
A glaring failure to report

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Dear Mr Claassen,

Thank you for the quick response.

Just for the record: you referred my original concern to these editors, which is why they are included in the correspondence - that was not my decision.

Given that you have taken one position, on bias, I would be interested to hear your elaboration of that. In particular, it is unclear to me how you infer that bias is not present.

I have referred to two characteristics in my correspondence thus far:

1. Systematic non-reporting of significant news events on a given topic ('Israel as an apartheid state')
2. Deleting content in order to maintain non-coverage of that topic (as above).

There is in fact a third:

3. Slanted reporting: when the topic (the Israeli state) does get indirect news coverage it is always slanted in a particular way.

I do not have time at this point to compile the many examples of #3 from News24, but it has been quite clear to me that when there has been news reporting on Israel-related matters in the last year (approximately) it has been slanted. If it would be useful, I could certainly try to find the time to put this together at a later stage.

If the above does not constitute evidence of biased reporting on a topic, it is unclear to me what would suffice to establish that. I would welcome any references or guidelines you may follow to make such determinations.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Seán Muller

On Wed, 17 Aug 2022 at 16:02, George Claassen <George.Claassen@media24.com> wrote:

Dear Dr Muller, thank you, noted. I see you have included the editor-in-chief and other editors in your email. I think I'll leave it to them to respond.

With regard to your accusation of bias, that is a rather harsh accusation without any evidence.

Kind regards

George

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