Slide One: “Is the Partisan Divide Too Big to Be Bridged?”

Brian:

* Bernard Clay was leery when he was thrown together with Shaelyn Bishop
* Bernard Clay
  + Black
  + Middle-aged (47) Data analyst and Poet
  + From Louisville, Ky
  + had a side project
* Shaelyn Bishop
  + Shy
  + White
  + Young (34) biologist
  + Grew up on a family farm
  + From Green County, Ky
    - 15 minutes from the closest town
* Brainstorming session in 2022
  + Weekend retreat with the Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange
  + Bernard Clay had a side project chronicling Kentucky’s Black Civil War veterans
  + Shaelyn Bishop in quiet hours studied the ecology of the Clay Hill Memorial Forest
    - had pondered the old stones that almost certainly marked the burial grounds of the once-enslaved
* Clay Hill Memorial Forest
  + Is in Taylor County, Ky.
  + Is a forgotten memorial to hidden past
* The Enslaved People of Clay Hill (EPOCH), Legacy Project
  + to recognize the burial ground
  + a connection was made across the gulfs of race, age, and geography

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
  + Gathering at a barn-possibly voting center, steady flow of people going in and out, rural-urban Kentucky location, predominantly White population
* Key words about photo + context:
  + intercultural/interracial retreat, data analyst, ecologist, Civil War veterans, Enslaved People of Clay Hill (EPOCH), Kentucky slave burial grounds

Combined (How things changed): Unlikely partnerships, preserving Black history, proper burial grounds for slaves, creating racial harmony, unlocking Kentucky history

Slide Two: “A Massacre Threatens Darfur-Again"

Brian:

* Civil war
  + Is ripping apart Sudan
  + Tens of thousands have been killed,
  + millions scattered, and an enormous famine looms,
  + setting off one of the world's biggest humanitarian crises.
* Sudan
  + One of Africa’s largest countries
  + El Fasher is one of the cities affected in Darfur
  + Hospitals have closed
  + Residents are running out of food
* El Fasher
  + home to 1.8 million people,
  + is at the center of the fight.
  + If it falls, officials warn, there may be little to stop a massacre.
* Fighters
  + Battling Sudan’s military for control of the country have encircled the city
  + Are known as the Rapid Support Forces
* Rapid Support Forces
  + The successors to the notorious Janjaweed militias that slaughtered ethnic African tribes in Darfur in the 2000s.
* U.N. Security
  + Last week Council demanded that they "halt the siege" of the city.
* New York Times
  + examination of satellite imagery and video from El Fasher
* Video from El Fasher
  + Shows the assault is intensifying.
  + Some of the footage below contains scenes of violence.

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
* Sudan, Africa, Darfur, El Fasher, map of Sudan
* Key words about photo + context:
  + Sudan Civil War, humanitarian crisis, famine, millions dead, militia, violent siege

Combined (How things changed): Increased awareness on civil war in Sudan, war caused millions of deaths and famine, El Fasher a central location of the war, violence is intensifying, international humanitarian crisis needing intervention

Slide Three: “Greek coastguard threw migrants overboard to their deaths, witnesses say”

Brian:

* Greek coastguard
  + Has caused the deaths of dozens of migrants in the Mediterranean over a three-year period
  + Mentioned that the investigation it strongly rejects all accusations of illegal
* Witnesses
  + Reported the nine migrants deaths
  + Often disappear
  + Are too fearful to speak out
* The nine migrant deaths
  + Deliberately thrown into the water
  + Are among more than 40 people alleged to have died as a result of being forced out of Greek territorial islansds
* The twelve migrants
  + Being loaded into a Greek coastguard boat
  + Abandoned on a dinghy, to a former senior Greek coastguard officer
* Senior Officer
  + Is in the Greek coastguard
  + Mentioned that the loaded is “obviously illegal” and “ an international crime”, when mic was still on
* Greek Government
  + Has been accused of forced returns
  + Pushing people back towards turkey, which Is illegal under international law
* Turkey
  + where the migrants have crossed from
* BBC analysis
  + First time that has calculated the number of incidents
  + Use as initial sources local media, NGOs and the Turkish coastguard
  + Use a new BBC documentary
* Number of incidents calculated
  + Alleged that fatalities occurred because of the Greek coastguard’s actions
  + 15 incidents, resulted in 43 deaths from May 2020-23
  + Is extremely difficult to verify such accounts with witnesses
  + Four of these cases they it is possible to corroborate accounts with witnesses
* BBC documentary
  + The name is Dead Calm: Killing in the Med?
  + Used as a part of the research

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
* Greek coastguard, boat, armed guard, inflatable raft (or dinghy), Greek flag
* Key words about photo + context:
  + Migrant deaths, investigation, international crime, Greek waters, Turkey, Turkish coastguard, illegal deaths in Mediterranean

Combined (How thing changed): Exposure of Greek coastguard accused of illegal migrant deaths, witnesses reported deaths, Greeks possibly responsible for more deaths in the Mediterranean, international crimes exposed, realization of the difficulty of corroborating accounts, multiple sources of accounts-local media/NGOs/Turkish coastguard report deaths

Slide Four: “Germany sees rising migration at Polish border”

Brian:

* The statement
  + came after German authorities report
* German Authorities
  + Reported a deposited a family of five Afghan asylum seekers last Friday after apprehending them for having illegally entered
  + Responsed to Polish authorities
* Five Afghan asylum seeker
  + Establish on the Polish side of their border near Osinow Dolny
  + entered Germany without the necessary paperwork.
  + Has to returned to Poland because an existing law
* Existing law,
  + their lack of documents dictated they be returned to Poland, where they had received asylum.
* Prime Minister Donald Tusk
  + said he would be discussing the "unacceptable incident" with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz at this week's informal EU gathering in Brussels.
  + It will also be discussed at the next meeting between Polish Interior Minister Tomasz Siemoniak and his German counterpart, Nancy Faeser, according to a Polish ministry spokesman.
* Polish authorities
  + complained the Germans had not informed them of their intentions of dropping off the Afghans.
* The Germans’ authorities response
  + say that although they tried to organize a handover they decided to simply leave the family after getting "no response from the Polish side for several hours."

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
* Police, detainees, during COVID, cold temperatures, white van
* Key words about photo + context:
  + Illegal migration, migration to Poland, Afghan asylum seekers, Polish/German border, asylum seekers, border conflict, Polish/German tensions, undocumented migrants

Combined (How things changed): increased communication required before dropping off migrants across German border, high-level officials intervene in “unacceptable incidents,” continuing dialogue between interior ministers to discuss border issues

Slide Five: “Forcibly displaced population doubles to 120 million over the past 10 years)

Brian:

* Forcibly displaced population
  + At least 117.3 million or one in 69 individuals
  + has continued to rise in the first four months of 2024
  + likely to have surpassed 120 million by the end of April 2024.
* The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR)
  + Released a report of the forcibly displaced population
* Forced displacement
  + result of conflict and violence,
  + result of persecution and human rights violations
* Filippo Grandi
  + The UN high commissioner for refuges
  + Said: “Behind these stark and rising numbers lie countless human tragedies. That suffering must galvanise the international community to act urgently to tackle the root causes of forced displacement.”

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
* Infographic, 120 million people forcibly displaced, group with one orange person, diamond-shaped people diagram
* Key words about photo + context:
  + worldwide displacement statistic, forced displacement, rising displacement in 2024, conflict & violence/persecution/human rights violation displacement, human tragedies, international displacement, global forced displacement infographic

Combined (How it changed): Take a closer look at why forced displacement is on the rise, determine what is required from the international community, make connections between human tragedies

Slide Six: “Stephen A. Smith goes on Caitline Clark WNBA race rant over Indiana Fever star’s success: ‘There’s a broader issue here that can’t be escaped”

Brian:

* Stephen A. Smith
  + Went on a Caitlin Clark-driven WNBA race rant
  + he believes her rise has exposed about society, while name-dropping Martin Luther King and Donald Trump.
  + He spoke up about Clark in this instance after Connecticut Sun star DiJonai Carrington had taken issue with Clark's lack of a brash statement to disassociate herself from those using her name to weaponize the spread racism and misogyny.
* Caitlin Clark
  + push back directly when asked about those claims, but Smith thought the exchange had a larger meaning.
  + The Indiana Fever star was at the forefront of women’s basketball during her WNBA rookie season, which led to an unprecedented spotlight for the sport and league.
* Angel Reese
  + Is Clark rival
  + said she gets a 'special whistle' after a difference in calls from officials against her team compared to the Fever.

Mel:

* Key words about photo:
* Stephen A. Smith, Caitlin Clark, pink suit with tie, news anchor, woman with towel around neck, post-game interview, arena background
* Key words about photo + context:
  + WNBA, race in women’s basketball, rookie, WNBA star, women’s basketball rivalry, racism and misogyny in women’s sports, Angel Reese, Caitlin Clark, Stephen A. Smith, WNBA rookie backlash, Indiana Fever

Combined (How it changed):