

Course Exercise #1

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Question #1

What were the main news frames or themes in the coverage? How were the main characters in the story depicted (e.g., aggressors, victims, misunderstood individuals)? What kinds of sources were quoted or referenced in the story (e.g., public safety officials, national politicians, reports by non-profits, etc.)? What differences or similarities did you notice, if any? (400 words max).

Framing constitutes a useful lens to assist the audience in the comprehension of how people develop their perception of reality and the role of media in shaping those perceptions. The framing theory involves identification of the issue addressed by the news, identifying who caused the issue, the moral evaluation, and the consequences and addressing the recommendations given by the news articles. For instance, all the news article focuses on Kyle Rittenhouse, a minor that shot two people and injured one to enable the readers to identify with where they stand concerning the matter. Kyle Rittenhouse had a history of praising police' and has been seen to join the local militia groups. Moreover, in the news articles, Rittenhouse has been accused of the murder of those protestors. In the article from apnews, the police were held responsible for the murder of Jacob Blake, and in the form jsonline, the militia was somehow blamed for causing chaos in the streets of Kenosha. This news article recommended that a report be released and decisions on whether to press charges to be put forward

Kyle Rittenhouse has been depicted as a violent teenager. The articles have shown him fatally shooting protestors and taking off from the scene. The police have been depicted as irresponsible members of the government. They are seen to be excessive power against the

protestors. The consequences of the actions of the police led to mass demonstrations all over the world and the death of protestors. The militia was depicted aggressive people since they have been seen walking around with guns. The protestors that were shot were seen as victims of the situation, so is Jacob Blake.

These news articles have quoted several credible sources. That is, the U.S justice department, the Wisconsin governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin police department, The Wisconsin national guard, police Chief Daniel Miskinis, and the Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian.

All the articles focus on depicting Kyle Rittenhouse as a criminal. He has been held responsible and shooting the protestors and fleeing the scene of the crime. Moreover, the articles have also shown that the police department was somehow causing the chaos by utilization of excess power on the Kenosha protests. The difference was that while some articles blamed the police for allowing the militia to walk around with guns, some show that the police department appreciated their help.

Question #2

Why do you think those journalists framed the event that way? How else could they have framed it? (250 words max)

Frames are responsible for highlighting some specific aspects of the event behind the story which help in understanding some concepts about how the world can be perceived. For instance, the Los Angeles times focused on showing police praise, jsonline and npr show the existence of militia groups, the New York post, and Apnews show crime concerning minors. Moreover, the journalist framed the articles to show simplify the news segment. That is, a reader or listener can easily determine what the news is about by looking at how the title has been framed. For instance,

from the npr article, a reader can know that the news may involve shooting, police praise, and the existence of militia groups. Furthermore, the framing of news articles helps in swaying and influencing the audiences and how they perceive the information. For instance, a news frame can determine how a person is likely to take the information to be presented to the audience.

The news article could have used social framing to spread their information. However, social framing would not have been the best option since it uses the beliefs of a person and their understanding of a situation to explain an event. Therefore, it may lead to bias and misjudging the event, situation, or character of a person. Moreover, it involves a combination of anecdotes and superstitions to determine how an audience will react and respond to the news.

Question #3

What do you think might be some of the implications of the way this event was depicted? How might it impact how audiences come to understand the event or the people involved in it? (250 words max)

Since news frames influence how an audience perceives new stories and news from the media, then the depiction of an event may have social implications for the citizens of the United States. Moreover, according to npr and the jsonline, social lives may be disrupted due to the mention of militia groups, who are allowed to walk around with guns and recruit minors into their militia groups. The news from the Los Angeles Times mentioned that there is a plan to give a full statement concerning the arrest and the prosecution of the accused. According to the news of the New York Post, it concluded with the arrest of Kyle Rittenhouse in Illinois, Chicago.

According to the social construction of reality, the audience may become defensive if they perceive that they are in a threatening situation. Understanding the above implications might

influence how the audience will react. . For instance, the crime story stipulated that the murder of black lives may continue increasing, leading to a life of fear of African-American citizens within the country and in other countries with multiple ethnic groups. Moreover, citizens might continue living in fear due to the continued existence of armed militia groups allowed to walk around with loaded rifles.

Question #4

How do you define "journalism"? Do you consider any of these news stories to be a good example of your definition (and, therefore, journalism)? Conversely, do you consider any of these news stories do not meet your definition? Why? (200 words max)

Journalism involves a set of different activities such as writing, aggregating, editing, and presentation of news for distribution, whether through media broadcast or publications to inform, entertaining, and educate the audience. Journalism may involve investigations, news, review, feature writing, and columns. It may also be defined as a set of practices through which the news is created, organized, and circulated.

Having read and understood the depictions of the news framing, I believe all the five-news articles meet the definition of journalism. According to the agenda-setting theory, the more attention the media receives, the more important it is perceived. That is, they present the news for distribution to spread a message after a series of proper investigation. moreover, they aim at informing the public of the crucial emerging stories. Based on the news articles, the public needed to know that justice had been found for the protestors that had been killed during the demonstrations. Also, the public needed to know the association of the militia with the black lives matter campaign. Furthermore, journalism shows the accuracy of their information, reliability, and

credibility of their sources, and the integrity of the references. All of the used articles use the department of police and the governor or the vice president as their referenced sources in their news articles to show credibility. The articles are exclusive and relevant to the discussed matter.

References.

The Kenosha shooting News article link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jRUQ-isjMWbPdBaS6wMRdqgVhh_ESglzsHyflrKdUbE/edit