

The Information Revolution

Michael Brodskiy

Professor: J. Burds

September 14, 2022

- World-Changing Events of the 14th—16th Centuries
 - Demographic Catastrophe of the Black Death in Early Modern Europe, 1350—1650
 - The Revolution in Printing
 - * German goldsmith Johann Gutenberg produced the first book using movable print — the modern printing press — in 1440. The first complete Gutenberg bibles were available in 1455.
 - The Discovery of America (1492)
 - The Protestant Reformation (1517—1648)
 - * In 1566, Pope Pius V creates “the Entity” to force Protestants to return to Catholicism (Main Catholic agents: Jesuits, order formed in 1540 as missionaries to win back lost souls)
 - Age of Religious Wars (1560—1715)
- Sir Francis Walsingham (1532—1590) was Queen Elizabeth’s spymaster — named “The Father of Modern Intelligence”
- “Knowledge is power . . . not just knowledge, but secret knowledge” — Jean-Baptiste Colbert
- The modern social sciences that arose from the Information Revolution led to development of intelligence-gathering methods