"There is an underlying assumption within both readings that technology, and specifically the web, poses significant threats to the integrity of student research and coursework."

—Sarai

(i) pornography
(ii) forgery
(iii) fraud
--gatekeeping--
(iv) hoax
(v) obfuscation
(vi) plagiarism
Pure communication

[since the Greeks]
"communication is defined in contrast to its perversion (by manipulation, rhetoric, and writing) ... miscommunication is the scandal that motivates the very concept of communication in the first place"

—J. Durham Peters

"If you're going to deal only with sort of officially approved, certified good guys, you're not going to find out what the bad guys are doing."

Dick Cheney
democracy &
mass communication

Mead, Dewey, Lipman, Merton
Heidegger, Adorno, Habermas

public discourse, public opinion
ideology, false consciousness, alienation
propaganda

"bread and circuses"

"If the mass will be free of its chains of iron, it must accept its chains of silver"
—Lasswell
(i) pornography

Who defines?

"I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it."

—Justice Potter Stewart, 1964
obscenity, religion & politics

Who defines?
Seventeenth-century England & religious battles:
papism, establishment religion, & dissent
Samuel Wesley vs dissenting academies
[Charles Morton & Harvard]
Milton & More
pornography & politics

Who defines?
depression and rebellion
the society for the protection of vice
Duke of Wellington

politics and poetry
Southey
Byron
Shelley
pornography & politics

radical underworld
Dugdale

Queen Caroline's divorce
Rowlandson
Gillray
Cruikshank

Rotten_Info - 7
Guard we but our own hearts: with constant view
To ancient morals, ancient manners true,
True to their manlier virtues, such as nerved
Our father's breasts, and this proud Isle preserved
For many a rugged age:—and scorn the while,—
Each philosophic atheist's specious guile—
The soft seductions, the refinements nice,
Of gay morality, and easy vice.

George Canning
(ii) forgery & detection

documents and the crisis of quality
Donations of Constantine

from ms to print

Daniel Papbroch & the Jesuits

Jean Mabillon & the Benedictines

De re diplomatica

diplomatics for the web?
new media

**Politics:** Harley & the press
Em's Dispatch

**Finance:** East India
South Sea

bills of exchange

"The natural Punishment ... is not Death, but some sort of Ignominy such as the Pillory. ... Forgery is ... punished capitally, and nobody complains that it is too severe"

—Adam Smith
(iii) fraud

eBay & Diebenkorn: new media?
fraud & old media

Jeff Ganon
Jason Blair
Stephen Glass
Janet Cooke
gatekeeping

formal institutions: archivists, librarians, scientific associations, banks, exchanges

informal institutions: blogs

"people in pyjamas"
—Dan Rather
gatekeeping: quis custodiet?

boundary protection
stationers' company
financial exchanges
the "press"

corruption
T.J. Wise & modern diplomatics
Arthur Andersen
[the ICM registry] "is even working with a Canadian non-profit organisation to ensure that only "responsible" pornographers get .xxx domains."

beyond the pale

Wolf

Martin Marprelate, Martin Luther

foreign presses
Scottish, French, American

Vizetelly & Zola

Dickens: American Notes for General Circulation

“In a reply to a question from the Bench, the Solicitor observed, that this kind of notes circulated more extensively in those parts of the world where they were stolen or forged”. Old Bailey Report
(iv) hoax

Sokal hoax

Piltdown man

crop circles
“the book trade had generated a culture of plagiarism and "counterfeits" ... The wits ... / had powerful strategies at their disposal for challenging the worth of any printed book ... and the truth of any printed statement"

—Adrian Johns
obfuscation

Discovery Institute: CSC
http://www.discovery.org/csc/
Philip E. Johnson
Jefferson E. Peyser Professor, Emeritus, Boalt Hall
Discovery is also the leading proponent of "intelligent design."... Most orthodox scientists dismiss intelligent design as upmarket creationism. But books and papers spew out of Discovery's Center for Science and Culture.... The intelligent design movement is an example of the Right's growing willingness to do battle with what it regards as the liberal "science establishment" on its own turf, using scientific research of its own. Right-wing think tanks have attacked scientific orthodoxy on stem cells... poured over the data on global warming.... the Right is clearly extending the battle of ideas into new territories, just as Milton Friedman and others did in economics forty years ago.
obfuscation

the sumptuary of print

Latour & Woolgar:
the weight of an argument
(vi) plagiarism

a modern trait?
Joseph Biden
Doris Kerns Goodwin
Stephen Ambrose
Alan Dershowitz
Micahel Bellesiles

authors and authority
and graduate students
plagiarism

novel concern
Tobias Wolf
Tom Wolfe
Peter Ackroyd
Peter Carey
Thomas Mallon
‘Shall we forever make new books, as apothecaries make new mixtures, by pouring only out of one vessel into another? Are we forever to be twisting and untwisting the same rope?’

—Laurence Sterne
plagiarism

architectural concerns
plagiarism

beyond academia

IP and engrossing

SCO

EOLAS

DMCA

software patents ...
next week's reading

authors, authority, and reputation in the world of print