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The Middle East and North Africa in U.S. Media Representations 1910-1919: Orientalizing and  
Criminalizing of Armenians and Armenian-Americans

My research explores *The New York Times*' representation of Armenians and Armenian-Americans through the use of newspapers articles from the years 1910-1919. My findings demonstrate that a pattern of negative depiction of Armenians existed during this period of time. I argue that these findings challenge the notion that the NYT was an objective newspaper during that period. To produce these findings, I reviewed 1973 articles under the term "Armenian" in the database ProQuest. Through an in-depth analysis of the relevant articles, I found that Armenians are portrayed as criminals and more broadly as Orientals, people of the East and thus inherently different from Occidentals or Westerners. Preliminary findings suggest a similar pattern of representation in *The New York Times* of other groups as well. This paper suggests that the criminalization of the Armenian subjects can be seen as a part of the larger pattern of Orientalizing of the Armenians. The NYT thus contributes to the "Othering" of the Armenians. This research is part of a larger project analyzing 150 years of *The New York Times* conducted in the lab of Professor Suad Joseph.