

## The Role of the Media: Part of the Problem or Solution?

### Biographies and Clip Summaries

#### *Carol Tator: Media Perpetuation of Stereotypes*

**Speaker Profile:** Carol Tator has worked as an anti-racism advocate, educator, and scholar for the last three decades. She teaches anti-racism theory and praxis at York University and has co-authored several books with Frances Henry including: *The Colour of Democracy: Racism in Canadian Society*; *Racial Profiling in Canada: Challenging the Myth of a "Few Bad Apples"*; and *Discourses of Domination: Racism in the Canadian English-Language Press*.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Ms. Tator discusses the ways in which the media serves to perpetuate stereotypes and the negative results of this action.

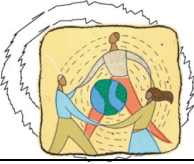
#### *Haroon Siddiqui: Racialized Discourses*

**Speaker Profile:** Haroon Siddiqui is editorial page editor emeritus of The Toronto Star. He writes a twice-weekly column on foreign affairs. Haroon is a member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario and is Past President of PEN Canada. Currently he is serving on the board PEN International. He holds an honorary doctorate from York University and is the author of *Being Muslim*, a book about post 9/11 geo-politics.

**Clip Summary:** In this clip, Mr. Siddiqui explores the issues of historical and present-day racialized discourses; block thinking; and the face of media. He identifies numerous examples of double standards and suggests that there are few if any normalizing discourses for minorities.

#### *Jonathan Kay: Searching for Racism & the Importance of Free Speech*

**Speaker Profile:** Jonathan Kay is Managing Editor for Comment of the National Post. He is a regular contributor to Commentary magazine and the New York Post. His free-lance



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articles have appeared in Harper's, The New Yorker, The New York Times, The International Herald Tribune, The Los Angeles Times, The Weekly Standard, Hoover Digest, the National Interest and other publications. In April, 2002, he was awarded Canada's National Newspaper Award for Critical Writing.

**Clip Summary:** Mr. Kay states that we overzealously search for racism in our society and therefore are bound to find it. He suggests that this practice is toxic because it leads to the externalization of problems. In the second clip, he suggests that we cannot truly discuss issues today because of social taboos and as a result, they are not addressed. He advocates for free speech and open discourse.