TITLE:
Crisis in American Journalism; particularly the reporting of International News

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Thesis:
Foreign news is disappearing from many of America’s newspapers. For the past couple of years, there has been a biased selection criteria by US television Journalists toward International news.

Core Concepts/Keywords:
American Journalism, foreign news, journalists, news bias

Primary Source:
Citation:

Annotation:
This book encompasses three network evening programs and three major weekly news magazines (ABC, CBS and NBC; Newsweek, Time and U.S. News and World Report), into one big framework where the author seeks to articulate how the News and the Journalist who bring the news to the people are presented. Gans notes that most International news on U.S television networks comes from areas characterized by American involvement, or where American political or economic interests are at stake.

There are tables and charts that shows how certain types of news topics are reported both in television stories and news magazines columns and how often those stories are presented to the targeted audience. From the table, it can be clearly seen that stories of crimes, scandals, investigations as well as disasters, actual and averted topics are most highly covered on television stations.

He also contends that we the audience do not get the news we deserve because we are not directly involved in choosing it. This book proves to be a great resource for any researcher who wants the big picture concerning the news, journalists, how topic selection is affected by those who have the power to choose it and ultimately to get a sense of what news selection is about. This book is highly recommended.

Print Reference Source:
Citation:

Annotation:
The source provides tremendous easy to read information about everything Journalism. It dedicates decent amount of pages outlining foreign news, the people who reported on those news, the dates and times as well as the years of correspondence. It talks of the Iraq war and how it was reported on. It goes into details about the operations of journalists and the equipments they use in foreign lands to access the informations they provide. It talks about the Metromedia Inc. in New Jersey whose name was later changed to Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp. in 1958. It basically gives a general idea of what journalism entails as well as the specifics. The only down side of this source is that it is clearly outdated and newer editions will make for an up-to-date read for relevant information pertaining to the media of today’s world.

Electronic Reference Source:
Citation:

Annotation:
This e-book contains a paragraph about the charges of media bias. It discusses both liberals and conservatives perspective on the coverage of central events such as the Iraq war as well as the presidential campaign. It gives little information on how different media sectors are criticized for the information they provide. It however does not go into detail about media bias and why it exists, neither does it go into details about the reporters who bring the news to the audience. This would be a fun read.

Web Sites:

Citation:

Annotation:
This website gives some detail of how international news is portrayed to the public. It basis facts on specific subject areas and gives the reader a gist of what subject matters it entails. It however directs the reader to the original source the information was from and therefore acts as a secondary reporter. It is a very useful and authoritative website where specific information can be obtained and related to broad subject matters.

Citation:

Annotation:
Tons of information from this well organized website. It provides current events in American journalism and provides some information on how international news is affected by its treatment in the news. There are charts and tables that show surveys of information, it’s relevance and how certain types of information can be improved upon. This website states that international news coverage has gone up 2 percentage points since national affairs coverage dropped in 2005, for instance. It however did not provide the types of international news coverage that went up by those percentage points. Be it of news broadcasts that had a connection with the American community as a whole and government in particular or otherwise. On the whole, this is a great website for current and up to date information regarding American Journalism.

Books:

Citation:

Annotation:
The power of the press! It seems that whatever it is that the audience know is what someone in a high authority dictates to put out in the media. “How powerful are newspapers? Or in modern language, the media?” This is a question that Herbert asks in his book.(pg 156). And he goes on into detail to answer this question with a lot of detail and precision. This book is intellectually written and gives a deeper detail of journalists creating images of reality and circulating those images far and wide. On page 251, he talks and discusses the publics’ right to know. “The public knows what you choose to tell it, no more, no less. If the public did have a right to know, it would then have something to say about what it is you choose to call news.

But unfortunately it seems that the power is in high places where certain types of information are hoarded and others are put out in the media. Maybe this publics’ right to know is not being truthfully exercised.

Citation:

**Annotation:**
News is a window on the world. Through its frame, Americans learn of themselves and others, of their own institutions, leaders, and life styles, and those of other nations and their peoples. This book looks at news as a frame, examining how that frame is constituted—how the organizations of newswork and of newswriters are put together. It concentrates upon newspapers and television stations as complex organizations subject to certain inevitable processes, and upon newswriters as professionals with professional concerns.

In Tuchman’s book, he maintains that news is constructed based on social reality, and the audience perception of news is dependent on how journalists frame it. This follows that Americans' understanding of other cultures and countries is significantly influenced by the way international news is framed.

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
In recent news provided by journalists in the American society, there has been a biased criteria of selection. Topics covered by the Western media are predominantly concerned with conflict or violence. This book is a consumer’s guide to foreign news for people who really want an understanding of what is happening in their world of the news media.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
This study analyzed international news published on CNN.com and Newyorktimes.com. International news from online version was compared to print and broadcast versions. It talked of the internet as the medium, working environment which has caused the approaches of storytelling for journalists to change dramatically. This change, the article claims might result in a different presentation of news—particularly international news. It goes on to tell more about how international news now a days is able to reach a wide array of audience who do not live in the U.S. On the trade factor, this article provides information on how trade is positively linked to volume of news coverage in the press of Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. This article not only discusses International news on the basis of coverage but also on different sectors of the economy where International news is affected.

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
Garrick gives great statistics about happenings in American Journalism. He brings to mind the Roper poll that found that television was the main source of news for more Americans than the newspapers. He talks about the functions of television foreign correspondents as being a journalist who reports the story, the report's producer; deciding what events or visual elements needed to be filmed as well as what interviews needed to be recorded in order to make the story. As a former Chief Foreign Correspondent for NBC News and ABC News, who is now a Contributor at CNN, Garrick offers personal insight to what it entails to be a foreign correspondent. This article contains first hand information from the direct source and would be a great tool for further research.

**Newspaper Article**

**Citation:**
This newspaper article provides a logical interpretation of the world under one subject heading. It seeks to elaborate on the issues concerning different countries of the world. It states the corruption scandals, it provides information about the government of particular countries etc. In general, this would be a good source if any researcher would want information on a particular country. It however falls short of specifics when it comes to specifics relating to the decline of international news.

Additional Sources

Citation:

Annotation:
In response to the political debates over the New World Information and Communication Order (NWICO) of the 1970’s and 1980’s, Hess contends that the actions of foreign governments, especially related to violence and conflicts, have the highest likelihood of being covered by the U.S media. Let’s take into consideration that of Africa. Most news coverage that is reported on Africa by American Journalists is either of war or other distressing nature. News from Africa is not seen as a money-maker for news organizations and therefore leaves only a handful of reporters covering the continent—correspondents who are sometimes compelled to “look for news stories that are easy and convenient to gather” (qtd in Ebo 1992.)

It seems that only news of wars in Africa are easy to come across and are probably the most ‘news worthy’ materials for American Journalists. Stephen’s book not only highlights on these things but also gives a thorough insight to reasons why there is a strong bias when it comes to the reporting of International news by foreign correspondents. This book will give any researcher on the topic much needed information in order to proceed on the journey of uncovering the major reasons why there has been a decline in the reporting of International news by the American Journalists.

Citation:

Annotation:
The main point to take home from this reference entry is the fact that most news coverage in 2002 was of either conflict, war related issues, Washington driven news, or where the interest of the American government was at stake. This provides evidence that selection of international news it very biased toward the reporting of war related issues and therefore not showing the other side of the world in a more enticing perspective.

Citation:

Annotation:
This website is about journalists and potential journalist and blogging. It provides some information on news and the news media but is primarily concerned with reviews and public opinion. Not a great website to find information related to International news for research.

Citation:

Annotation:
This journal article discusses the factors affecting U.S foreign correspondence. This book goes into detail to create a distinction between the quantity of foreign correspondents or even the quantity of foreign news
that appears in the nation's media, but the quality of reporting. It tells of how the number of foreign correspondents have drastically reduced throughout the years and the effects such as one-way-directed reports on foreign news. Although this book is quite old, it holds a lot of ground when compared to today's media standards and therefore will act as a good information guide for further research on foreign news.