

Getting publicity for your research

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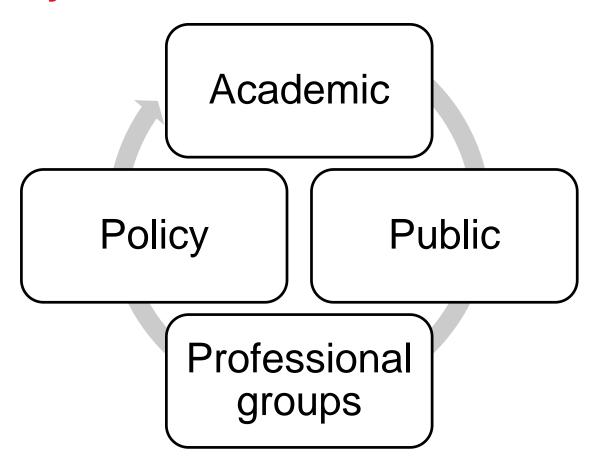


Why bother?

- 1. Career profile, promotion, citations
- 2. Funding 'impact'
- 3. Personal satisfaction / validation
- Feedback mechanism to improve research and its relevance



'Making publicly known', for whom?





Through which channels?

Popular press

Events / social media

Specialist press

Academic press



Popular press

- •News Values how do journalists determine what's news?
- Sourcing
 — how do journalists find 'news'



News Values

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"The somewhat **mythical** set of **criteria** employed by journalists to measure and therefore to judge the **newsworthiness** of events"

- Franklin, Hamer, Hanna, Kinsey, Richardson. Key Concepts in Journalism

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News Values – characteristics of what becomes 'news'

Over to you



"These **ground rules** may not be **written down** or codified by the news organisations, but they exist in daily practice and in knowledge gained **on the job**."

-Harcup T. and O'Neill D. (2001)

What is News? Galtung and Ruge Revisited



Galtung & Ruge – 12 news values

1960 CONGO1960 CUBA1964 CYPRUS

The Structure of Foreign News Johan Galtung and Mari Holmboe Ruge Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 2, No. 1 (1965), pp. 64-91



Galtung & Ruge – 12 news values

- * Meaningfulness
- * Unexpectedness
- * References to elite peoples
- * References to elite nations

- * Predictability
- * Continuity
- * Intensity
- * Unambiguity



Galtung & Ruge – 12 news values

- * Frequency events favoured over processes
- * Composition a fair balance of stories
- * Negativity bad news is better than good news

* Personification – adding a human element

The Structure of Foreign News Johan Galtung and Mari Holmboe Ruge Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 2, No. 1 (1965), pp. 64-91



Galtung & Ruge - criticism

"...by focusing on coverage of three major international crises Galtung and Ruge ignored day-to-day coverage of lesser, domestic and bread-and-butter news"

-Harcup & O'neil 2001



Harcup and O'Neil- 10 news values

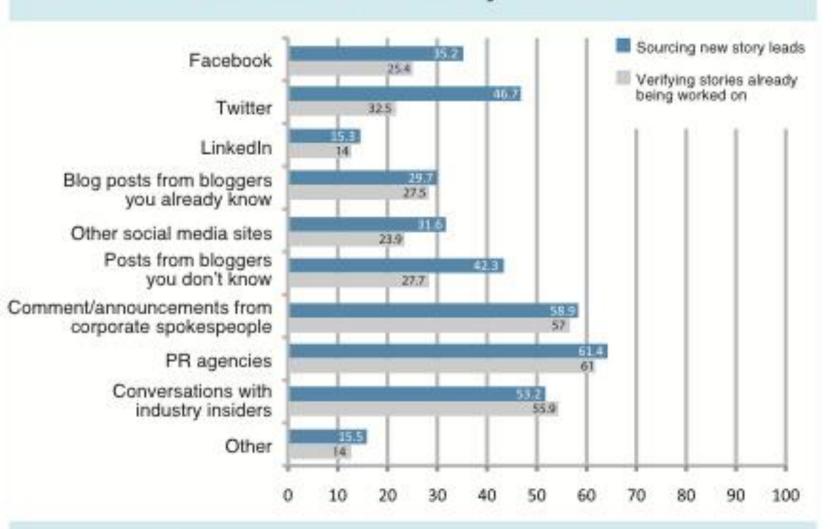
- 1. Reference to celebrity
- 2. Reference to the power elite
- 3. Entertainment sex, human interest, drama
- 4. Surprise
- 5. Good news rescues, personal triumph
- 6. Bad news tragedies, accidents
- 7. Magnitude
- 8. Relevance cultural proximity, political importance
- 9. Follow up stories
- 10. Newspaper's agenda politically and structurally



SOURCING — How do journalists find 'news'

Over to you

Figure 4. Please select which of the following you use when SOURCING new story leads?







'Churnalism'

80% of stories at online newspaper Taloussanomat "based on news agency material or stories published in other newspapers or news sites"

—Thurman and Myllylahti, 2009: 700

Only 4% of "story information used in hard news stories" in Clarin.com came from sources other than previously published media reports.

—Boczkowski, 2010: 52



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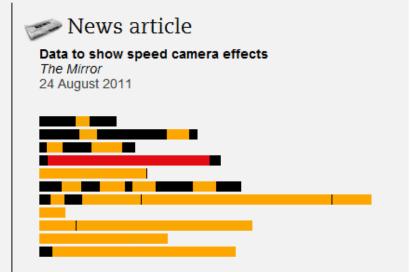


Speed camera information now available

Government Communications (NDS) 24th August 2011

So far 75 English local authorities have published some or all of their

carmera sites before and after the introduction of speed carmeras. This will allow local residents to see whether speed cameras are having a positive impact on accident rates in their areas. All local authorities were asked to publish information about the effectiveness of their speed cameras as soon as practicable and provide a web link to this material by 20th July 2011. The remaining 72 authorities plan to publish their data in the next few weeks. Road Safety Minister Mike Penning said:"Local residents have a right to expect that when their council spends money on speed cameras, they publish information to show whether those cameras are helping to reduce accidents or not."I hope that this information will help local people to make informed iudgements about the impact cameras are having on their local. roads. "However, residents can only hold their council to account if it has made information available so I would urge those councils which have not yet published their data to do so as soon as possible."Links to the local authorities' information can be found on a central hub on the Department's website. Police forces are to publish the number of prosecutions arising from each permanent or long term temporary fixed camera site in their area each year, along with the total number of offences recorded by all cameras and the total numbers of offenders given a fixed penalty notice, or taken to court and the numbers of people opting to complete speed awareness courses. Some forces, including Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Lancashire, and Thames Valley have already provided some offence data but in most cases this information will be



OnePoll (Digestives)

One Poll 3rd March 2009

SLAM DUNK NEWS COPY

Chocolate Digestives were yesterday (mon) hailed as the nation's favourite 'dunking' biscuit.

The McVitie's tea-time treat emerged as the best biscuit to dunk into a cup of tea in a poll of 3,000 biscuit fans, beating Rich Tea into second

and fourth with Chocolate Bourbons in fifth place. Chocolate HobNobs, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Custard Creams.

Shortbreads and Ginger Nuts completed the top ten. The humble McVitie's Digestive was first developed in 1839 by two Scottish doctors to aid digestion, chocolate was eventually added in

A spokesman for internet market research website www.onepoll.com said: "Dunking a biscuit into a hot cup of tea is such a time honoured tradition and the chocolate digestive wins hands down.

"The combination of the melted chocolate coating and soggy underside makes the ultimate tea companion.

"Dunking can prove tricky at times though - it's vital to catch the biscuit before it gets too wet and drops into the tea.

"Also be sure you're in the right company before you plunge your favourite tea-time treat into your cup as for some it's seen as an unsavourv habit."

The study also found dunking is still alive and kicking in the UK with three out of four people having dunked a biscuit into their brew in the last seven days.

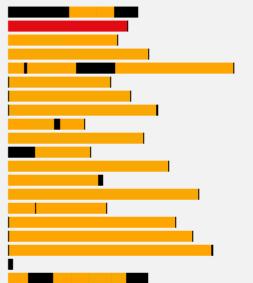
The workplace is still the number location for dunking with 89 per cent of employees admitting they regularly dunk during office hours.

The humble digestive even came tops in a university study into the best 'dunking' biscuit.

Physicist Dr Len Fisher, a honorary research fellow at Bristol University, used a hi-tech Instron stress-tester to calculate the breaking-point of each biscuit.

Chocolate digestives won hands down because their coating protected

Chocolate digestive is nation's favourite dunking biscuit The Daily Telegraph 2 March 2009





Top three sources of new story leads

- Comment / announcements from corporate spokespeople
- PR agencies
- Conversations with industry insiders

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Making 'announcements' / starting the conversation

Personal contact – exclusivity / avoid 'PR prejudice'

- Own network
- Buy a contact list, e.g. CISION



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The Independent	Retail & Leisure Reporter	Retail	Leisure Activities
The Independent	Rugby Columnist	Rugby	
The Independent	Rugby League Reporter	Rugby League	Rugby
The Independent	Rugby Union Correspondent	Sports	Rugby; Rugby Union
The Independent	Sailing Correspondent	Sailing	Boating & Yachting
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The Independent	Sports Contributing Writer	Sports	
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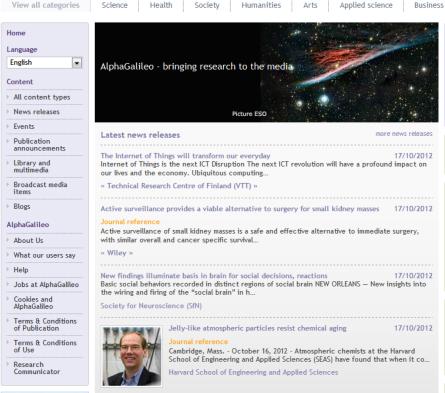


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Press release – mass distribution



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Satu Innamaa and Esko Hätälä 26 September 2012

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Other

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Exciting uses of hi-tech space know-how for business and beyond - space technologies event at National Space Centre on Thursday October 18 How

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Making 'announcements' / starting the conversation

- News agencies
- Individual publications



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3. Distribute and respond



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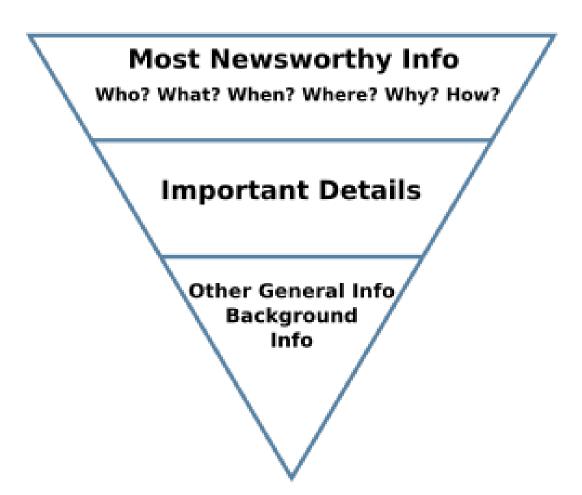


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Hard News – conventional 'inverted pyramid' structure



'R Toolkit

Anatomy of a news release



Headline: Must grab your audiences' attention and draw them in for more.

Subhead: Not all releases need one, but if you're going to use one, make sure it's descriptive and builds on the headline.

Dateline: Includes the city of origin, and the date of the release. When you issue the release over a newswire, the newswire's 'bug' will appear in the dateline to alert readers of its origin.

Lead Paragraph: This is the single most important paragraph in the whole release. If you don't draw your reader in here, you've lost them forever. This is your chance to set up your story in a single sentence or two.

Second Paragraph: This is where you dive into more detail and set up story for the reader, giving some more background or context.

Keywords: Using strategically placed keywords throughout the release makes it easier for your audience to find the release when searching the web for information.

Quotes: Having quotable quotes is a highly

MultiVu →

Company Logo: Can be included on releases that are do-it-yourself distributions via mail or email; should accompany an electronic distribution via a newswire service.

World's Largest Digital Videos from MultiVu

Display of video on the Reuters Sign in Times Square will reach millions of viewers daily

NEW YORK, Feb. 13/PR Newswire/- MultiVu, PR Newswire's multimedia and broadcast public relations company, is now offering its customers a unique opportunity to reach millions of consumers each day with video messages displayed on the 23-story high Reuters digital billboard located in New York's Times Square, the largest of its kind in the world, the company announced today.

The placement of MultiVu's customers' video on the Reuters Sign marks a natural extension of an extremely successful partnership entered into in March 2007 between PR Newswire and Times Square², a division of Reuters and manager of the Reuters Sign. The initial agreement, which was the first of its kind, placed PR Newswire's customers' photos on the 7,400-square-foot billboard, which is seen by an estimated 1.5 million people who pass through Times Square daily.

"In this day and age the most successful communications programs are the ones that embrace new technologies that connect organizations directly with consumers," said Dave Armon, chief operating officer, PR Newswire. "It is our role at PR Newswire to leverage these new technologies and create new mediums for our customers to deliver their messages. Blogs and social networks - especially those centered around video - have become a mainstay of our distribution, targeting and measurement services, and now with the introduction of Times Square

Quotes: Having quotable quotes is a highly effective way of getting key messages out; keep them easy for readers to understand.

Body: This is where you give all the relevant information for your reader, facts, stats, customer testimonials and other third-party information. Write with your audience in mind.

Boilerplate: This is the platform to tell your audience about your organization. Keep it brief; just who you are and what you do. video, we are giving our customers a new and unique way to reach their customers, investors or other interested parties directly."

"Video that will render well in this new medium must be concise, extremely visually appealing and eye-catching, and of course able to tell a story or convey a message without audio," said Bev Yehuda, vice president of Products, MultiVu. "MultiVu's industry-leading production staff will work closely with our clients to counsel them on editing existing video or will create new, custom video from scratch."

Through MultiVu, organizations can create customized video segments to be displayed on the Reuters billboard. The video segments will be accompanied by a headline of up to 100 characters, and a company logo.

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TAKING THE PAPER OUT OF NEWS

A case study of *Taloussanomat*, Europe's first online-only newspaper

Neil Thurman and Merja Myllylahti

Using in-depth interviews, newsroom observation, and internal documents, this case study presents and analyses changes that have taken place at Finnish financial daily Taloussanomat since it stopped printing on 28 December 2007 to focus exclusively on digital delivery via the Web, email, and mobile. It reveals the savings that can be achieved when a newspaper no longer prints and distributes a physical product, but also the revenue lost from subscriptions and print advertising. The consequences of a newspaper's decision to go online-only are examined as they relate to its business model, website traffic, and editorial practice. The findings illustrate the extent to which the medium rather than the content it carries determines news consumption patterns, show the differing attention a newspaper and its online substitute command, and reveal the changes to working patterns journalists can expect in the online-only environment.

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Introduction

The death of the printed newspaper is an increasingly common subject of speculation. Philip Meyer has predicted that print newspapers will "[run] out of daily readers late in the first quarter of 2043" (Meyer, 2004). Vin Crosbie (2008) believes that by 2021 "the few national [US] dailies" will exist in a diminished form "via the web and e-paper, but not in print." Others are more pessimistic still. Steve Bullmer, Microsoft's CEO, suggests a scenario in which printed newspapers do not survive past 2018 (Whoriskey, 2008); and the publisher of The New York Times, Arthur Sulzberger, thinks the paper's long history of print could be over in 2012 (Avriel, 2007).

Although here is a high degree of uncertainty about whether and when newsprint will cease to exist, online-only newspapers have already started to emerge in the United States, Australia. France, and Finland. In October 2008 the Christian Science Monitor announced that.





What's the story?



Case study



By Andrew LaVallee

Researchers from City University London have published a report showing one European newspaper's steep drop in revenue as well as unsteady Web traffic after it became an online-only publication.



The report, "Taking the Paper Out of News," by Neil Thurman, a senior lecturer at the university, and Merja Myllylahti, focuses on Taloussanomat, a financial daily paper in

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Case study

Web-only newspapers? Don't junk the presses yet

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PARIS (AFP) — More than a half-a-dozen newspapers in the United States and Europe have gone "Web only" in the past year in a bid to stave off bankruptcy. But the first cold-eyed analysis of this approach is not encouraging.

A study by two researchers at City University in London dissects in excruciating detail the ill-fated move by an economic daily in Finland, <u>Taloussanomat.fi</u>, which shed its printing presses in December 2007.

The aim was to cut operating costs by eliminating paper, distribution and associated staff. It worked: the paper slashed its capital outlays by more than 50 percent.

The problem is that its revenue plummeted even further, by 75 percent.

Even more surprising was that readership -- whether measured by unique visitors or page views -- dropped too. The researchers, Neil Thurman and Merja Myllylahti, had expected a host of loyal readers of the defunct print edition to migrate to the web.

It turned out that almost all of them were already there, hardly surprising in one of the most broadband-saturated markets in the world.

And the fact that average time spent on the website did not increase "shows just how much the medium, rather than the content it carries, determines how news is consumed," the study observed.

"In Taloussanomat's downsized newsroom" -- after initial cuts, staffing was slashed yet again -"we have an indication of how journalism is likely to evolve for newspapers who go online-only too
early," it said.





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A man reads a Chinese language newspaper at a library in Chicago, Illinois









Why did it fly?



Harcup and O'Neil – news values

- 1. Reference to celebrity
- 2. Reference to the power elite
- 3. Entertainment sex, human interest, drama
- 4. Surprise
- 5. Good news rescues, personal triumph
- 6. Bad news tragedies, accidents
- 7. Magnitude
- 8. Relevance cultural proximity, political importance
- 9. Follow up stories
- 10. Newspaper's agenda politically and structurally



Galtung & Ruge –news values

- * Meaningfulness
- * Unexpectedness
- * References to elite peoples
- * References to elite nations

- * Predictability
- * Continuity
- * Intensity
- * Unambiguity



Galtung & Ruge – 12 news values

- * Frequency events favoured over processes
- * Composition a fair balance of stories
- * Negativity bad news is better than good news

* Personification – adding a human element

The Structure of Foreign News Johan Galtung and Mari Holmboe Ruge Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 2, No. 1 (1965), pp. 64-91