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International espionage was as prevalent as ever in the 1990s (“Decade”).
Fukuyama’s Our Posthuman Future includes many examples of this trend.
The utilitarianism of the Victorians “attempted to reduce decision-making about human actions to a ‘felicific calculus’” (Everett).
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QUOTE OR PARAPHRASE:
Litvak calls Winter’s mumbling a “labor of disarticulation” (167).
One author calls Winter’s mumbling a “labor of disarticulation” (Litvak 167).
Between 1968 and 1988, television coverage of presidential elections changed dramatically (Hallin 5).

INDIRECT SOURCES :
Samuel Johnson admitted that Edmund Burke was an “extraordinary man” (qtd. in Boswell 2: 450).
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