

Violence-oriented war journalism vs. conflict-oriented peace journalism

WAR/VIOLENCE JOURNALISM	PEACE/CONFLICT JOURNALISM
I. WAR/VIOLENCE-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on conflict <i>arena</i>, 2 parties, 1 goal (win), war general zero-sum orientation • Closed space, closed time; causes and exits in arena, who threw the first stone • Making wars opaque/secret • 'Us-them' journalism, propaganda, voice, for 'us' • See 'them' as the problem, focus on who prevails in war • Dehumanization of 'them'; the more so the more destructive the weapons • <i>Reactive</i>: waiting for violence before reporting • Focus only on visible effects of violence (casualties and material damage) 	I. PEACE/CONFLICT-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore conflict <i>formation</i>, x parties, y goals, z issues general 'win-win' orientation • Open space, open time; causes and outcomes anywhere, also in history/culture • Making conflicts transparent • Giving voice to all parties; Empathy, understanding • See conflict/war as problem, focus on conflict creativity • Humanization of all sides; more so the more destructive the weapons • <i>Proactive</i>: prevention before any violence/war occurs • Focus on invisible effects of violence (trauma and glory, damage to structure/culture)
II. PROPAGANDA-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expose 'their' untruths • Help 'our' cover-ups/lies 	II. TRUTH-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expose untruths on all sides • Uncover all cover-ups
III. ELITE-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on 'our' suffering; on able-bodied elite males, being their mouth-piece • Give name of their evil-doer • Focus on elite peacemakers 	III. PEOPLE-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on suffering all over; on women, aged, children, giving voice to the voiceless • Give name to all evil-doers • Focus on people peacemakers
IV. VICTORY-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace = victory + ceasefire • Conceal peace initiative, before victory is achieved • Focus on treaty, institution the controlled society • Leaving for another war, return if the old flares up 	IV. SOLUTION-ORIENTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace = nonviolence + creativity • Highlight peace initiatives, also to prevent more war • Focus on structure, culture the peaceful society • Aftermath: resolution, reconstruction, reconciliation