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More correct Information. Less Discrimination

GALLERY OF INCORRECT REPORTING

Real-life examples of problematic newspaper headlines or excerpts from articles



| La stessa città di George Floyd

L'omicidio è avvenuto a pochi isolati dal luogo in cui cinque anni fa George Floyd fu brutalmente soffocato da un poliziotto.

Stavolta però la cittadina, madre, è americana.
Originaria del Colorado.

| The same city as George Floyd

The killing occurred just a few blocks from where, five years ago, George Floyd was brutally suffocated by a police officer. This time, however, the citizen—a mother—is American, originally from Colorado.

In this case, the article implicitly links citizenship to skin colour. The use of the expression “this time” compares the killing of Renee Nicole Good by an ICE agent with the case of George Floyd, suggesting that Floyd was not fully considered American because he was Black. This comparison is misleading, as George Floyd was a U.S. citizen, and it reinforces a racialised understanding of citizenship.

Why is this incorrect?



He raped the woman and threatened to release the video

A 21-year-old man was arrested in Avlonas to the north of Athens and is accused of raping a woman. In fact, he had recorded his crime with his mobile phone.

According to the state television channel [ERT](#), the 21-year-old Pakistani man raped a 40-year-old Indian woman.

The Pakistani allegedly took advantage of the fact that he knew her nephew and went to her house, where he raped her, threatened to kill her, and recorded the crime on his mobile phone.

He is also accused of raping the woman again after blackmailing her with the release of the video of the first rape.

The Indian woman then filed a complaint with the police. She recognised the Pakistani man from the photographs presented to her, and as a result, the Oropou Security Department arrested the accused so he could be taken to Justice for further proceedings.

The constant repetition of the national origins of the people involved (Pakistani man, Indian woman) shifts the attention from the act itself, which should be the object of the article. Repeating the nationalities, when not necessary for understanding the context of the act, does not add relevant information to the article.

Why is this incorrect?



LA INSEGURIDAD Y LA DELINCUENCIA SE HAN GENERALIZADO EN LA REGIÓN

Marcilla, Pamplona, Tudela... Navarra, asediada por la inmigración ilegal: «Sólo se ven chilabas y burkas»

Navarra enfrenta una crisis de seguridad sin precedentes, marcada por una oleada de violencia, robos y disturbios que los vecinos y fuentes policiales atribuyen a la inmigración ilegal y descontrolada. En localidades como Marcilla, Pamplona y Tudela, los incidentes se multiplican, generando un clima de temor y frustración entre los residentes, que denuncian la inacción de las autoridades. Desde [REDACTED] recogemos testimonios exclusivos de fuentes policiales y analizamos los puntos calientes de la región, donde la delincuencia se expande sin freno.

Marcilla: un pueblo en pie de guerra

INSECURITY AND CRIME HAVE BECOME WIDESPREAD IN THE REGION

Marcilla, Pamplona, Tudela... Navarre, besieged by illegal immigration: “You only see djellabas and burqas.”

Navarre is facing an unprecedented security crisis, marked by a wave of violence, robberies, and unrest that residents and police sources attribute to illegal and uncontrolled immigration. In towns such as Marcilla, Pamplona, and Tudela, incidents are multiplying, creating a climate of fear and frustration among residents, who denounce the inaction of the authorities. At ..., we gather exclusive testimonies from police sources and analyze the region’s hotspots, where crime is spreading unchecked.

Marcilla: a town on a war footing



The title and opening lines of the articles explicitly associate migration with crime and violence.

This connection is reinforced by pairing the word “immigration” with the adjective “illegal.” From a legal standpoint, however, this is incorrect, since migrating is not a criminal offense. Then words such as “besieged”, “security crisis”, “uncontrolled” reinforce an imagery connecting migration with violence and threat.

Why is this incorrect?

CRONACHE

Islamica e felice Silvia l'ingrata

Abbiamo pagato 4 milioni per salvarla, ma la volontaria è tornata con la divisa del nemico jihadista: "Mi sono convertita all'islam, è stata una scelta libera"

News section

Islamic and happy Silvia the ungrateful

We paid 4 millions to rescue her, but the volunteer has come back home with the jihadist enemy's uniform: "I converted to Islam, but it was by my free choice".

The article's headline implies that being of the Islamic faith is a sign of ingratitude toward one's own country. Furthermore, the subheadline presents the Islamic veil as a symbol of religious extremism. This is a mistaken association, since the Islamic veil is simply a way of expressing one's religious beliefs and does not imply adherence to fanatical religious views. Moreover, it falls within the freedom of worship, a right also guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU

Why is this incorrect?



Migranti, è un'invasione di immigrati: da venerdì arrivati 3200 profughi

Migrants, an invasion of immigrants: 3,200 displaced people have arrived since Friday

Una vera e propria invasione, con i mezzi della Guardia Costiera impegnati 24 ore al giorno in operazioni di soccorso e salvataggio. Nonostante tutte le promesse dell'Europa l'Italia si trova ancora una volta da sola ad affrontare l'arrivo dei profughi, costretta anche dall'atteggiamento del governo maltese che non interviene anche quando le imbarcazioni in difficoltà si trovano nelle acque Sar di sua competenza.

A full-scale invasion, with Coast Guard vessels engaged around the clock in search and rescue operations. Despite all of Europe's promises, Italy once again finds itself alone in dealing with the arrival of displaced people, also constrained by the attitude of the Maltese government, which fails to intervene even when vessels in distress are located in waters under its SAR responsibility.

Using the adjective “migrant/immigrant” as a noun leads to the dehumanization of the subjects of the article, while the term “invasion” evokes a war-related imagery and frames migration as a wartime scenario

Why is this incorrect?



Ondata di sbarchi in Sardegna, emergenza migranti al Cpa di Monastir: vertice in Prefettura

The Case

Wave of arrivals in Sardinia, migrant emergency at the CPA in Monastir: summit at the Prefecture

Words such as “wave”, “emergency”, and “alarm” are often misused when referring to migrant arrivals. The use of such strongly connoted language, in the absence of data to support it, leads on the one hand to a dilution of the meaning of these terms and, on the other, to the suggestion that migration is an uncontrollable and extraordinary phenomenon.

Why is this incorrect?

