

# Convergent Media and the 2008 Election

## An Honors Capstone by Tony Romm

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**COMM-490: “Convergent Media and the 2008 Election”** is a journalism skills/Honors in Journalism capstone course that explores the various storytelling techniques available to Web journalists throughout the presidential election cycle. The class consists of four assignments in traditional print reporting, blogging and podcasting, all of which comprise a portfolio to be graded by my faculty advisor, Prof. Dotty Lynch, at the end of the semester.

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#### I. Capstone Proposal

#### II. [politics@theEAGLE blog posts \(.pdf\)](#)

*Although the project share’s The Eagle’s name, I am in charge of it, and I am only submitting the work I wrote (not the work I edited or assigned) as part of the capstone portfolio. However, there are other entries, contributed by other students, available online at [politics.theeagleonline.com](#).*

- 1) 60 didn’t matter, anyway
- 2) Palin, Murkowski and the 2010 (or 2012?) race
- 3) A practical post-mortem
- 4) Student voters subject of Va. poll controversy
- 5) Obama trumps McCain in student paper endorsements
- 6) RTV: Major trouble at Va. polling station
- 7) Ask AU: The Obama advertisement
- 8) Why this weekend’s campaign suspension hurts McCain
- 9) FactFinder: McCain and the Blackberry
- 10) The Palin interview post-mortem
- 11) Commodifying women
- 12) Not all in for Palin
- 13) What Sen. Clinton must do tonight
- 14) Apparently, everyone was awakened at 3 a.m...
- 15) Paying for Ignorance
- 16) Txting U a VP

#### III. [politics@theEAGLE podcasts \(.mp3\)](#)

- 1) Episode 1: Proposed Tax Breaks: Pay day, or painful?
- 2) Episode 2: Ads, AIG and Taxes
- 3) Episode 3: Election Fatigue and the “Obama Effect”
- 4) Episode 4: Election Post-Mortem

#### IV. [“The Politics of Pennies” – 2,000-word issue piece \(Eagle and Politico versions\)](#)

#### V. [Reflection Paper – Blogs, citizen journalism and the 2008 election](#)

*Parts of the reflection paper are published on [politics@theEAGLE](#) (and syndicated on CBS) but I did not count those to my final blog total (as detailed in the proposal).*