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**Grey House Publishing Announces the Twenty-second Title in the
Opinions Throughout History Series: *Truth & Lies in the Media***

Truth & Lies in the Media is the twenty-second volume in the *Opinions* series from Grey House Publishing. Single, in-depth volumes are designed to trace public opinion on current, controversial topics from our nation's early history to the present. Each volume includes a range of primary and secondary source documents, including newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, court decisions, and other legislation. These documents are accompanied by expert commentary and analysis to guide the reader through the process of understanding their historical significance and placing them in the context of how they contributed to, or are a reflection of, changing attitudes on important issues.

Is the media biased? What type of media is the best? How do you know who to trust? In this volume of *Opinions Throughout History*, we take a look at America's relationship with the media from the Colonial Era papers that helped start and support the American Revolution to the explosion of social media and the current controversy over media legitimacy. Along the way, we will look at issues like the Supreme Court battles over libel laws, the perception of bias and its relationship to propaganda, the evolution of journalistic ethics and the state of American media literacy, and how technology shaped our media environment over the long road from telegram to television to the 24-hour news cycle.

This volume of *Opinions Throughout History* traces the development of media from colonial news sheets to modern social media feeds. At a time when trust in the media is at a low point and public opinion is increasingly polarized, it's useful to consider that bias, sensationalism, and even fake news have long been a part of America's media environment, although they have been more prevalent during periods of national upheaval. Among the topics discussed are the roots of investigative and activist journalism, government propaganda, and the real-world consequences of false claims and reporting, from the "War of the Worlds" panic to the January 6 attack on the Capitol. Technological changes—from radio to television to the internet—have had a profound effect on how information is disseminated and perceived, creating challenges for both the public and the Fourth Estate. Along with these innovations, a shift in the definition of neutrality and "bothsideism" has occurred. Also included in this volume are some guidelines for evaluating information and sources.

Each chapter starts with a brief Introduction, List of Topics Covered, and the source document or documents discussed in the chapter. The text of the chapter relates the source documents to their historical context, and details contemporary public opinion.

Most source documents are reprinted in their entirety and are clearly distinguished by a shaded title bar. Photos and other images enhance the text, and sidebars provide an often-lighter perspective on the time period being discussed. Each chapter ends with a brief Conclusion, thoughtful Discussion Questions, and a list of Works Used.

Using carefully chosen original documents that cover a wide time span, *Opinions Throughout History* weaves a thoughtful and easy-to-understand analysis of how public opinion is formed and evolves, starting the discussion at an historical, seminal moment, and ending with where we stand today.

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