

Why Study Popular Culture?

“Important” Topics vs the “Fluff”



The News



We are going to look at a handful of current news stories.

As we go through each story/headline, I want you to take notes on:

1. What words/pictures/topics jump out at you? Why?
2. How does this news story make you feel? How might other people feel reading/hearing about this topic?

LIVE UPDATES: Hurricane Dorian | TRENDING: Country singer death | Bear attack | Nintendo games | Sears and Kmart | Lyft lawsuit | Fantasy Football

NC governor: Dorian's 'power has arrived'



Eye of Hurricane Dorian is expected to pass near or over parts of North Carolina during the next 12 to 24 hours

[Track the storm](#) | [How to help](#) | [Weak connection? Use CNN's lite site](#)

This is why Trump's altered map is dangerous ▶

Dorian's eyewall forecast to move over North Carolina coast

Former Coast Guard station has a front row seat to Dorian's power

See Hurricane Dorian's destruction as it hits the Carolinas ▶

Historically black college offers displaced Bahamian students a free semester

In photos: The destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian 📷



Rising country singer Kylie Rae Harris dies in car accident

• [Read the emotional lyrics from Harris's song to her daughter](#)



Why the House GOP could be looking at a retirement avalanche in 2020

• [Lawmakers who aren't running for reelection in 2020](#)
 • [42-year Wisconsin congressman is latest GOP lawmaker to not seek reelection](#)

BREAKING Man acquitted of 36 deaths in Ghost Ship fire; hung jury on other defendant

Mother teaching her son to drive killed in a road-rage shooting

This chemical is 'key focus' in vaping illness investigation, health officials say

Lawmaker asks FDA to crack down on Juul's 'fraudulent' medical claims

He didn't know if wife was dead or alive. See what happened when he found her. ▶

Miners union president: 'Coal's not back. Nobody saved the coal industry.'

Woman raped by Brock Turner now wants the world to know her name

Why Buttigieg feels sorry for Trump ▶

Analysis: Trump's Alabama obsession reveals a very deep flaw

Warrant: Missing mom's body was in truck used by her estranged husband

Crying baby irritates Bernie Sanders ▶

Three more retailers ask customers not to openly carry guns in their stores

#2

(CNN)- President Trump said that Taliban leaders were to travel to the US for secret peace talks this weekend but that meeting has been canceled and he's called off peace talks with the militant group entirely.

Trump tweeted that he scrapped the meeting after the Taliban took credit for an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, that killed a dozen people, including an American soldier.

Inviting Taliban leaders onto American soil is an unprecedented move and a significant development in America's longest running war just days from the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It comes after Trump said as recently as late last month that he is planning to withdraw thousands of US forces from Afghanistan...

The insurgent group has not halted its campaign of violence as the peace talks with the US have taken place but Thursday's killing of an American when a deal was reportedly close appears to have prompted the dramatic move from the President.

Trump says he canceled secret Camp David meeting with Taliban leaders



By Caroline Kelly and Kylie Atwood, CNN

Updated 10:40 AM ET, Sun September 8, 2019



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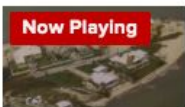
Burial for one of the 63 people killed in an Aug. 18 suicide bombing at a wedding in Kabul, Afghanistan.

"Everything is gone": Survivors describe the horrors of facing Hurricane Dorian

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Dorian claims at least 20 lives



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Historic flooding threatens the South Coast



"It could easily be hell"



Dorian bashes the South Carolina coast

#3

The death toll in the Bahamas rose to 20 on Wednesday night after Hurricane Dorian devastated the string of islands. CBS News flew with the U.S. Coast Guard over the areas hit hardest on Wednesday, seeing home after home torn apart. The fragile islands were no match for Dorian's Category 5 fury and the landscape looks like a bomb site. The U.N. said 70,000 are in immediate need of aid.

A CBS News correspondent spoke to Adrian Farrington, who lost his son. "I still can see my son getting dragged across the roof reaching up," he said. He thought he lifted his 5-year-old son to safety on the roof of his house, only to see him washed away in the surging flood waters.

#4

Report: Gunman in West Texas shooting rampage was fired hours before

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By Faith Karimi and Ed Lavandera, CNN

Updated 10:22 PM ET, Sun September 1, 2019

Odessa, Texas (CNN) The Odessa Police Department on Sunday identified the man who killed seven people and wounded 22 others in a [shooting spree in West Texas](#) as Seth Ator, 36.

Ator had been fired from his trucking job just hours before his killing rampage, the New York Times reported, citing interviews with officials.



#5

The Amazon is burning. The climate is changing. And we're doing nothing to stop it



Analysis by **Nick Paton Walsh**, CNN

Updated 10:38 AM ET, Wed September 4, 2019

There have been more than 90,000 fires throughout the Amazon rainforest in 2019, according to Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE). In August, smoke from the burns blackened the sky in cities as distant as São Paulo and caught the world's attention.

A spike in deforestation is in part to blame, as farmers have cleared land for livestock, cultivation, and development, encouraged by Brazil's far-right president, Jair Bolsonaro, and his campaign promises.



Pop Culture



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Jimmy Fallon
& Kevin Hart
Ride a
Rollercoaster



Brooklyn Nine-Nine



Vine



Dude
Perfect



Cat videos



Nathan's
Annual July
4th Hot
Dog Eating
Contest

