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## Abstract

Israel's social fabric which is made up of colonial-settlers makes it crucial for Zionist rulers to appear strong. Legacy media like broadcasters and especially newspapers by contrast are becoming relatively less important as distributors of news even as they remain very important producers of news. They are additionally under growing pressure to establish brand-new electronic company designs as their existing resources of income decrease or go stale. The general feedback from heritage media has actually been a mix of investment in seeking electronic possibilities, expense- reducing and attempts at market loan consolidation in search of market power as well as economic situations of scale. A technical technique for methodically examining resident engagement possibilities in the media is after that proposed and used. Due to the competition for interest and also advertising and marketing, and the minimal variety of individuals who pay for on the internet news, there are extremely few instances of legacy media that make a profit from their digital news operations despite twenty years of commonly substantial financial investments as well as often substantial audience reach. It is unclear that the brand-new setting is dramatically a lot friendlier for digital-born information media organizations. While they commonly have a lower expense base as well as can be much more nimble in adapting to alter, they deal with similar competitors for both attention and marketing therefore far represent a small part of general financial investment in journalism. The research established that the effects for educational variety as well as media pluralism, key to freedom of speech are combined. A significantly electronic media environment offers internet customers accessibility to a growing number of details from an increasing number of sources, increasing the chances individuals have to utilize diverse sources and experience different perspectives. The research ends that the solitary most significant difficulty dealing with journalism today in Israel is the public's absence of rely on it. This is not a new difficulty, but it is consistent, as well as it has been becoming worse in the Nation.

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## 1.0 Introduction

Israel's social fabric which is made up of colonial-settlers makes it crucial for Zionist rulers to appear strong (Casero-Ripollés, 2021). Once the perception of strength is lost, the will to resist Palestinian liberation struggle will collapse. Israelis understand that their regime is able to occupy Palestine due to massive military and economic subsidies provided by the US and its NATO allies. Internet users have access to more information in convenient formats and often for free, across a range of increasingly sophisticated personal and mobile devices, and in ways that enable new forms of participation (Casero-Ripollés, 2021). Those most interested welcome these. Papers deals remarkable understandings right into how reporters in Western democracies are thinking about, as well as taking care of, the incorporation of web content created and published by the public (Schlosser, 2020). Recent years have seen a significant change in the connection in between on-line media and the 'target market', and also individual-- produced web content is a typical feature of news web sites. Control over the components of the media space, once held by traditional information outlets, today is shared by bloggers and also various other social media participants (Tandoc, Huang, Duffy, Ling & Kim, 2020). Such a setting calls for a significant theoretical and useful shift for journalists, who face a rapid and also extreme decrease in their power to oversee the flow of details. The Israeli federal government usually respects freedom of journalism, which is shielded by the Standard Laws of Israel as well as independent judiciary. Dislike speech, and also posting appreciation of violence or issues of nationwide protection is forbidden.

According to Porlezza and Arafat (2021), Media revolutions have transformed our world," she said, with occasions between East and also Ukraine supplying examples of just how social media networks were influencing cultures. Terrorist teams were also organizing their activities with Net areas and also social media networks, changing info right into weapons. The capacity to productively incorporate individual payments within conventional media spaces is coming to be an important skill. Until lately, the working routines and also worth of journalistic culture had actually remained very stable for practically a century (Veglis & Kotenidis, 2021), also after being declared in dilemma (Blumler & Gurevitch, 2016; Dahlgren, 2016). Commonly, journalism has actually been attached to the organization of the media, based on the manufacturing of information by dedicated paid work, the journalists. The term" gatekeeper", used to describe a primary job of reporters, shows their insurance claim to be the ones that determine what the general public needs to recognize, in addition to when as well as just how such info ought to be offered (Daniels, 2021). The gatekeeper role is preserved as well as enforced by professional regimens and conventions that are claimed to guarantee the quality and also neutrality of institutional journalism.

In combination, these advancements imply that web customers have accessibility to more and more information from more and more sources, increasing the opportunities the majority of people need to utilize diverse resources and also encounter various perspectives (Rea, 2022). At the same time the environment is significantly dominated by a minimal variety of very large players and accompanied by debt consolidation and also cost-cutting somewhere else in the media landscape. This can in time decrease media pluralism by weakening the diversity of information production. According to Mihailidis and Gamwell (2020), both distribution and interpretation of news stories in personal networks were hence highly dynamic and also depending on individuals, personal connections and various external elements. Just rarely did participants of different social networks engage in informative interaction, commonly through some connecting node such as a messenger or a tourist who spread the information from one town to the various other.

The majority of the required info for the working as well as survival of each social network was contained in the network itself. These exact same communication concepts of unmediated public interaction are with us today, not just within tiny communities but additionally in several day-to-day contexts that do not mainly rely upon information media as a means of transporting details (Poepsel, 2020). In intricate societies like the Israel, we discover the exact same interaction concepts. Nonetheless, as the dimension and level of complexity in societies increase, it ends up being more and tougher for specific neighborhood participants to execute the necessary functions in the process. The socials media in complicated cultures have both secure groups and quickly changing ones. There are dense, clustered network frameworks as well as loosely weaved ones, as well as central as well as peripheral nodes. Relying on where something occurs or is observed in the network, as well as where the relevant interest groups for news are, the details still could reach its objective by direct communication. But the further the source is away from the objective person, the more probable it will certainly get shed someplace in the framework of the networks (Popova, 2020).

There is a wide agreement that 20th-century journalism in Western countries has actually been defined by an expert version (Schudson & Anderson, 2019) that fixated the concept of a skilled professional event and sharing fairly confirmed details to the public (McNair, 2019). Throughout the 20th century, this design ended up being significantly institutionalized with the creating of expert establishments and also codes of practice (Schudson & Anderson, 2019), as well as the development of journalism of a specialist ideology, consisting of a set of values to which journalists in all media kinds, styles and layouts refer in the context of their daily work (Deuze, 2005: 445).

Although a lot of efforts have actually been applied to acquire sustainable adjustment in underdeveloped countries, the result has actually not been significant. A large number of advancement of journalism efforts have actually become inadequate to cause adjustment (Melkote & Steeves, 2021; Mefalopulos, 2020; Servaes, 2018). Jobs' desires as well as hopes have actually fallen short, for the initiatives made thus far want/ poor. Thus, voids have actually been broadened in between the haves and have-nots. Even if lots of growth of the press endeavors have been produced greater than 6 decades, the living requirement between the developed and developing nation has actually stayed huge. To put it simply, the efforts made to alleviate the underdevelopment of the press issues of countries have been inadequate. Specifically absence of genuine involvement in development of journalism procedure of the regional community could be one of the major causes for the failure of growth of the press jobs in achieving their targets. Therefore, academicians and also specialists seem to have actually gained from their previous failures and they tend to recognize the requirement for the participation of stakeholders in the development of journalism process by considering the critical duties the stakeholders bet the success of the development of journalism projects.

Research study records and also experiences in different contexts of the developing nation have actually verified that cultural, social and political participation of a certain community can be enhanced by using participatory development of the press communication to take part in the development of the press process. This technique can mainly be made use of to be efficient in farming, financial, health and wellness and also other neighborhood growth of the press programs (Chitnis, 2015; Bessette, 2016; Sengupta, 2017; Servaes, 2018). In other words, mainstreaming participatory journalism as well as communication for sustainable growth of journalism has actually become a point of discussion recently. As a result, the emphasis of this research study is to explore the major factors that restrain the participatory journalism and also interaction in advancement of the press initiatives.



On the other hand, research study reports and also useful experiences validated that lack of people's engagement might add to the failure of development of the press projects given that the beginning of the international development of the press agendas (Thomas, 2014; White, 2016; Freire 2015, Sreveas, 2018; White 2018). For instance, a research study by Fraser and also Estrada as cited in Servaes (2020) ends that communication as well as individuals's participation in development of the press process could be 2 central aspects that figure out the successes and failings of the majority of growth of journalism tasks across the creating globe. Therefore, comprehending the elements that hinder the authentic engagement of the local community in growth of journalism initiatives could be extremely a crucial concern.

Concerning such area, I could not discover extensive details when it comes to exactly how, when, as well as why the various variables affect engagement of the neighborhood in advancement of journalism agents in the ANRS. Naturally, the target advancement of journalism company of this study put area engagement as a key implementation approach of development of journalism in its official documents (FCC's 3rd strategic plan, 2009; FCC's 4th strategic plan, 2014) and also has actually been asserted as participant growth of the press agent, neighborhood engagement is discovered a missing web link in the growth of journalism efforts.

The scientist thinks that this research study is timely and necessary due to the measurement of poverty as well as degree of underdevelopment of the press in the developing nation generally and also in the area particularly; there is still a need to find out just how to execute efficient as well as sustainable participatory growth of the press projects in different contexts that can transform the lives of the poor and marginalized people. The main purpose of this research study was to explore factors hindering the methods of participatory development of journalism communication in the American context. The growth of journalism job experience of FCC, among the leading regional advancement of the press actors in Amhara National Regional State, ends up being the emphasis. The objective of the study consists of to identify major variables impeding the method of participatory journalism and interaction advancement of the press of press in California, analyzing exactly how the variables influencing the practice of participatory development of the press communication.

The research study would certainly assist our comprehending concerning participatory development of journalism interaction assumptions, methods and also their effects in the development of journalism efforts. By comprehending the major factors that impact the practice of participatory journalism and also communication in the advancement of the press endeavors, it is feasible to stay clear of, if not decrease the issues and advertise the fostering of authentic participatory technique. The results of the research study can likewise advertise the mainstreaming of participatory development of journalism communication in development of the press efforts. Particularly, the selected organization and NGOs working in similar contexts will certainly profit a great deal since the study can have information revealing the value of making growth of journalism communication plans that form our growth of journalism programs as well as perspectives.

### **1.1 Literature and Theoretical Background**

The research study was secured on The Participatory Theory. In the field of advancement of journalism communication, the experiences of the past century growth of journalism efforts have actually clearly shown the indispensable duty that communication plays. For participatory paradigm, growth of the press has actually been regarded as not something that can be imported from western tradition yet it is something that can be arise out of the aboriginal society. Participatory paradigm rejects the assumptions of modernization paradigm that advocates a

global design of advancement of journalism; as well as instead promotes culture particular as well as people-centred holistic development of journalism approaches. To put it simply, growth of journalism has been understood as a participatory procedure of social modification within an offered culture. This participatory procedure requires authentic involvement of the neighborhood community and the contextualization of development of journalism infiltrates neighborhood societies as well as setups (Rogers, 1976; Offers, 2008; Megalopolis, 2008).

As opposed to the innovation standard that thinks about the establishing society as a traffic jam for growth of journalism and that the economic dimension of advancement of journalism is highlighted, this participatory strategy acknowledges the function of culture for advancement of journalism and also focuses the human dimension of advancement of the press. Hence, participatory standard expands the horizon of advancement of journalism concepts by including the non-material notions of growth of the press such as social equal rights, freedom and justice whereby grassroots degree of involvement can be kept in the development of the press process. Different from the top down as well as one-way interaction approach of the innovation and also dependence paradigms in the process of development of the press, the participatory methods recognize dialogical as well as horizontal nature of interaction for accomplishing development of the press. This alternative paradigm presumes the vital role of two-way communication for empowerment of the bad as well as marginalized sections of the creating nations and also denies the old assumption that plain transmission of information could not suffice for achieving advancement of the press (Melkote & Steeves, 2001).

Consequently, this study generally used participatory journalism and also communication as an academic framework, due to the fact that for something the actual nature of the research inquiries as well as the techniques of the research study appear appropriate for the academic foundation of participatory journalism and interaction for advancement of journalism. The fundamental tenets of dialogical participatory journalism and also communication such as empowerment, dialogical, problematisation, endogenous, activity as well as reflection, acquiring skills, increasing self-esteem, control over oneself and one's environment, achieving quality of life, freedom, understanding one's capacity and also constraints are utilized as academic structure to evaluations the information (Melkote & Steeves, 2001; Freire, 2005). Theoretically, the possibility of participatory journalism as well as communication for lasting advancement of journalism has actually been acknowledged. Involvement is a buzzword in the advancement of journalism discourse and also is preached as the confident and also reputable path for sustainable development of journalism. Nevertheless, when it involves sensible degree, its potential is tested by a number of elements. This area talks about different challenges that restriction the fostering of participatory journalism as well as communication for growth of the press. Waisbord's (2008) institutional perspective on challenges of participatory journalism and communication informs us the administrative factors that hinder the application of participatory interaction. The institutional characteristics denigrate the potential of participatory journalism and communication in 3 methods. These are administrative needs for messaging, making interaction as a subsidiary self-control, as well as looking for technological services to political challenges.

### 3.0 Methods

This research was a literature based study, refereeing to exploring issues, understanding phenomena, and answering questions to gain deep insight about social phenomena or about people's reality regarding the challenges and opportunities for main stream media and journalism in a digital and social media environment in Israel. It sought to understand people's interpretations as it stresses the need to see through the eyes of one's subjects and understand social behavior in its social context. In this approach, the data are experiences and perceptions

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of the people in the environment. In the case for the present study, the experiences and perceptions of change agents and the local community towards factors that affect participatory journalism and communication are used for data source.

#### 4.0 Results and Discussion

The potential of participatory journalism and communication for sustainable development of the press has been praised at the theoretical level. Involvement is a buzzword in the development of the press discourse and is taught as the enthusiastic and also legitimate path for lasting advancement of journalism. However when it comes to the actual method, it seems not to be less mirrored. In FCC, participatory journalism and communication is the missing web link in the advancement of journalism process. A number of variables might prevent the execution of genuine participation. The major factors that influence the method of participatory advancement of journalism interaction could be listed as adheres to: the financial perceptions of growth of journalism, the top down development of the press method, short time span of the development of the press jobs and the dollar driven nature of projects, the understandings of participation as labor and also material contributions, the dependence syndrome, the understandings of development of the press communication as information transmission, absence of professionalism and trust of interaction, absence of appropriate man power, the company's structural problem, absence of ample spending plan, the lack of communication plan, political disturbance and lack of autonomous culture.

The relocate to an increasingly digital, mobile, and also social media sites atmosphere additionally means that forms of policy intervention established in and also designed for the twentieth century media settings will need reform to be reliable and also reliable in twenty-first century media atmospheres, specifically when it comes to successfully attending to possible market failures in the manufacturing of the general public good of independent, expert, top quality journalism, protecting an efficient as well as affordable media market area, and also making sure that residents establish the media as well as information proficiency necessary to browse the media atmosphere successfully in their own benefit. The possible increase of the target market as manufacturer of news difficulties journalism to reassess its professional identification, conventional understandings of its function in society as well as key principles such as objectivity as well as diversity that are conventionally associated with expert journalistic high quality.

Many development of journalism employees share such economic notion of development of the press. The above quotation could highlight us that FCC as an organization perceives development of journalism as financial growth of the neighborhood neighborhood. That is, the financial conception of growth of the press exceeds the various other measurements of growth of the press. This is a perspective drawn on the innovation as well as the reliance paradigm despite their convection on the suggestion of participation. Moreover, understanding FCC's fertilizations of advancement of journalism, examining its 4 strategic plans was a must. In all the initial strategic plans (1997-2003) FCC's concern areas are identified: natural deposit defense, agricultural growth of the press, rural water system and access, road building and construction and emergency situation food help (FCC second strategic plan, 2004; FCC 3rd strategic plan, 2009; FCC fourth strategic plan, 2014). The emphasis of the company on economic concerns normally marginalizes the measurement of human development of the press unlike the concepts of participatory growth of journalism.

This conception as well as method mostly determine the technique of participatory advancement of the press on the ground. That is, the financial perspective of development of the press closes, if not narrows down, the area for employing alternative advancement of the

press. This in turn restrains the human measurement of advancement of the press which is the major problem of participatory advancement of the press. Consequently, the conception of advancement of the press by itself forms the development of the press practice on ground and limits the chances for exercising participatory growth of the press.

The short duration of a lot of the development of journalism projects affects the practice of participatory growth of journalism where considerable length of time, more than the common period of 3 to five years of advancement of journalism jobs, will be required. Also the worldwide benefactors desire tangible as well as timely record for their fund, not the procedure of engagement which takes long time to utilize it properly. In the international development of the press context the normal period of development of the press projects is in between three to five years. Such short time duration obliged the growth of journalism companies to rush to deadlines as well as reports, as opposed to service engagement and empowerment of the neighborhood. The research study participants specify that people's engagement consumes time as well as costs sources as well as they usually like utilizing the top-down approach. In other words, benefactors set their set time and this influences the execution of participatory growth of journalism in FCC. The organization, naturally, must rush for doing the advancement of journalism works based on the donors' schedule. This in turn guides the attention of the organization to prepare reports and also to keep due dates instead of consider neighborhood demands and also build agreements. The brief duration of tasks' life span is likewise mentioned as an impediment of participatory growth of the press by scholars.

The various other significant variable that affects the method of development of the press communication, as a whole and also participatory journalism and interaction specifically, is absence of professionalism and trust in the interaction division of the company. When we see the account of the communication staff, there is only one professional that has actually finished in the field of communication. Others are not from the area of communication. In all the task offices of the research sites there is no person appointed based upon his/ her occupation, interaction. Because of this void, participatory journalism and interaction might not be exercised expertly, and also its role for growth of the press may not be recognized well. Simply put, the absence of abilities to manage participatory journalism and also communication is the outcome of such specialist voids.

The information reveals that the bad handling of neighborhood conversation (CC) affects the interaction with the neighborhood area not to be dialogical in ways that encourage the regional neighborhood. Usually, lack of expertise and skills on just how to connect in the growth of journalism context are amongst the voids that prevent the communication works of the company. Essential reflection on the marginalization of participatory communication. He competes that when other techniques figure out the standing of communication, expertise will experience a whole lot. Other privileged occupations in advancement of the press might require interaction to distribute info in order to attain their pre-determined objectives.

## **5.0 Conclusion and Recommendations**

The importance of digital media as a part of people's overall media use, and the increasing number of people who rely on online sites for news has been a gradual development unfolding since the late 1990s with the rise of internet. In the last few years, however, the steady relocation towards digital media has actually accelerated and also altered in possibly extensive ways as the desktop computer and search-- based web of the 2000s is increasingly complemented by a mobile and also social internet in the 2010s. Based upon the above conversation, the major factors that influence participatory development of the press



communication could be classified right into 3 styles. These are the private factors, the institutional or organizational aspects and the environmental elements.

The individual factors include the perceptions and also practices concentrating on the private development of journalism functions or professionals in FCC. These aspects consist of the sight, assumptions and also ideas of development of the press employees concerning advancement of journalism as economic growth, participatory development of journalism communication as info sharing and also persuasion, and participation as labor and product contributions. Besides, the assumption in the direction of the neighborhood area as recipients, not as stakeholders, as well as the existing low level of professionalism in interaction could be part of the private aspects impeding the method of advancement of the press communication of the company.

The institutional variables describe features that influence participatory advancement of journalism communication and also have organizational dimension. These are variables past the extent of specific professionals or advancement of the press workers. These factors include the top down advancement of journalism approach, company's structural trouble, absence of sufficient male power as well as lack of communication plan and also method. The ecological elements, on the other hand, describe variables related to the broader growth of the press context past the immediate control of the organization. These include the broader political history and also socio-cultural contexts of the area or the nation, reliance syndrome, short time period of the advancement of the press projects as well as the impact of contributors and federal government interventions. Several of the factors thematically classified over, nevertheless, are interlinked as well as occasionally they overlap each other and they are difficult to be categorized at particular degrees. As an example, professionalism could have both specific and also institutional measurements. The periods of advancement of the press jobs may have both institutional and also ecological measurements.

Freedom of expression as well as press by the media can contravene a resident's right not to be subject to false statements in the media that would certainly malign an individual's character. That is, the media do not have a general right under the principle of safeguarded totally free press or speech to dedicate slander (to speak incorrect information with an intent to damage an individual) or libel (the printing of incorrect details with intent to damage an individual or entity). The media have just a minimal right to publish product the federal government claims is categorized. If a paper or media outlet obtains classified material, or if a reporter is witness to info that is identified, the federal government may ask for particular material be redacted or gotten rid of from the write-up. The line in between the people's right to know as well as nationwide safety is not constantly clear. In 1971, the High court listened to the Pentagon Papers instance, in which the United States federal government sued the New York City Times and the Washington Article to quit the release of info from a classified research study of the Vietnam War. The relocate to a significantly electronic, mobile, as well as social media atmosphere with increasingly intense competitors for focus where tradition media like broadcasters and specifically newspapers, while continuing to be really vital information producers are coming to be fairly lesser as distributors of information as well as are under expanding pressure to develop brand-new digital business designs as their existing operations decrease or go stale.

The repercussions for informational variety as well as media pluralism, trick to freedom of expression (comprehended as the capability to give and also receive details) are blended. An increasingly electronic media atmosphere gives web users access to an increasing number of information from an increasing number of sources, boosting the chances people need to make use of diverse sources and come across different perspectives. At the same time the

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environment is progressively controlled by a limited variety of very large players and also accompanied by combination as well as cost-cutting somewhere else in the media landscape which can in time reduce media pluralism by weakening the variety of news manufacturing especially in little markets, in much less rewarding particular niche problem locations, as well as at the regional level. The internet has made details available. Search engines and social media have actually played a key function in marking details extra obtainable, beneficial, and also involving. At the same time, their success with target markets as well as advertisers likewise tests many of the media organizations particularly news media-- that create much of the information in the first place. The single most significant obstacle encountering journalism today is the public's absence of count on it. This is not a new obstacle, but it is persistent, and also it has actually been becoming worse.

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