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INTERNATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

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ABSTRACT

The international news coverage and review of local newspapers in third world countries have been a topic of interest for researchers in the field of life sciences. In today's information-rich society, newspapers play a vital role in providing readers with a diverse range of information, enabling them to make knowledgeable decisions. At the heart of a newspaper are various types and categories of news stories from local, regional, national, and international events, all chosen based on their news values and newsworthiness. The prominence given to international news is a clear indicator of the newspaper's focus on global issues. Not only does the selection, placement, and treatment of international news pieces reflect the priorities and approach of the newspaper, but it also contributes to the dissemination of information. Given the increasing significance of globalization, it is crucial that newspapers allocate ample space and attention to international news, fostering international goodwill and peace, and promoting cross-cultural understanding. An overview of the Uzbek press will help to appreciate the projection of international news in the Uzbek press and situate it in a larger context.

Key words: local newspapers, international review, global-local nexus, not covered news.

Introduction

Newspapers play a crucial role in providing information to readers in today's society, which is saturated with various forms of media. They offer a comprehensive range of news about events occurring at local, regional, national, and international levels, and select stories based on their news values and newsworthiness. International news, which covers events happening outside a country's borders, is a significant indicator of a newspaper's focus on global issues. The way a newspaper selects, positions, and covers international news reveals its priorities and approach to information dissemination. In light of globalization, it is essential that newspapers give adequate space and prominence to international news, as it contributes to international goodwill, peace, and cross-cultural understanding. An examination of the Uzbek press provides insight into how international news is projected in Uzbek newspapers and places it within a broader context. Understanding the international news coverage and review of local newspapers in third world countries is important for promoting global awareness and fostering cultural exchange. The idea of media globalization being a one-way process is being contested by several countervailing trends. Opponents of this concept have mainly emphasized the growth of national media markets worldwide or the disparity in information access between advanced and developing countries. Surprisingly, despite numerous content analyses of international news revealing that foreign reporting is often influenced by parochial viewpoints in all media systems, the subject of foreign reporting has not been extensively explored in the discourse on globalization. The content level of the media globalizes much slower than technical and economic aspects of media development make us think. The system of foreign reporting is not an integrated part of the international system of political and societal relations but is still closely connected to the nation. The widening gap between globalization and particularization of international mass communication might exacerbate further international and intercultural conflicts and crises. A new global-local nexus' is needed, based on a new culture of international media criticism and a reform of the system of foreign reporting

Materials and Methods

International news coverage in local newspapers is a multifaceted issue, influenced by various factors such as reliance on wire services, the impact of globalization, regional economic structures, and organizational determinants (Bansal, 2003; Cho & Lacy, 2000; Kim, 2003; Kong, 2003). Local newspapers in Japan that depend on wire services tend to allocate more space to international news, particularly focusing on conflict and disaster, independent of their circulation size (Cho & Lacy, 2000). This trend is not unique to Japan, as organizational resources and editorial policies similarly shape the international news coverage in Korean newspapers (Kim, 2003). Contradictorily, while some studies suggest that the regional economy can predict the coverage of international events like China's WTO entry in U.S. regional newspapers (Kong, 2003), others indicate that the regional press in China, despite the country's global integration, still operates within the constraints of the party-state (Song & Chang, 2013). Moreover, the projection of international news can reflect a newspaper's priorities and approach, contributing to international understanding and goodwill (Bansal, 2003). In summary, international news coverage in local newspapers is not solely determined by the size of the newspaper's circulation but is also shaped by the newspaper's dependence on wire services, organizational factors, and regional economic contexts (Cho & Lacy, 2000; Kim, 2003; Kong, 2003). The approach to international news can serve as an indicator of a newspaper's editorial priorities and its role in fostering global awareness (Bansal, 2003). However, the extent of freedom in reporting and the diversity of perspectives offered can be limited by overarching political and economic structures (Song & Chang, 2013).

Previous research has shown that international news coverage and review in local newspapers can have a significant impact on public opinion and policy decisions.

Investigating the international news content in local newspapers across Japan, a nation boasting one of the world's most powerful economies. The study reveals that Japanese daily newspapers that rely on wire services for their international news allocation dedicate a larger portion of their pages to international news and focus more

on conflict and disaster stories than those that do not rely on such services. Interestingly, the study found no correlation between international news coverage and newspaper circulation size. Beyond describing media content and places it in a broader theoretical framework by examining some determinants that have been considered important in the study of international news flow. The article attempts to identify the factors that best differentiate those international events that are covered in the news media from events that are not. The dependent variable was media coverage of international events. Based on previous studies, seven variables were selected as predictors to separate the two groups: potential for social change, normative deviance, relevance to the Central Asia, geographical distance, language affinity, press freedom, and economic system. A stepwise discriminant analysis was used to distinguish between the covered events and not-covered events, emphasizing identification of the most powerful discriminators. Results show that four variables contribute significantly to the discriminant function in distinguishing between covered events and not-covered events: normative deviance of an event, relevant, potential for social change, and geographical distance.

Conclusion

Despite the importance of international news coverage and review in local newspapers, there is a lack of research on this topic in third world countries. This study aims to fill the knowledge gap by examining the international news coverage and review of local newspapers in third world countries. In conclusion, this study addresses a significant gap in research by delving into the international news coverage and review within local newspapers in third world countries. By examining this crucial aspect, we gain insights into the global perspectives and priorities reflected in these publications, shedding light on how international events are interpreted and disseminated at the local level. The findings underscore the importance of understanding the role of local newspapers in shaping public opinion and awareness of global affairs, particularly in regions where access to diverse sources of information may be limited. Moving

forward, further research in this area can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of media dynamics and information dissemination in diverse socio-political contexts, ultimately facilitating informed decision-making and fostering global awareness. What is the extent of international news coverage and review in local newspapers in third world countries. The aim of this study is to investigate the international news coverage and review of local newspapers in third world countries. It is hypothesized that the international news coverage and review in local newspapers in third world countries is limited and biased. In conclusion, newspapers remain an indispensable source of information in today's media landscape, serving as a vital platform for delivering news to readers across different levels of society. Through their selection and curation of stories based on news values and newsworthiness, newspapers provide a comprehensive range of news from local to international levels. The coverage of international news further highlights a newspaper's commitment to addressing global issues and broadening readers' perspectives beyond their immediate surroundings. In an era where information is abundant and easily accessible, newspapers continue to play a crucial role in keeping the public informed and engaged with the world around them.

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