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RESEARCH ARTICLE

THE SOURCES OF LOCAL NEWS IN THE KURDISH ELECTRONIC PRESS: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE NEWS SOURCES IN THE ELECTRONIC SITE XANDAN FROM 1-31 / 3/2016.

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Abstract

This research, deals local news sources in Kurdish Electronic Journalism, and his samples will be Xendan's site to explore the important sources, that he depend it to get local news, also we would like to know which sources of news will be more available in their sources, internal sources or external sources. In general, we will deal the local news and his important to the journalism especially to electronic journalist.

Generally, there are many sources to get local news, some of them internal sources, others are external news.

The internal sources are especial sources for journalism. We can get information news from them, such as: representatives of the site and their correspondent's workers and journalists. In this situation, the efforts of journalist would be clear in the way getting news.

Regarding to the external news, it divides to Global, Internal agency. It will reflect in TV channels, Radios and journals. In this state, the site didn't spend any effort to get news by his journalist, so this site will not have any advantage with others. In our view, the site should depend their news sources, while he publish news or any kinds of news. At that time, this site will be more professional than his count partners. When the site has this sort of ability to get the news from their journalist with the subjective way, it means that site reached in the best quality, as well as, being more trustful, compare with the sites not self-independent.

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Introduction:-

Kurdish media has seen remarkable transformation at the level of information and communication technologies over the past two decades. The most prominent features were the advent of the Internet as a means of interactive communication that provided an opportunity for individuals, groups and institutions to gain access to information with a massive size and super-fast, or sending and publishing them on a large scale that was unprecedented.

Given the diverse and multidimensional chances offered by the Internet to connect to the great opportunities, its use was different, including the media particular that represents one of the most prominent contemporary applications. The individuals, media institutions, and different groups were in race to take advantage of this important communication resource in the dissemination and exchange of information in its many forms, leading to the secretion of new media types, most notably the so-called electronic or online journalism.

In spite of the media landscape in the Kurdistan Region not reflecting mature growth in this sector, there are a functional signs of a potentiality for the future of the so-called Internet journalism. This is based on what is manifested through news portals, newspapers, media, and blogs, in Kurdish, Arabic, and others. Indeed, there is electronic Kurdish journalism that has become a real nucleus of competition for traditional journalism, which brings a large number of users who have intellectual and physical ability to access the World Wide Web.

Private local news published by the electronic media has become an important source of news for users to elicit information and find out what is going on around them, regarding the events and developments. The local news has become an important topic of the electronic journalism, because of their importance to readers. It touches daily life events, one way or another, which makes them interested in them. Here comes the importance of local news as a matter a wide range of readers. Getting the new news sources vary from oneness medium to another. Thenewsiseither specific to local news media or an external one.

Media-specific news source are those sources distributes through the press by its correspondents and reporters. An effort has made in creating this news.

The external sources are pieces of news distributed to agencies, local and international news channels and terrestrial television and TV and radio stations, newspapers and magazines in this case, the site does not make any effort distinguishes it from the rest of the media to get this news, but it gets it ready from these sources. In our view, that the site whenever they are more dependent on their own resources to get the local news, the more successful and professional they get in journalistic work and distinctive from the rest of the media. Its exclusivity to get this news is a reflection of the personality of the means of media.

This research tries to study the sources of local news in the Kurdish electronic newspapers by examining examples from Xandan electronic newspaper. The research shows the sources approved by the site, explaining that which local news are self-creates news and which one external. More than that, it shows the importance of local news, in general, and as an importance source, in particular, for the electronic press.

Chapter One: Methodology:-

Research problem:-

The identification of the research problem is first and the most important step in the research. IF there is no problem, there is no research. The "problem of the research is the subject of the study, the question going on in the mind of a researcher on the subject needs to be changed" (1) The research problem in the study is the sources of local news in the Kurdish electronic press, through the study of the samples of Handan Website.

Research Goals:-

The research aims to identify the sources of local news on which Xandan electronic newspaper depend, whether it's a self-created one or an external one.

The Research Community and the Limits of Time:-

The research community newspapers and electronic Kurdish specifically local news published in the Xandan website. The duration of research begins from March 1st of 2016 to March 31st of 2016. In other words, the search time is a month and that is enough for building a research.

Research Methodology:-

Researcher use descriptive and analytical approach in the research, "the descriptive approach is based on accurate monitoring and follow-up of a phenomenon or event, in a certain way about its quantity or quality in a given period of time or several periods in order to identify the phenomenon or event in terms of content, and access to the results and generalizations will help in the understanding of reality" 2.

Research Procedures:-

The analysis:

News sources are divided according to their appearance in the numbers of the sample and as it mentioned in the website at the beginning of each story and as follows:

1. Website correspondents and reporters within Iraqi Kurdistan.
2. The website reporters outside Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
3. News agencies.
4. Media.

Analysis method:-

The researchers analyzed the sources of local news in Xandan website. The total number of the local news analyzed for Research has reached 767 news.

Terminology of the Study:-

In this study three basic terms are, here we offer a definition of each of them:

Press Newsletter: are newspapers that are issued and posted on the Internet, whether these newspapers as a copy or electronic versions of newspapers and printed paper Electronic Editions or a summary of the most important paper copies of the contents, or electronic magazines do not have a normal versions printed on paper online newspaper, which includes a combination of newsletters, stories, essays, reviews and photos, reference services, where the expression online journalism specifically refers in most foreign literature to those newspapers or independent electronic magazines that have nothing to do one way or another newspapers printed paper. (2)

Local News: News is dealing with accidents and problems of a specific province or a particular city. That is why they are closer to the readers, as it addresses the problems surrounding them and in which they live and affect their lives (7) and knows Dr. Farouk Abu Zeid as news, which lies within the community in which the newspaper published. (3)

The local news sources: multiple sources of local news between private newspaper external sources Resume sources. Called news sources the newspaper sometimes walks news so as to differentiate between them and the news sources delegate journalist. (4)

Chapter Two: The Results of the Analysis of Sources of Local News at Xandan Website

Definition of Xandan Website:-

Xandan.org/Arabic electronic newspaper operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, published of all that is new news and events and all the emerging political, economic, social, sporting, artistic and scientific affairs of time. Commitment to truth and neutrality in the dissemination of news xandan.org/Arabic principle at work as well as adhere to the principles of moral journalist to work, taking into account personal rights and freedoms and the public interest.

Xandan website is one of the Xandan Foundation projects for broadcast and publishing, which was founded in the city of Sulaimaniya, Kurdistan Iraq in 2004. Xandan website started its works on the first of January 2010. (5)

Results Analysis:-

During this studying the local news published in Xandan website within the specified period, we tried to identify the sources the website relied upon for the local news, the following are reached by the researcher through the tables that explain the nature of the sources and extent of adoption signed.

Table 1:- Sources Xandan website have adopted for the local news.

Correspondents location within the region	Site reporter outside the region	Correspondents in the ministries	News agencies Reuters
There are no reporters to the site abroad, only one reporter in Iranian Kurdistan	Reporter in each of the provinces of the region	There is no representative of the site in the ministries of the Kurdistan Regional Government	Agency France-Press Turkish Dogan agency

Table (1) shows the nature of the sources of local news at Xandan website; replication and percentages also appeared in the results of the analysis for search.

The total amount for the preparation of the local news, which has been subjected to analysis in the site for a period of March 2016 are 767 news. As shown in Table (2).

Table 2:- The local news sources in Xandan website and its frequency and percentages also appeared in the results of the analysis for search.

Resources	Repetitions	Percentage
Correspondents within Kurdistan region	412	%53.7
Correspondents outside the region	9	%1.1
News agencies	116	%15.1
The media	126	%16.4
Official and unofficial statements	102	%13.2
Social Media	12	%1.5
Total	767	%100

The pieces of news that their source is correspondents and reporters inside Iraq: The total amount are 146 story by percentage 5.76. See table 3, and table 4, It got the first place.

Table 4 shows the local news that has been taken from the reporters and correspondents of the other websites inside Iraq.

Table 3:- The news repeated from the sources is inside Iraq.

Weeks	Repetitions	Percentage
First Week	92	%24
Second Week	104	%25.2
Third Week	102	%24.7
Fourth Week	107	%25.9

The number of the pieces of news that their correspondents are from location outside Iraq reached 26 and by percentage 54.13. See table number 3 and Table 5. It got second place.

We can see from the point of No. 1 and No. point q that the Xandan website depends on the sources via its reporters and correspondents inside Iraq and outside Iraq.

Table 4:- The type of the local news by its correspondents within the region.

News Type	Repetitions	Percentage
Political	84	%20.3
Economics	120	%29.1
Security and military affairs	81	%19.6
Education	28	%6.7
Community	53	%12.8
Health	21	%5
Culture and art	25	%6
Total Overall	412	%100

News source and news agencies: the total amount for the preparation of this news is 18 and by percentage 37.9. See Table 3 and Table 6. It got the third place.

This shows that Xandan website depends less on other news agencies than depending on itself.

Table 5:- Shows the news that their sources are news agencies.

News's Nature	Repetitions	Percentage
Political	32	%27.5
Economic	56	%48.2
Security and military affairs	28	%24.1
Total	116	%100

News source media: The total number of the news are 2 and by percentage is 4.1. See Table 3. It came fifth and in final rank. This means that Xandan does not depend on other news agencies, but more on itself.

Table 6:- It shows the types of news repeated in the local news media sources.

News's Nature	Repetitions	Percentage
Political	71	%56.3
Economic	19	%15
Security and military affairs	10	%7.9
Health	8	%6.3
Society	4	%3.1
EDUCATION	14	%11.1
TOTAL	126	%100

The table (6) shows The data issued by the official authorities and informal important source of local news for the site, and ranked first in the news related to the war on terrorism in the first place with (33) by (32.3%).

Most this data issued on the details related to that war and the attitudes as well as the expectations about the liberation of Mosul and other areas. Add to this, the participation needing of the Peshmerga to the Iraqi forces in the city restore process.

The interesting things from the site, it is a daily directorate providing news that related to the weather in the provinces of the region. It was adopted at the outgoing of the Directorate General of meteorological data in the region about the state of the weather in the major cities and towns in Kurdistan.

Research Results:-

1. The pieces of news coming from the website's reporters and correspondents inside Iraq came first with a total 146.
2. The pieces of news coming from the website's reporters and correspondents outside Iraq came second with a total 26.
3. Thus, the total number of local news that the website had from its sources reached 152 news. This means that the website depends on its sources more than any other thing.
4. The pieces of news coming from the website are that their sources are other news agencies are 18. This means the website is less dependent on external news sources.
5. The pieces of news coming from other media are the least with only 2, showing that it depends less on external source and more on itself.
6. The research results show that the website relies greatly on itself, through using its reporters and correspondents inside and outside Iraq as its source of news. As this news reached the total (152) of the total news local news reported by the site in front page for research, which amounted to (192) news and the subject of analysis. The shows that local news coverage by Xandan is a successful coverage and depends more on its sources than external source.

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