

Covering and Uncovering Iran in the Age of Trump

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of "fake news" from the Trump Administration, many journalists are doubling down in the efforts to cover important international news that is regularly sidelined by domestic daily headlines. Reporting about Iran and US-Iran relations, covering the "Muslim Ban" and its impact on Iranian Americans, as well as analyzing the current administration's policies in the Middle East, has made accurate and thoughtful coverage about Iran and its diaspora even more critical.