



DISTORTED IMAGES, UNEVEN POLICIES How the Media Shape Public Policy Outcomes

From the newly passed Arizona immigration law to TANF reauthorization, media representations of groups and individuals can have a powerful impact on public policy outcomes at the state and federal levels. These images and narratives that the media-at-large shape and disseminate bear tremendous weight on public opinion and how policymakers respond to some of the greatest challenges of our time. Support for social policies for low-income and marginalized communities can be especially sensitive to the language, images and tone employed by the media.

Join national experts as they discuss the media's influence in shaping public perceptions of poverty, immigration and other pressing social issues. They will also explore the ways in which race, gender, and class intersect in media constructions of the poor as well as ways to use the media to generate support for inclusive public policies.

DISCUSSANTS:

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SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (EST)

The Puck Building
The Rudin Family Forum for Civic Dialogue
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THE OPPORTUNITY SERIES

This discussion is a part of the Opportunity Series hosted by the Women of Color Policy Network at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The series brings together leading scholars, practitioners, advocates, and policy analysts to discuss building the economic security of women through quality jobs, work supports, and education. We will also examine wealth and asset disparities among women of color, how state and federal policies can support working families and communities, and explore opportunities to build the economic security of women and families over the long haul.