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What is the potential . . . and what is the responsibility of the journalist in shaping the future so we can move toward a better world?

Good evening and welcome to New England Circle. Tonight we have invited **BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE**, vice president and former executive editor of The Washington Post and **THOMAS WINSHIP**, president of the Center for Foreign Journalists and former editor of The Boston Globe to lead a discussion on American Journalism.

Ben Bradlee and Tom Winship are two editors widely distinguished as the last in an era of gutsy, risk-taking, pulitzer-prize-winning journalism that transformed mediocre newspapers into some of the country's best.

Now Ben Bradlee thinks that risk-taking is no longer required and more professional caution is warranted. Yet he says today's journalists are "more talented," have "incredible backgrounds" and are "better writers" but they "miss out sometimes because they go home and do the dishes and are not social animals."

Tom Winship told New England Business magazine that "The leadership of a vigorous newspaper is stronger than any other force in a community. It can be a force for evil, or for good; but always the stronger force." He feels "bullish about the potential of journalists in the future to help guide us to a better world." But he says that "this will happen only if editors and reporters stay brave, stay angry, stay dogged and compassionate and fear not the word 'crusade'."

Tonight's program is moderated by **DAVID NYHAN**, nationally syndicated columnist and associate editor of The Boston Globe.

New England Circle invites men and women of different cultures, political persuasions and professions to exchange ideas and opinions. The Circle evolved out of a 19th-century tradition called the Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who gathered at the Parker House monthly for lively, informal discussions. Tonight's discussion on American Journalism could awaken the spirit of those who inaugurated this tradition.

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