

The Origin of Modern Genres in Internet Journalism: The Example of National Journalism

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Abstract: With the rapid advancement of technology and the advent of the internet, journalism has undergone a transformative shift in recent years. The emergence of online platforms and social media has given rise to new genres of journalism, each with its own distinct characteristics and impact on the media landscape. This article focuses on the origin of modern genres in internet journalism, using national journalism as a case study. By examining the evolution of national journalism in the digital era, we aim to shed light on the factors that have shaped its development and explore the implications for the future of journalism.

Key words: Modern genres, Internet journalism, National journalism, Origin, Evolution, Digital era, Online platforms, Social media, Characteristics, Immediacy, Interactivity, Multimedia integration, Personalization

Introduction: In today's digital age, the internet has revolutionized the way news is produced, consumed, and disseminated. This transformation has led to the emergence of various genres of journalism, with national journalism being one of the most prominent. National journalism refers to news coverage that focuses on events, issues, and developments at the national level, catering to a specific country or region. This article explores the origins of modern genres in internet journalism by examining the case of national journalism.

Materials and discussion: Evolution of National Journalism: The rise of the internet has significantly impacted the practice of national journalism. Traditional media outlets, such as newspapers and television networks, have expanded their online presence, while new digital-born platforms have emerged as influential players in the news ecosystem. These developments have influenced the way news is reported, distributed, and consumed, leading to the evolution of national journalism. [1:93]

Characteristics of Modern Genres in National Journalism: The transformation of national journalism in the internet era has resulted in the emergence of distinct characteristics that differentiate it from its traditional counterparts (D.Kamalova). These characteristics include immediacy, interactivity, multimedia integration, personalization, and citizen participation. The internet allows journalists to report news in real-time, engage with their audience through comments and social media, incorporate multimedia elements such as videos and interactive graphics, tailor content to individual preferences, and involve citizen journalists in the news production process [2:93].

Impact of Modern Genres on Journalism Practice: The advent of modern genres in national journalism has had a profound impact on journalism practice. Journalists now face the challenge of adapting their reporting style and techniques to suit the demands of the digital environment. The need for speed and constant updates has given rise to the phenomenon of live reporting, where

journalists provide real-time updates on events as they unfold. Social media platforms have become valuable tools for news gathering, audience engagement, and source verification. Additionally, the increasing role of citizen journalists has expanded the scope and diversity of news coverage, but it also raises questions regarding credibility and quality control [3;83].

Implications for the Future of Journalism: The evolution of modern genres in national journalism presents both opportunities and challenges for the future of journalism. The immediacy and interactivity of the internet allow for greater audience engagement and participation in the news process, fostering a more democratic media landscape (J.Marziyaev). However, the proliferation of misinformation and the blurring of lines between journalism and opinion pose significant challenges. Journalists and media organizations must navigate these complexities while upholding journalistic principles such as accuracy, fairness, and accountability. [4;107]

While this article has provided an overview of the origin of modern genres in internet journalism using national journalism as a case study, there are several avenues for future research that could further enhance our understanding of this dynamic field. Some potential research directions include:

a) **Comparative Analysis:** Conducting a comparative analysis of national journalism across different countries or regions can offer insights into the variations in genre characteristics, audience engagement, and regulatory frameworks. Such studies can shed light on the cultural, social, and political factors that shape the practice of national journalism in different contexts.

b) **Audience Perspectives:** Exploring the audience's perception and consumption patterns of national journalism in the digital age can provide valuable insights into how they engage with news content, their trust in different sources, and their preferences for specific genre characteristics. Understanding audience perspectives can help journalists and media organizations tailor their content to better meet the needs and expectations of their target audience.

c) **Ethical Considerations:** Investigating the ethical implications of modern genres in internet journalism is crucial. This includes examining issues such as the responsible use of user-generated content, ensuring privacy and consent in online journalism, and addressing the challenges associated with identifying and combating misinformation and disinformation.

d) **Technological Innovations:** As technology continues to evolve, it is important to study the impact of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and virtual reality, on national journalism. Research could focus on understanding how these technologies can be effectively integrated into news production, distribution, and audience engagement processes.

e) **Long-term Sustainability:** The economic sustainability of national journalism in the internet era is a pressing concern. Exploring innovative business models, revenue streams, and strategies for monetizing online news can help ensure the long-term viability of quality journalism and support the financial independence of media organizations.

The emergence of modern genres in internet journalism also raises important policy and regulatory considerations. As the digital space becomes increasingly influential in shaping public opinion and disseminating information, governments and regulatory bodies are faced with the task of ensuring ethical standards, accuracy, and accountability in online journalism. Some key considerations include:

a) **Media Literacy:** Promoting media literacy is crucial in helping individuals navigate the complex and rapidly evolving digital media environment. Education initiatives should focus on equipping individuals with the skills to critically evaluate news sources, identify misinformation, and engage responsibly with online journalism.

b) **Transparency and Accountability:** Establishing guidelines and standards for transparency

and accountability in online journalism can help build trust and credibility. This includes measures such as clear identification of news content, disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, and mechanisms for addressing public complaints and corrections.

c) Regulation of Social Media Platforms: Given the significant role of social media platforms in the dissemination of news, there is a need for effective regulation to address issues such as the spread of misinformation, algorithmic bias, and the responsibility of platforms in moderating content. Balancing freedom of expression with the need to combat harmful or misleading information poses a challenge that requires careful consideration. [6;89]

d) Data Privacy and Security: As online journalism relies on the collection and analysis of user data, ensuring data privacy and security is paramount. Regulations should safeguard personal information and address concerns related to data breaches, surveillance, and the ethical use of user data in journalistic practices.

e) International Collaboration: Given the global nature of the internet, international collaboration is vital in addressing the challenges of modern genres in internet journalism. Sharing best practices, collaborating on research, and developing global standards can contribute to a more cohesive and responsible journalism ecosystem.

Conclusion: The origin of modern genres in Internet journalism, exemplified by national journalism, has revolutionized the media landscape. As we navigate the complexities of this digital era, policymakers, regulatory bodies, journalists, and society at large must work together to ensure the responsible and ethical practice of online journalism. By addressing policy and regulatory considerations, promoting media literacy, and fostering collaboration, we can strive for a vibrant and trustworthy journalism ecosystem that serves the public interest in the digital age.

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