

Bi-Annual Journal – Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in writing for The American Age. The journal is an academic-journalistic hybrid. Submissions should be written with the care of a scholar and the voice of a Sunday op-ed stylist. We do not accept unsolicited manuscripts, but we welcome all pitches.

Please see the current Call for Papers on our website (www.theamericanage.org/submissions) to find out what we're currently interested in.

PITCH PROCEDURE

Please include the following in the body of your email. We do our best to respond to all pitches within 72 hours, but if you haven't heard from us within one week, please assume we've passed on the submission.

- **Name**
- **Very brief bio—two or three sentences**
- **List of past publications—no more than three or four**
- **Pitch—a short explanation of the topic and angle**

Also, remember that an invitation to submit an essay does not guarantee that the final essay will be accepted.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

If your pitch has been accepted, or you have been invited to submit an essay, please follow the procedures below.

- **Deadline:** Will be agreed upon with your editor. Please understand that the deadline is real. Accommodations are sometimes possible (see below), but should not be assumed.
- **Length:** 1800-2500 words, inclusive of footnotes, but not bibliography. Essays longer than 2500 words may be edited down to size in consultation with the reviewer, or they may be rejected, so please try to color inside the lines. It makes everyone's life easier
- **Submission Procedure:** Submissions should be emailed to submissions@theamericanage.org
- **File Format:** Submissions may be in .docx, .doc, or .rtf file format.
- **Content:** No critical orientation is privileged or excluded. However, as each issue focuses on a specific theme, it's important to stick to the issue at hand.
- **Style:** Although we expect that many of our submissions will be written by scholars, please understand that they should not be for scholar—at least not specifically. The style of your submission should be as accessible as the material permits. Scholarly conventions should not be followed too closely (e.g. contractions are welcome, informalities, and slang too).
- **Footnotes:** Keep footnotes to a minimum, please. Where it's necessary, follow Chicago style footnote procedures, and avoid endnotes. We will return manuscripts that use endnote style citations for reformatting.
- **Bibliography:** Bibliographies, unlike footnotes, are encouraged, as they create an opportunity for our readers to explore the issues on their own. Please observe Chicago style.
- **Name:** Please provide your name, along with title, and institutional affiliation if you have one (you may use "independent scholar" if you prefer). If you aren't an academic that's perfectly fine too.
- **Proofread:** Reviews should be proofread carefully. While all submissions will be looked over by our editors, excessive errors in grammar, style, or diction, especially those that impede comprehension, will be returned to the author for revision. Please retain a copy of your work until it has been published.
- **Extensions:** At the discretion of the editor, an extension of the submission deadline may be granted. If an extension is granted, the maximum allowable is 14 days. If your essay is going to be more than 14 days late, we will cancel the piece.

If you have any other questions not covered here or in the current Call for Papers, please email submissions@theamericanage.org