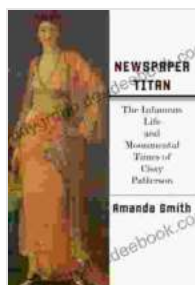


# The Infamous Life and Monumental Times of Cissy Patterson

Cissy Patterson was a pioneering American journalist and publisher who left an indelible mark on the media landscape of the early 20th century. Her life was a whirlwind of adventure, scandal, and accomplishment, and her legacy continues to inspire journalists and media professionals today.

## Early Life and Career

Cissy Patterson was born Eleanor Josephine Medill Patterson in Chicago, Illinois, on November 7, 1884. Her father, Robert Wilson Patterson, was a wealthy businessman and newspaper publisher. Her mother, Eleanor Medill Patterson, was the daughter of Joseph Medill, the founder of the *Chicago Tribune*.



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Cissy grew up in a privileged environment, but she was also a rebellious and independent spirit. She attended Miss Spence's School in New York

City, but she was expelled for smoking cigarettes. She then studied at the University of Heidelberg in Germany, where she met her first husband, Count Antoine de Castellane.

Cissy and Antoine were married in 1904, and they had two children together. However, the marriage was unhappy, and Cissy eventually divorced Antoine in 1914. After her divorce, Cissy returned to the United States and began her career in journalism.

### **The Washington Times-Herald**

In 1920, Cissy purchased the *Washington Times*, a struggling newspaper in the nation's capital. She renamed the paper the *Washington Times-Herald* and set out to make it a major force in American journalism.

Cissy was a brilliant editor and publisher. She hired a team of talented journalists, including Walter Lippmann, Arthur Krock, and Westbrook Pegler. She also introduced a number of innovative features to the paper, such as a daily gossip column and a Sunday magazine.

Under Cissy's leadership, the *Washington Times-Herald* became one of the most respected newspapers in the country. It was known for its aggressive reporting and its willingness to take on controversial issues.

### **The Denver Post**

In 1927, Cissy purchased the *Denver Post*, a newspaper in Colorado. She applied the same principles to the *Denver Post* that she had to the *Washington Times-Herald*, and it soon became one of the most influential newspapers in the West.

Cissy was a strong advocate for women's rights and social justice. She used her newspapers to promote her causes, and she was often outspoken in her criticism of the government and other powerful institutions.

## **Scandals and Controversy**

Cissy Patterson's life was not without its scandals and controversies. In 1928, she was arrested for drunk driving and possession of narcotics. She was also involved in a number of extramarital affairs, which were widely reported in the press.

Cissy's personal life often overshadowed her professional accomplishments. However, she never let the scandals and controversies define her. She continued to work tirelessly for her newspapers, and she remained a powerful force in American journalism until her death in 1948.

## **Legacy**

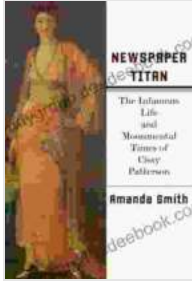
Cissy Patterson was a pioneering American journalist and publisher who left an indelible mark on the media landscape of the early 20th century. She was a brilliant editor, a fearless advocate for women's rights and social justice, and a larger-than-life personality.

Cissy's legacy continues to inspire journalists and media professionals today. She is remembered as a woman who broke down barriers and who used her power to make a difference in the world.

## **Additional Resources**

- Cissy Patterson (Britannica)
- Cissy Patterson: A Pioneer in the Business of News (Newseum)

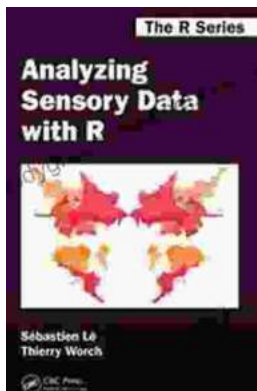
- Cissy Patterson, a Force in Journalism (Washington Post)



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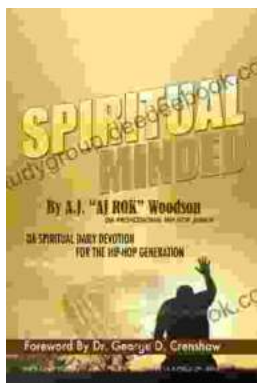
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