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Peace Journalism and News Coverage on Cyprus Conflict

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Abstract:

ABSTRACT: Peace journalism is a new concept in the academic field and the media sector. It is important to stress that peace journalism is a new kind of reporting, and it involves news selecting and news framing for the journalism profession. This dissertation, which conducted on the Cyprus Conflict present for more than five decades, makes a contribution to the peace journalism conception of Johan Galtung. The findings of this dissertation, which analyses the coverage of the Cyprus Conflict on the press from the perspective of peace journalism, can also be applied to the other conflict zones of the world. In this study, the notion of peace journalism is explained by means of various examples taken from the Cypriot media. This study looks at the news stories reported by the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot newspapers on the matters relating to one another, from the perspective of peace journalism. The Cypriot media do allocate sizeable coverage for the stories related to the Cyprus Conflict. However it is observed that journalists do not necessarily stick to the principles of peace journalism as they prepare the reporting of the newsworthy stories on the conflict. The media in which peace journalism is not employed turns into a media instigating violence, hatred, and storm. Among the roles of journalists in battle areas include the crucial significance of approaching incidents from peace journalism perspectives. In light of the renewed negotiations in Cyprus for reunification, the Cypriot media should engage in responsible reporting. Keywords: Cyprus Conflict, News media, Peace journalism, News coverage, Framing.

ÖZ: Barış gazeteciliği akademik alan ve medya sektörü için yeni bir kavramdır. Barış gazeteciliğinin gazetecilik mesleği için yeni bir tür habercilik, haber seçimi ve haber çerçevesi olduğu önemle vurgulanmalıdır. Bu çalışma, 50 yıldan fazla devam eden Kıbrıs Sorunu'nu konu alıyor ve Johan Galtung'un barış gazeteciliği kavramına katkı sağlıyor. Çalışmanın bulguları ki barış gazeteciliği perspektifinden medyanın Kıbrıs Sorunu'nu yansıtmalarını analiz ediyor, dünyadaki diğer çatışma bölgelerine de uygulanabilir. Çalışmada barış gazeteciliği anlayışı Kıbrıs medyasından alınan çeşitli örneklerle açıklanıyor. Bu çalışma Kıbrıs Türk ve Kıbrıs Rum gazetelerinin birbirleriyle ilgili konulardaki haberlerini barış gazeteciliği perspektifinden inceliyor. Kıbrıs'taki her iki medya da Kıbrıs Sorunu'yla ilgili haberlere önemli ölçüde yer veriyor. Buna rağmen, gazetecilerin haber değeri olan olayları haberleştirirken barış gazeteciliği prensiplerini yerine getirmedikleri gözlemleniyor. Barış gazeteciliğinin kullanılmadığı bir medya; şiddet, kin ve nefretin körüklendiği bir medya ortamı olarak karşımıza çıkıyor. Gazetecilerin çatışma bölgelerinde oynayabileceği roller arasında, olaylara barış gazeteciliği perspektifiyle yaklaşması önemlidir. Kıbrıs'ın birleştirilmesi için yeniden başlayan görüşmelerde, Kıbrıs medyası sorumlu habercilik yapmalıdır. Anahtar Kelimeler: Kıbrıs Sorunu, Haber medyası, Barış gazeteciliği, Haber kapsamı (coverage), Haber çerçevesi.

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Peace journalism is a valid attempt for stripping war journalism from its deeply embedded bias that considers militarism as the most effective remedy to conflict. Inscribed into news-making are the selectivity and framing of news. In the field of journalism studies "to frame is to select some aspect of a perceived reality and make them more salient in a communicating text, in such a way as to promote a particular problem definition, causal interpretation, moral evaluation, and/or treatment recommendation" (Entman, 1993: 51). A nonviolent approach to conflict might be harder, but nonetheless more efficient for the preservation of the human race if we consider that the current advancement on military technology would cause a higher and indiscriminate destructiveness. Asian newspaper coverage of conflicts), author={S. T. Lee and C. C. Maslog}, journal={Journal of Communication}, year={2005}, volume={55}, pages={311-329} }. S. T. Lee, C. C. Maslog. Published 2005. Psychology. Journal of Communication. This study examines the extent to which four Asian regional conflicts involving India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and the Philippines are framed as war journalism or peace journalism based on Joban Galtung's classification. The Indian and Pakistani coverage of the Kashmir issue shows the strongest war journalism framing whereas the... CONTINUE READING. View via Publisher. Save to Library. Create Alert. Cite. Launch Research Feed. Keywords: Cyprus Conflict, News media, Peace journalism, News coverage, Framing. iii ÖZ Barış gazeteciliği akademik alan ve medya sektörü için yeni bir kavramdır. Barış gazeteciliğinin gazetecilik mesleği için yeni bir tür habercilik, haber seçimi ve haber çerçevesi olduğu önemle vurgulanmalıdır. Bu çalışma, 50 yıldan fazla devam eden Kıbrıs Sorunu'nu konu alıyor ve Johan Galtung'un barış gazeteciliği kavramına katkı sağlıyor. 303 xiii LIST OF TABLES Table 1: Evaluations of the headlines of Greek Cypriot press on Cyprus Conflict, Turkey, or Turkish Cypriots. 123 Table 2: The sources of stories in the Greek Cypriot press on the Cyprus conflict, Turkey, or Turkish Cypriots.