



Getting the Facts Right: 2 Zeros don't make an eight

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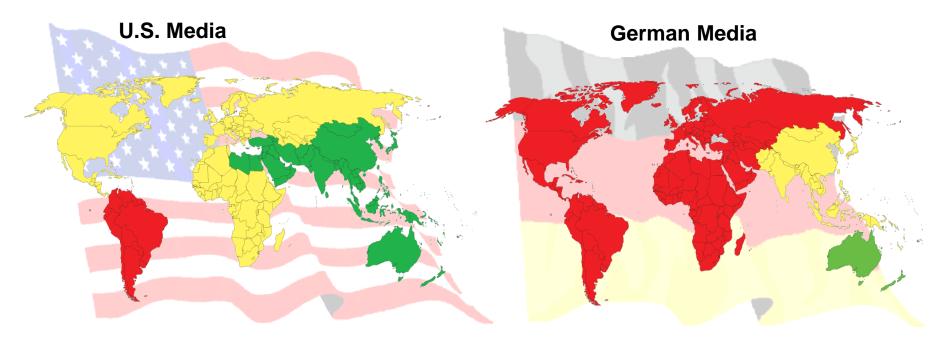






Facts – which Facts?

There is more than one way presenting facts: Example corporate facts



Ratings:

More negative than positive news

More positive than negative news

Equal share of positive and negative news

Amount of Coverage: U.S Media: N= 166.384 statements German Media: N= 380.820 statements

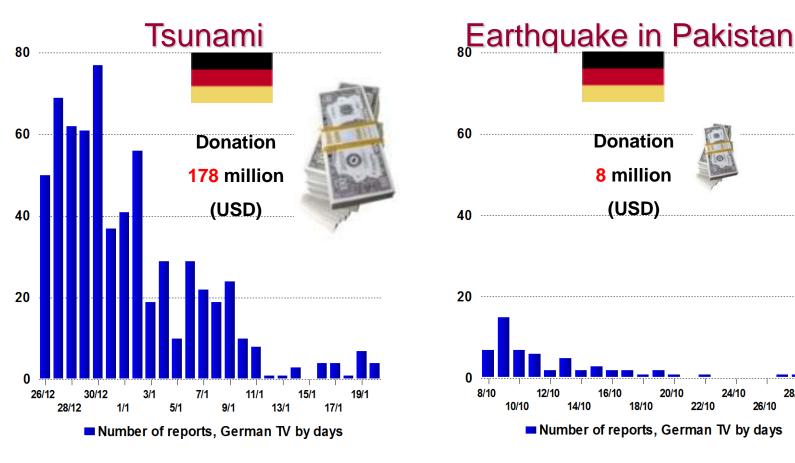
2001-2003: Rating of international business in U.S. and German Media



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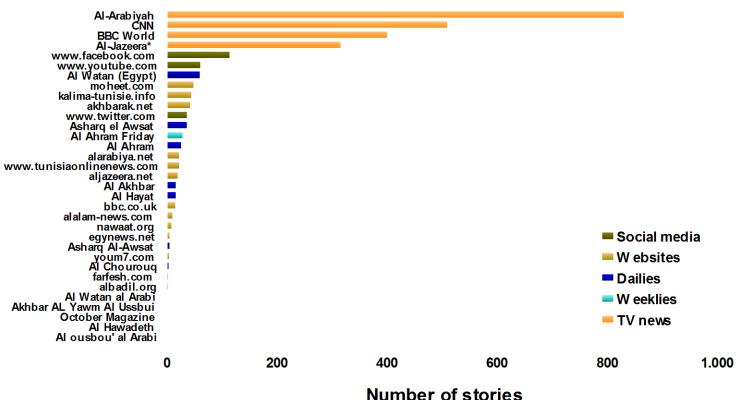
People respond to facts – as long as they know them



Coverage of Asian tsunami vs. Pakistan earthquake - German T.V. news

Volume of stories in MENA outlets and international TV news, 01.01.-18.03.2011

Facebook dominates online, Al Arabiya on TV



Analysis of MENA print and Internet outlets shows Facebook and YouTube offered a significant volume of contributions on political unrest in Tunisia and Egypt. Al Jazeera discontinued evening news in favor of live reporting 28.1.-6.2.



1. Every piece of information is analyzed

DaimlerChrysler Unveils Improved Outlook for Year

am Beispiel DaimlerChrysler

Alle Beiträge in Printmedien oder in Fernsehsendungen (TV-Nachrichten oder – Magazine), in denen DaimlerChrysler oder ein Tochterunternehmen in mindestens 5 Zeilen/Sekunden dargestellt ist, werden ausgewertet

Die Information wird auf Aussagenebene ausgewertet. Jede neue Information über das Unternehmen oder eine Führungskraft wird als eine neue Aussage analysiert.

verstehen

auswählen

- Jede Aussage besteht aus: einer **Person**/ einem Unternehmen, einem Geschäftsfeld, einem Thema, einer Bewertung (+/-) und einer Quelle. Ändert sich einer dieser Bestandteile, wird eine neue Aussage codiert.
- Medienanalysten werden täglich geschult.
- Zur Qualitätssicherung und Validierung der Daten werden regelmäßige Überein-stimmungstests sowie Stichproben-Kontrollen durchgeführt.

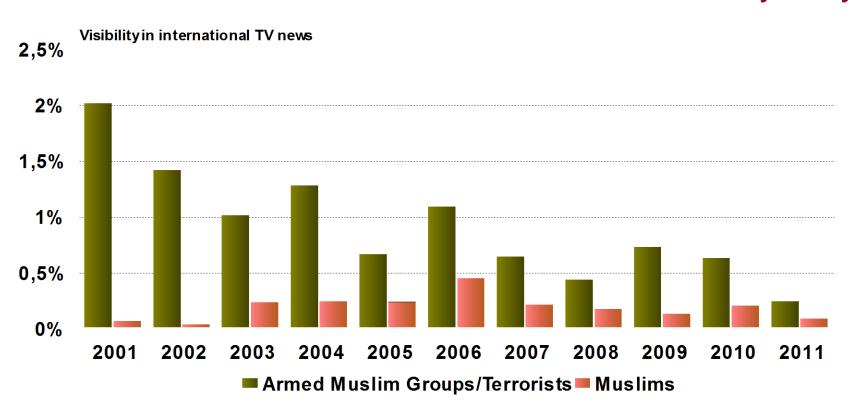
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"...the company wants to double its revenue..."

Variable Ausprägung Code Unternehmen: DC (20)Geschäftsfeld: Unternehmen allgemein (20)Thema: Zukünftige Erträge (118)Explizit: neutral Bewertung: (0)Kontext: positiv Urheber: (2001)Schrempp



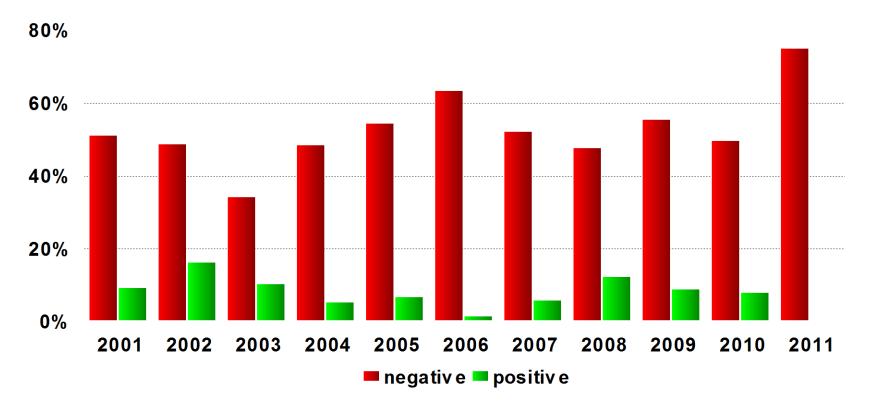
Western TV focus on terrorists misleads everybody



While US and European primetime news reduced its coverage on events in the MENA region to Islamic militants, the audiences of ABC, CBS, BBC or ARD had no opportunity to realize that the people of Beirut, Cairo or Tunis tick differently.



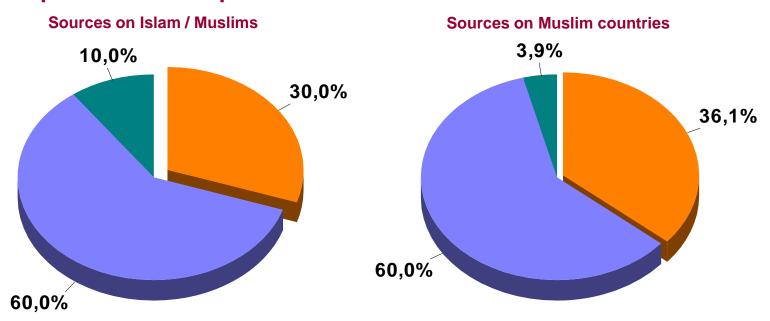
False focus on terror leads to overall erroneous frame



TV news programs focus only very infrequently on Muslims or Islam. The tone has been negative over the last ten years, focusing on violence, social tensions and failed integration, discouraging leaders in the West from giving the new elite in MENA credit.



Third parties eclipse Muslim sources

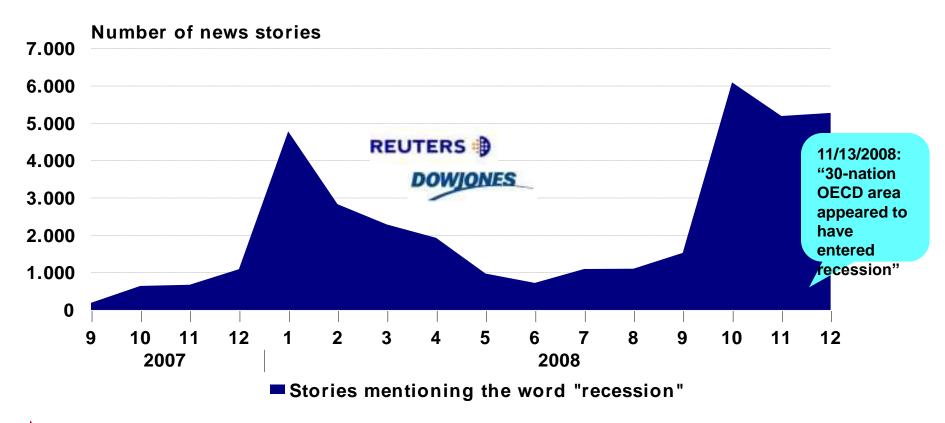


Muslim representatives Journalists other sources

In international and domestic coverage, Muslim representatives are barely heard in Western TV programs, even when it comes to their own affairs. Third parties – from politicians to anti-Muslim activists – achieve a much higher share of voice.



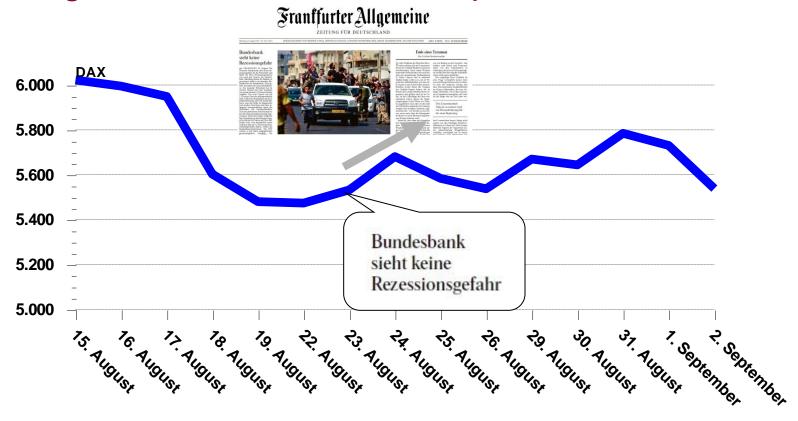
2 zeros don't make an 8: When did the recession start?



Does the news mirror or shape reality? Usage of the term "recession" soared already in January 2008 and then again in October – but the first real-world data were communicated by the OECD in mid-November.



August: Monatsbericht dämpft den Kurssturz

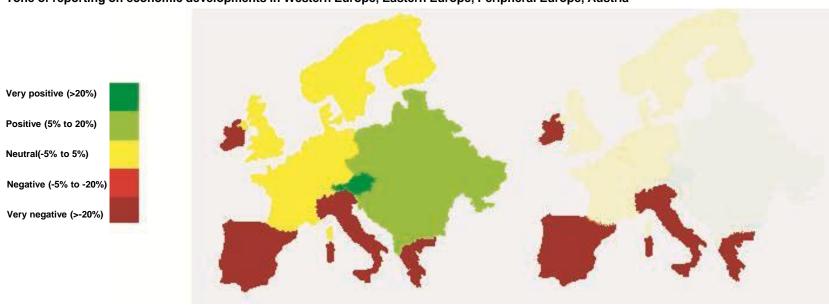


Mit der klaren Botschaft "Keine Rezessionsgefahr" auf der Titelseite der FAZ konnte die Bundesbank dazu beitragen, die Märke für mehr als eine Woche zu beruhigen. Journalisten und Anleger suchen nach einem klaren Kompass.



Huge difference between EU potential and perception

Tone of reporting on economic developments in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Peripheral Europe, Austria



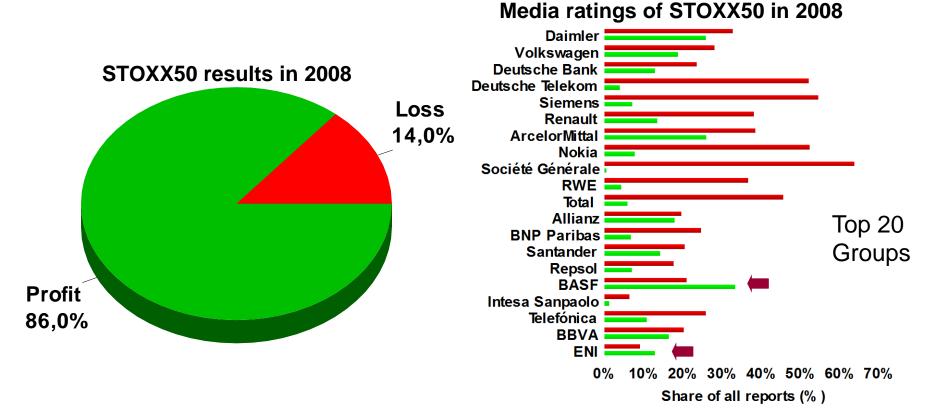
Tonality: potential opportunities

Visibility: What is actually perceived

In terms of pure tonality, Eastern Europe offers the perfect counterweight to the crisis in Brussels. However, if we look at what is above the awareness threshold, we see that Eastern Europe is very much the wild frontier: full of opportunities, but still unknown.



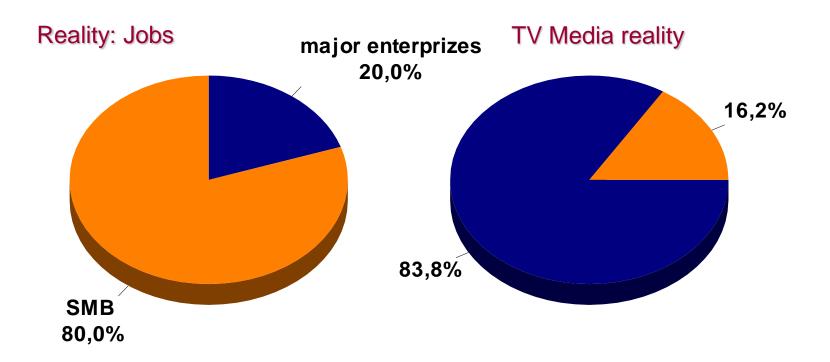
Facts deserve awareness: Why hide STOXX50 profits?

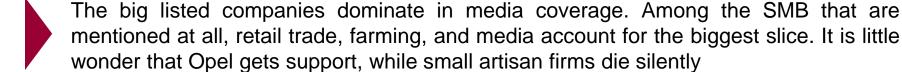


Dramatization of events is the hallmark of TV coverage. Despite the crisis only 14% of the STOXX 50 companies had a loss in 2008, but only two of the top 20 enjoyed a positive media image over the last 24 months.



Reality deserves professional journalism

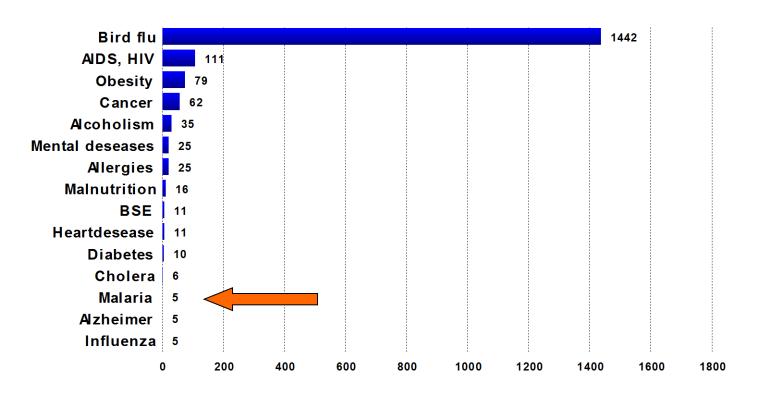




mentioned at all, retail trade, farming, and media account for the biggest slice. It is little wonder that Opel gets support, while small artisan firms die silently



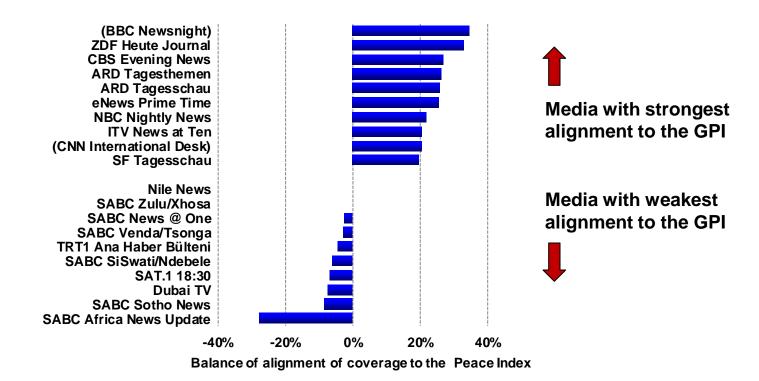
Facts deserve reasonable coverage: Bird flu vs Malaria



Media became obsessed with covering the potential risk of Bird Flu: 1.442 reports were printed within 12 months – while the reality of more than one million of people dying each year due to Malaria was the same media worth 5 reports in that time frame



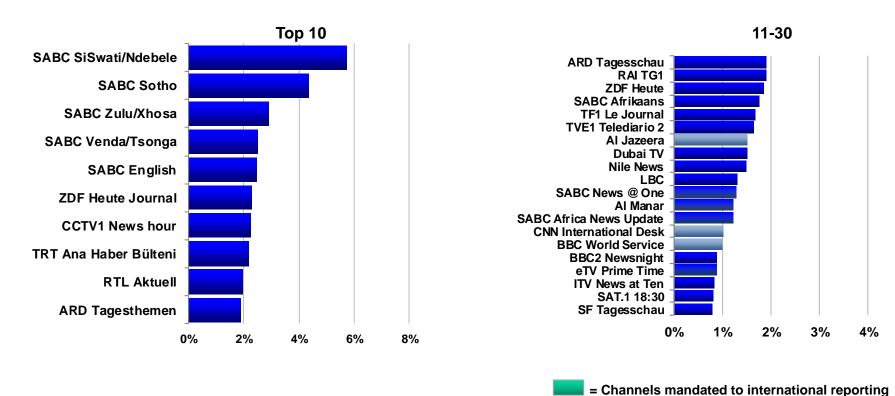
Media can portray a world in opposition to GPI data



The international coverage of most analysed TV news programs aligned to some extent to the portrayal of the world through the GPI. However, 22% of the analysed programs reflected a world either more peacefull or dangerous than what the GPI suggests.



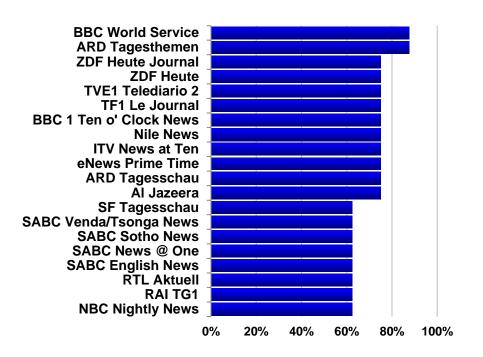
SA news highly focused on peace... but only in Africa



South African news were much more focused on peace, but only in Africa. Most news programs predominently focused the bulk of their coverage on peace to one or two regions or countries.



20 out of 37 networks follow up on the 10 top conflicts

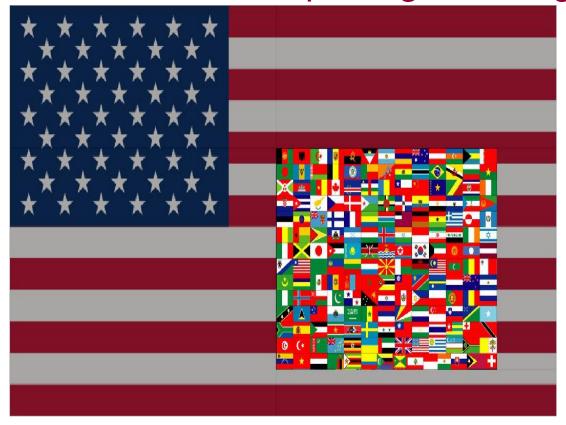


20 out of the selected 37 TV Prime-Time News not only cover a conflict when it is breaking news – but they keep their audience informed about the developments atleast twice per quater in the following years on the Tschtechenia, Kenia, Ruanda, Georgia etc. conflicts.





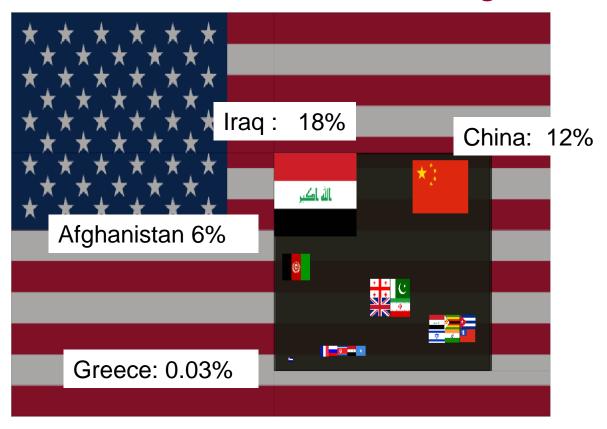
Only around 20% of US TV reporting is "foreign" news



The number one problem of getting on the media agenda is that space is at a premium, When we consider that only 20% of US television news space is available for foreign reporting, reaching any level of awareness for a nation will be difficult.



Only 19 countries are above 1% of foreign coverage



Iraq China and Afghanistan occupied over a third of the available foreign coverage in the US media – the next 16 countries around one quarter. For a country like Greece, a share of 0.03% of *foreign* coverage means it is struggling to gain awareness.



What you know of Pisa?





And what is really there

