

Reporting Conflict: The low and the high

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| VIOLENCE / WAR JOURNALISM | CONFLICT / PEACE JOURNALISM |
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| <p>I. Violence / War-oriented</p> <p>Focus on a conflict <u>arena</u>, 2 parties, 1 goal (win), war general zero-sum oriented</p> <p>Close space, close time; causes and effect in arena: who threw the first stone; poor in the <u>con-text</u></p> <p>Focus only on visible effect of violence (killed, wounded and material damage)</p> <p>Making wars opaque/secret</p> <p>“us-them” journalism, propaganda, voice for “us”</p> <p>see “them” as the problem, focus on the two pre- vails in war</p> <p>dehumanisation of “them”; more so the worse the weapon</p> <p><u>reactive</u>: waiting for violence to occur before re- porting</p> | <p>I. Conflict-oriented</p> <p>Explore conflict <u>formation</u>, x parties, y goals, x is- sues, general “win-win” orientation</p> <p>Open space, open time; causes and outcomes any- where, also in history/culture; rich in <u>context</u></p> <p>Focus also on invisible effects of violence (trauma and glory, damage to structure/culture)</p> <p>Making conflicts transparent</p> <p>Giving voice to all parties: empathy, understanding</p> <p>See conflict/war as problem, focus on conflict crea- tivity</p> <p>Humanisation of all sides: more so the worse weap- ons</p> <p><u>proactive</u>: reporting also before violence/war occurs</p> |
| <p>II. Propaganda-oriented</p> <p>expose “their” untruths</p> <p>help “our” cover-ups/lies</p> | <p>II. Truth-oriented</p> <p>expose untruths on all sides</p> <p>uncover all cover-ups</p> |
| <p>III. Elite-oriented</p> <p>Focus on “their” violence and “our” suffering; on able-bodied elites males</p> <p>Give name to their evil-doer</p> <p>Focus on elite peace-makers, being elite mouth-</p> | <p>III. People-oriented</p> <p>Focus on violence by all sides and on suffering all over; also on women, children, aged</p> <p>Give name to all evil-doer</p> <p>Focus on people peace makers, giving voice to the</p> |

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| <p>IV. Victory-oriented</p> <p>Peace = victory and cease-fire</p> <p>Conceal peace-initiative before victory is at hand</p> <p>Focus on treaty, institution the controlled society</p> <p>Leaving for another war, return if the old flares up</p> | <p>IV. Solution-oriented</p> <p>Peace = non-violence and creativity</p> <p>Highlight peace initiatives also to prevent more war</p> <p>Focus on structure, culture the peaceful society</p> <p>Aftermath: resolution, reconstruction, reconciliation</p> |