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The Middle East and North Africa in U.S. Media Representations: An Analysis of the Term
"Asia-Minor" in *The New York Times* (1900-1909)

My research analyzes the representation of the Middle East using articles from *The New York Times* in the decade 1900- 1909. Since *The New York Times* is considered a liberal and progressive news source my research explores how terms related to the Middle East are depicted. I specifically focused on the term Asia Minor, by reading articles on ProQuest that contain the term within the decade. My initial finding is that Asia Minor is used as an umbrella term: the writer uses it in whatever context it is required. It is also depicted as an entity separate from the Ottoman Empire, which is “open” and “vacant” to the world. Additionally, whenever there is a reference to people from Asia Minor, they are depicted as savages, uncultured, or unfortunate. This research is part of a larger project analyzing 150 years of *The New York Times* conducted in the lab of Dr. Suad Joseph.