

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table I. Newspaper sample

| COUNTRY | N | NEWSPAPERS |
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| United States | 1421 | USA Today. Washington Post. NY Times. LA Times; Wall Street Journal |
| Ireland | 792 | Irish Independent. Daily Star |
| Germany | 1169 | Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Süddeutsche Zeitung. BILD-Zeitung |
| Switzerland | 2820 | Neue Zürcher Zeitung. Blick. Le Temps. Le Matin. Corriere del Ticino |
| Spain | 2278 | ABC. El País. El Mundo. La Razón |
| Greece | 2032 | Kathimerini. Nea. Eleytheros Typos |
| Chile | 2582 | El Mercurio. La Tercera. Las Últimas Noticias. La Cuarta |
| Brazil | 2749 | O Globo. O Estado de S. Paulo. Zero Hora. Folha de S. Paulo |
| Mexico | 3009 | Reforma. La Jornada. La Prensa |
| Argentina | 2731 | Clarín. La Nación. Página/12 |
| Hungary | 1087 | Blikk. Bors. Magyar Nemzet. Népszabadság |
| Poland | 1130 | Gazeta Wyborcza. Rzeczpospolita. Nasz Dziennik. Fakt |
| Russia | 1397 | Gazeta. Moskovsky Komsomolets |
| Hong Kong | 1523 | Ta Kung Pao. Ming Pao Daily. Apple Daily |
| Philippines | 2221 | Philippine Star. Abante |
| Malaysia | 808 | Berita Harian. Harian Metro. New Straits Times. The Sun |
| China | 3264 | People's Daily. China Youth Daily. Xinmin Evening. Chengdu Economic Daily. Southern Metropolis Daily |
| Cuba | 627 | Granma. Juventud Rebelde |
| <i>Total of news articles</i> | 33.640 | -- |

Table II. Correlations matrix between role indicators

| | Information on Trials | Questioning by sources | Criticism by sources | Denunciation by sources | External investigation | Questioning by Journalist | Criticism by Journalist | Denunciation by Journalist | Conflict |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Information on Trials | 1 | .94(**) | .160(**) | .256(**) | .266(**) | .102(**) | .062(**) | .108(**) | .073(**) |
| | | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| Questioning by sources | | 1 | .360(**) | .222(**) | .110(**) | .182(**) | .101(**) | .086(**) | .120(**) |
| | | | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| Criticism by sources | | | 1 | .312(**) | .091(**) | .130(**) | .155(**) | .065(**) | .042(**) |
| | | | | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| Denunciation by sources | | | | 1 | .194(**) | .102(**) | .088(**) | .141(**) | .039(**) |
| | | | | | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| External investigation | | | | | 1 | .071(**) | .043(**) | .086(**) | .027(**) |
| | | | | | | .000 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| Questioning by Journalist | | | | | | 1 | .468(**) | .264(**) | .100(**) |
| | | | | | | | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| Criticism by Journalist | | | | | | | 1 | .311(**) | .114(**) |
| | | | | | | | | .000 | .000 |
| Denunciation by Journalist | | | | | | | | 1 | .098(**) |
| | | | | | | | | | .000 |
| Conflict | | | | | | | | | 1 |
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Table III. Characteristics of Independent Variables in the global sample (% of stories)

| Audience Orientation | |
|---|------|
| Popular | 24.8 |
| Elite | 75.2 |
| Political Regime | |
| Advanced democracy | 31.2 |
| Transitional democracy | 57.2 |
| Non-democratic | 11.6 |
| Political Orientation | |
| Left | 20.0 |
| Center Left | 7.2 |
| Center | 35.7 |
| Center Right | 7.0 |
| Right | 30.1 |
| Story Type | |
| Brief | 20.2 |
| Article | 67.5 |
| Feature/chronicle | 4.3 |
| Reportage | 7.9 |
| Balance | |
| Absence of sources and/or points of view | 15.1 |
| Unilateral coverage | 52.6 |
| Presence of different sources and points of view | 31.8 |
| Verifiable Evidence | |
| Less factual and verifiable information than non-verifiable information | 30.2 |
| More factual and verifiable information than non-verifiable information | 69.8 |
| Conditional Use | |
| No | 83.4 |
| Yes | 16.6 |
| Argumentation | |
| Arguments are not used | 79.1 |
| Arguments are used | 20.9 |
| Journalist's opinion | |
| No | 84.4 |
| Yes | 15.6 |
| News Topics | |
| Politics | 25.2 |
| Social Affairs | 21.5 |
| Economy and business | 16.5 |
| Miscellaneous | 11.3 |
| Police and crime | 12.0 |
| Court | 3.5 |

Table IV. Regression Models for the Performance of the Detached and Interventionist Watchdog Role

| Predictors | Detached Watchdog | | | Interventionist Watchdog | | |
|--|-------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|------|---------|
| | B | SE | β | B | SE | β |
| Political Regime | -.076 | .003 | -.268 | -.047 | .002 | -.189 |
| Press Freedom Rank | .008 | .000 | .198 | .006 | .000 | .161 |
| Media Political Orientation | -.006 | .001 | -.027 | .004 | .001 | .020 |
| Media Audience orientation | .023 | .002 | .057 | .010 | .002 | .028 |
| Politics Topic | .059 | .003 | .162 | .031 | .003 | .095 |
| Economy and business Topic | -- | -- | -- | .010 | .003 | .024 |
| Police and crime Topic | .104 | .004 | .192 | .033 | .003 | .069 |
| Courts Topic | .169 | .005 | .182 | .030 | .004 | .036 |
| Social Affairs Topic | .042 | .003 | .100 | .012 | .003 | .033 |
| Story Type | .020 | .001 | .088 | -- | -- | -- |
| Balance | .043 | .001 | .167 | .000 | .001 | -.002 |
| Verifiable Evidence | .023 | .002 | .061 | .013 | .002 | .040 |
| Conditional use | .015 | .002 | .033 | -.005 | .002 | -.013 |
| Argumentation | .036 | .002 | .083 | .069 | .002 | .182 |
| Journalist's point of view | .017 | .003 | .035 | .125 | .002 | .265 |
| <i>Country (Hong Kong = reference)</i> | | | | | | |
| Argentina | .096 | .004 | .148 | -.003 | .002 | -.010 |
| Brazil | .097 | .004 | .151 | .014 | .002 | .037 |
| China | .060 | .007 | .100 | -.015 | .003 | -.041 |
| Chile | .041 | .007 | .071 | -.013 | .003 | -.039 |
| Cuba | .036 | .009 | .027 | -.045 | .005 | -.056 |
| Germany | .021 | .006 | .022 | .021 | .005 | .032 |
| Greece | -.018 | .006 | -.024 | .054 | .003 | .118 |
| Hungary | .076 | .006 | .076 | .026 | .003 | .043 |
| Ireland | -.033 | .007 | -.028 | .014 | .004 | .020 |
| Malaysia | .041 | .004 | .060 | -.014 | .004 | -.020 |
| Mexico | .077 | .004 | .124 | .015 | .003 | .039 |
| Poland | .123 | .007 | .125 | .052 | .003 | .086 |
| Philippines | .049 | .005 | .065 | -.009 | .004 | -.017 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|---------------|------|------|
| Russia | .027 | .007 | .030 | .007 | .004 | .013 |
| Spain | -.022 | .007 | -.040 | .056 | .003 | .131 |
| Switzerland | -.041 | .005 | -.064 | .007 | .002 | .018 |
| United States | .120 | .005 | .127 | .006 | .002 | .016 |
| Constant | -.118 | .005 | -- | -.053 | .004 | .. |
| Adjusted R² | 15.5 | | | 20.3 | | |
| N | 33,639 | | | 33,639 | | |