

Blogs & News Framing

Blogs are one of the mass sources of information in the 21st century. The interesting thing about blog is that anyone can make it to share thoughts or different useful links without having journalist education. Blogs may be on various topics, which depend on an individual. Blogs can be used to comment the surrounding world, politics, media industry, advertising, and science. Blogs can be used as diaries and have deeper meaning for a person than a “column to share”.

However, blogs are mostly used to express personal opinion, comment on different events or reflect on the world. The way they present information can be different. In media nowadays, many journalists use such concept as framing. Framing is a concept that is close to manipulation. A person that provides the information shapes it in the way it is suitable and advantageous for this person (a company or a political party, etc) taking into consideration the audience and the way his/her words can impact on it. Framing can also be conceived as interpretation of the same words. Indeed, the information is the same, but recreated in another form. For example, one will have dangerous surgery. In one case, a doctor says that it would be 90% of success, in another case that it would be 10 % of failure. The information is the same; however, 90% of success is easier to accept. In blogs, framing theory can be also applicable. The main difference between its usage is that journalists are professionals and can use framing for their professional purposes. When blogs are often written by non-professionals, framing can be helpful to take the position or help particular audience read the blog and be on its side.

The culture plays an important role in news framing. Culture makes the framing comprehensible, gives the variety of stereotypes that are easy acceptable by people to present their aim (or information) from the other side.

Alternative frames are frames that are used widely by media. They are so spread that can be called the style of media. Nowadays, people need to hear something new. They can find it in blogs, diversity of opinions, not only the one thing that is presented by mass media. Alternative frames give people an opportunity to see the situation from the other angle, to see the additional alternative.

Huntington's Clash of Civilization

The Huntington's Clash of Civilization is primarily a theory that determines people's identity as the main conflict of the post-war world. It establishes an opinion that political and economical situation will be more problematic than the cultural one. Different discords can appear between Western and non-Western countries that non-Western countries will try to preserve its identity without Western influence.

Muslims as Significant Minorities

Muslims in the West are the second largest religious group. They are not fully welcomed in the countries of West because of their strict and violent laws that are hard to understand for the western society. They are considered to be "significant minorities" because their number is large, they are often financed by their country, and they are potentially dangerous.

Dutch's attitude to Muslims

The Dutch media after the period of tragedy on the September 11th 2001 was aggressive. Different comments in the opposite side bring the countries to the great Islamophobia, and many restrictions for Islamic people to come into Netherlands were set. The kill of Theo van Gogh (killed by Muslim radical) made the population even more aggressive. As a result of media disturbance, the situation seemed to become chaos. In addition, numerous restrictions on the immigration of Islamic people, their marriage and workspace were created.

Part II

I found the website where Muslim people complain about the discrimination of their nation in the US. They stated many arguments, and in the comments some people tried to prove that it is all about their hatred to Americans, and no one is set against “black Arabians” in the US.

Here is the phrase from the site written by author:

“While Americans rushed to aid the poor, Black country of Haiti after the earthquake and gave to disaster relief agencies, after the disastrous flooding in Pakistan, there was little attention to from the media and even less donations coming from Americans to help their fellow country in need. Could it be that Americans see poor Haitians as fellow human beings in need of compassion, but not dark skinned Arabs who practice Islam?”

The misunderstanding grounded on religion is showed by the author. The scapegoat group is Arabic and Muslim people that are considered to be black in the US. As for my opinion about this article, I do not agree and see nothing discriminative in our behavior. I believe it to be only prejudice about Americans. We cannot generalize such issue as haters will always exist. It is the structure of the society, but to write a blog about things which are very controversial for most of people is inexpedient.

The other content of the site newsone.com is about nation, politics, entertainment, and different news. This blog consists of text material with graphs and sometimes videos. The area for comments is situated after the advertising line. To comment this blog, one needs to register providing one’s email and password or sign up with a social network account.

Part III

This article was written 3 years ago, and I think that such discussions are absolutely useless, because aggression bears aggression. People should learn how to co-exist in one country, but not how to blame each other (and I have posted it). Here I will provide examples of comments on this blog:

User: mrjfrostdbite:

“It's part of being an American. Look at half the comments for this article. Black people who hate white American and blame all of them for the actions of some. Same thing here. Being a Muslim now is the same as being Japanese during world war 2 or being a communist during the cold war. Americans believe in guilt by association. The constitution gives us the freedom to pick any religion we want but it also gives us the right be jerks about religions we don't agree with. Sort of a catch 22.”

User: mubariz:

“guys islam never urges any muslim to kill a non muslim in islam war is against only those who wage war against us and oppress the muslims the prophet muhammad (pbuh) himself had a hatred for war and said that it must be the last option for those of you who believe that islam is intolerant and disrespects followers of other religion, you are wrong.”

User: blacksaviorny:

“we dont hate them , its just that the positive ones let evil do all the shining , you dont here enough good Muslims SPEAK OUT ! , allowing the world to think that all Muslim's are crazy . They must let the world know that they are not down with the crazy things that other so call Muslims do.”