American Ethnic Newspapers
Covering African Americans, Hispanic Americans and other ethnic groups

“These newspapers...embrace over two hundred years of the American experience. In them we find many small but essential details...” 
— James M. Bergquist, Emeritus Professor of History, Villanova University

Overview

With more than 500 rare titles from every region of the United States, this growing collection of fully searchable ethnic newspapers is the most extensive resource of its kind. Together, these series of American Ethnic Newspapers, all available within America’s Historical Newspapers, provide an unparalleled record of the topics, people, issues and events that have shaped two centuries of life in the United States for African Americans, Hispanic Americans and other ethnic groups.

African American Newspapers, Series 1 and 2, 1827-1998

African American Newspapers, Series 1 and 2, 1827-1998, provides online access to more than 350 U.S. newspapers chronicling a century and a half of the African-American experience. This unique collection, which includes historically significant papers from more than 35 states, features many rare 19th-century titles. Newly digitized, these newspapers published by or for African Americans can now be browsed and searched as never before. All selections were guided by James Danky, editor of the monumental African-American Newspapers and Periodicals: A National Bibliography.

Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection, 1799-1971

Featuring more than 130 newspapers published in 10 languages from 25 states—including many rare 19th-century titles—this online collection provides extensive coverage of many of the most influential ethnic groups in U.S. history. With an emphasis on Americans of Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jewish, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak and Welsh descent, this one-of-a-kind resource will enable students and scholars to explore often-overlooked aspects of this nation’s history, politics and culture. Spanning the Early Republic’s Open Door Era to the Era of Liberalization in the mid-1960s, Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection, 1799-1971, offers opportunity for fresh insight into two centuries of immigrant life in the United States. Its newspapers come from the former Balch Institute of Ethnic Studies—arguably the best known ethnic research center in America.

Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980

Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980, represents the single largest compilation of Spanish-language newspapers printed in the U.S. during the 19th and 20th centuries. The distinctive collection features hundreds of Hispanic American newspapers, including many long scattered and forgotten titles published in the 19th century. It is based on the “Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project,” a national research effort directed by Professor Nicolás Kanellos, University of Houston. Featuring many newspapers published bilingually in Spanish and English, Hispanic American Newspapers offers a diversity of unabridged voices, ranging from intellectuals and literary notables to politicians, union organizers and grassroots figures. Users can compare and contrast Hispanic views on nearly every major theme in American life, beginning in 1808 when the first Spanish-language newspaper in the United States was printed in New Orleans.

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