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SOCIAL REACTION TO THE NEWS OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN THE MEDIA

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Background and aims: Studies on many factors that cause political assassinations or play a role in affecting society as a result of the assassination are very limited in the literature. The position and level of development of the media in a country are important in drawing attention to a political leader. In the literature, there are many studies carried out in the period after the assassination of political leaders or later; these studies emphasize the extent to which society was affected by the assassination, and they gave a very small share to the role of the media in constructing public opinion in the post-assassination period.

Methods: This study was carried out with the meta-synthesis method to evaluate the limited number of existing studies in the literature that measure the extent to which the media coverage of different political assassinations in the recent history affects the society.

Results: Political assassinations are often presented in the media with thematic frameworks in which the group of the perpetrator is also examined in depth. However, on the basis of some assassinations, it is seen that "episodic", that is, framing depending on the event, has also been made.

Discussion - Conclusions: It is clear that the framing of the assassination news presented to the public with both "thematic" and "episodic" framing affects the society in different dimensions. As it is known that this effect can occur in the form of "being isolated, showing severe stress reactions, loss of trust and belief, displaying hate and anger speech and behaviors towards the perpetrator/or the group alleged to be a member"; When it comes to political assassinations, just as in hate crime or disaster news, it becomes very important to process and frame the news with precision.

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