

Chapter 2: The Construction of Crime News

Test Bank

Multiple Choice

1. The media is more accurately portrayed as:

- a. window on the world.
- b. a mirror reflecting real life.
- c. Hall of Mirrors.
- d. a glimpse into the world.

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. All of the following are responsible for sifting through and selecting news items except:

- a. TV news producers.
- b. producers.
- c. bloggers.
- d. politicians.

Ans: D

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Medium

3. _____ prioritizes some stories over others.

- a. Framing
- b. Agenda setting
- c. Priming
- d. Public appeal

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. Framing constitutes all of the following except:

- a. edit words.
- b. adopt particular tones.
- c. prioritize stories.
- d. decide on the visuals.

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. Individuals in the media often choose events that:

- a. convey meanings.
- b. offer solutions.
- c. provide pictures of the world.
- d. all of these.

Ans: D

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

6. _____ select, produce, and present news according to a range of professional criteria that are used as benchmarks to determine a story's newsworthiness.

- a. producers
- b. politicians
- c. editors
- d. cameramen

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

7. The main channel in the United Kingdom is known as:

- a. PBS.
- b. BBC.
- c. NBC.
- d. CNN.

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. American prisons employ _____ million individuals.

- a. 500,000+
- b. 700,000+
- c. 900,000+
- d. 1

Ans: A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

9. _____ million people are governed by probation or parole.

- a. 2.1
- b. 3.6
- c. 4.7

d. 5.1

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

10. All of the following crimes were virtually unheard of 25 years ago except:

- a. trolling.
- b. online grooming.
- c. revenge porn.
- d. car accidents.

Ans: D

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

11. The term “serial killer” did not exist in its current cultural form until an _____ agent properly named it.

- a. CIA
- b. NSA
- c. FBI
- d. DEA

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

12. _____ is one of the most salient news values.

- a. Risk
- b. Sex
- c. Children
- d. Violence

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

13. The most notorious figure in the history of the British criminal justice system is _____.

- a. Myra Hindley
- b. Ian Brady
- c. Jeffrey Dahmer
- d. John Wayne Gacy

Ans: A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium
Difficulty Level: Easy

14. _____ has both spatial and cultural dynamics.

- a. Threshold
- b. Proximity
- c. Individualism
- d. Risk

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

15. "Make American Great Again" was the presidential campaign slogan for which of the following presidents?

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Barack Obama
- c. Mitt Romney
- d. Sarah Palin

Ans: A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

16. Which of the news structures/news values allows news outlets to plan their coverage and deploy their resources in advance?

- a. threshold
- b. risk
- c. predictability
- d. proximity

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium

17. Which of the news structures/news values posits that events must be reducible to a minimum number of parts or themes?

- a. threshold
- b. simplification
- c. proximity
- d. risk

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium

18. Which of the news structures/news values connects simplification and risk?

- a. proximity
- b. threshold
- c. individualism
- d. predictability

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium

19. Which of the news structures/news values posits that the United States is prone to accusations of ethnocentrism?

- a. proximity
- b. threshold
- c. individualism
- d. predictability

Ans: A

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium

20. Which of the news structures/news discusses the credence of television news?

- a. violence or conflict
- b. sex
- c. risk
- d. visual spectacle and graphic imagery

Ans: D

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium

21. The Clutter Family lived in the state of:

- a. California.
- b. Florida.
- c. Kansas.
- d. Ohio.

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Two Examples of Newsworthy Stories Par Excellence

Difficulty Level: Easy

22. An article in _____ prompted Truman Capote to write a true crime novel.

- a. *The Washington Post*
- b. *The New York Times*
- c. *The Chicago Tribune*
- d. *The New York Post*

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Two Examples of Newsworthy Stories Par Excellence

Difficulty Level: Easy

23. _____ was once referred to as a “very fast, but not entirely reliable news agency.”

- a. Facebook
- b. Twitter
- c. Snapchat
- d. Instagram

Ans: B

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: News Production and Consumption in a Digital Global Marketplace:

The Rise of the Citizen Journalist

Difficulty Level: Easy

24. Twitter first garnered newsworthy attention after which of the following events?

- a. U.S. Airways landing on the Hudson River
- b. Chinese earthquake in the Sichuan Province
- c. the murder of a female protestor in Tehran
- d. all of these

Ans: A

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: News Production and Consumption in a Digital Global Marketplace:

The Rise of the Citizen Journalist

Difficulty Level: Easy

25. Truman Capote’s true crime masterpiece, *In Cold Blood*, was first published in:

- a. 1960.
- b. 1963.
- c. 1966.
- d. 1969.

Ans: C

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Two Examples of Newsworthy Stories Par Excellence

Difficulty Level: Easy

True/False

1. The reporting of crime news is not shaped by the mission to entertain.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. The news is not an accurate representation of the overall picture of crime.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Media images are reality.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. Adopting tones is part of a process known as agenda setting.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

5. Framing is an ideological process.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Easy

6. The threshold of a potential story does not vary.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

7. Crime itself is frequently predictable.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. Events do not have to be simple in order to make the news.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

9. Convicted criminals can also become media “celebrities” by virtue of the notoriety of their crimes.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium
Difficulty Level: Easy

10. Childhood is a social construction.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

11. A binary opposition story is most often that of a story of good versus evil.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

12. Crime trends are very simple and do not take time to unfold.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

13. A citizen journalist typically works at a news agency.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Production and Consumption in a Digital Global Marketplace:
The Rise of the Citizen Journalist

Difficulty Level: Easy

14. The relationship between citizen journalism and mainstream media outlets is symbiotic.

Ans: T

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Production and Consumption in a Digital Global Marketplace:
The Rise of the Citizen Journalist

Difficulty Level: Easy

15. Crimes committed by children are typically not newsworthy.

Ans: F

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

Essay

1. What are the two factors that media images are dependent on?

Ans: The first factor is that the picture of reality is shaped by the production processes of news organizations and the structural determinants of news-making, all of which influence the image of crime. The second factor concerns the assumptions media professionals make about their audience.

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Medium

2. What are news values?

Ans: According to the authors, news values are the value judgments that journalists and editors make about the public appeal of a story and also whether it is in the public interest.

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Construction of Crime News

Difficulty Level: Medium

3. What are the 12 structures and values that shape crime news?

Ans: Threshold, predictability, simplification, individualism, risk, sex, celebrity or high-status persons, proximity, violence or conflict, visual spectacle or graphic imagery, children, and conservative ideology and political diversion.

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. Why do crimes of a sexual nature distort the overall picture of crime?

Ans: Students answers may vary; however, overreporting should be the main response. According to the authors, various news outlets overreport crimes of a sexual nature, thus distorting the overall picture of crime.

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Difficulty Level: Medium

5. What is the difference between cultural proximity and spatial proximity?

Ans: According to the authors, spatial proximity refers to the geographical “nearness” of an event, while cultural proximity refers to the “relevance” of an event to an audience.

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: News Values for a New Millennium

Difficulty Level: Medium