

The Bill Taylor Award for College Students

A **Student Research Contest** has been designed for college students who attend the 2020 Camden Conference. Contest entrants are asked to submit an 8-10 page evidence-based research paper focused on the challenges that confront the United States regarding the “new media” today as discussed during the 2020 Camden Conference *The Media Revolution: Changing the World*. The paper should make a case for ways the U.S. should or should not regulate new media. The research paper is due June 1, 2020. Judges include members of the Camden Conference Board of Directors and the Education Committee. Monetary prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Question:

In order to prevent the dissemination of “Fake News” through the new media, should the United States government play a more active role in regulating information in the new media, or should there be no regulation at all? If you believe some form of regulation against fake or misleading information should be implemented, are there examples from other countries that might be useful models for the United States? How would one implement these regulations without crossing the line between moderating information and censoring it? If you believe no American government regulation of new media should exist, cite examples of other nations’ models of regulation or censorship that might serve as a warning. Provide specific evidence for your answer.

Criteria:

- Eight to ten pages, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, plus citations and bibliography.
- Sources should include books, journal articles (optional: government documents), and information from Camden Conference presentations.

Due June 1, 2020.

- Please send your paper electronically to info@CamdenConference.org.
- Submissions must have a removable cover page including full student name and school, and page headers must not include personal names.
- Eligibility: any college student who attends the 2020 Camden Conference.
- To be eligible you must include your permission to publish the paper on the Camden Conference website.

Winning papers will be presented on the Camden Conference website. In order to contract contest winners, students must provide a physical address where they can be reached during June and July.