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| Journal Name: | Asian Research Journal of Arts & Social Sciences |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_ARJASS_125507 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Assessing the Content Relevance of Gender-based Violence News Articles in Tanzanian Newspapers on Reducing the Problem |
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PART 1: Review Comments

| Compulsory REVISION comments | Reviewer's comment | Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part. | The manuscript holds significant social and scientific importance. It investigates the issues of violence against women and how this problem is covered in the media. The research topic is clear and well-defined. The methodology is well-structured, incorporating both quantitative data (content analysis, surveys) and qualitative data (interviews). It provides readers with a well-rounded understanding of the issue, grounded in the data collected and the interpretations drawn from them. Therefore, I consider this manuscript to be an academically valuable contribution. Given the social relevance of the topic, the manuscript is of interest to a broader audience. | |
| Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) | Yes. | |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract is appropriate. I offer a few revision suggestions. If they are accepted, the abstract can be updated accordingly. | |
| Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? | Yes, the structure is highly appropriate and coherent, allowing the reader to gain a clear understanding of the analyses and arguments. | |
| Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part. | The manuscript is methodologically sound. The data is presented in detail, and the analyses are carried out using descriptive statistics. Given the nature of the research, I do not consider a more advanced statistical approach to be strictly necessary. The source of the figures and graphs is listed as "Researcher (2022)"; however, it is unclear whether the data will be made available to readers. A suggestion: publish the datasets as supplementary material. I believe that the information about the survey with newspaper readers needs to be explained more thoroughly. How was the research conducted? How were the respondents selected? Table 3 is not informative. Wouldn't it be more relevant to present data on reading frequency and interests in the table? | |
| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. = | The references are appropriate to support the discussion within the context of previous literature. | |

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| <p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> | |
| <p>Optional/General comments</p> | <p>I would like to offer two suggestions which, in my view, would make the manuscript even more compelling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manuscript presents a predominantly critical view of the media in its coverage of violence against women. However, the research reveals that all the newspapers address the issue and cover nearly all forms of violence against women explored in the study. I have two suggestions regarding this matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Based on the quantitative data and interviews, would it not be fair to interpret that the media is aware that violence against women is a social issue, and that the media and journalists feel a responsibility to help bring about change? In that case, would it not be possible to include a positive note on the media's current role in addressing the issue of violence against women, albeit acknowledging that it remains insufficient? (B) The research seems to suggest a limitation in how violence against women is reported, in the sense that while the incidents are covered, the issue is not discussed in depth. Is there a concern among newspapers about framing violence against women as a broader social issue, beyond merely reporting cases of violence? In this respect, it might be worth considering the absence of an editorial policy directly aimed at combatting violence against women. 2. An important aspect missing from the study is information regarding the existence (or lack thereof) of public policies aimed at tackling violence against women. For instance, in my country, Brazil, over the past 20 years, violence against women has been more effectively combated through several public policies: (a) the creation of police stations dedicated solely to assisting women; (b) the enactment of a domestic violence law (the "Maria da Penha" Law); (c) the establishment of a specific criminal offence for gender-based murders of women. These public policies have strengthened society's awareness of violence against women. It would be interesting if the research could provide at least an overview of public policies aimed at combating violence against women. How could these policies be strengthened by or help strengthen the media's coverage of violence against women? <p>a) Improving the presentation of the data, especially those related to the survey. (b) Expanding the discussion on the media's role in combatting violence against women, particularly in relation to editorial policy. (c) Providing at least an introductory discussion on the presence or absence of specific public policies aimed at addressing gender-based violence.</p> <p>I emphasise that these points are suggestions for the authors' consideration and do not affect the overall quality of the work.</p> | |

PART 2:

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| | <p>Reviewer's comment</p> | <p>Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</p> |
| <p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p> | <p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> | |

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