East.

The class meets TuTh 12:35 pm – 1:50 pm.

The instructor of the class is Lawrence Soley, Colnik Professor of Communication. Soley holds degrees in political science and mass communication, and is author of several books on propaganda, including Radio Warfare (Praeger), which was made into NPR and Nippon television documentaries, and Clandestine Radio Broadcasting, which was selected by Choice as an “outstanding book.” Professor Soley’s articles about propaganda have appeared in a variety of research journals, including Journal of Communication, Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media and The Media Studies Journal.