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Characteristics of Underreported Stories

An <u>underreported news story</u> is a news story that is important, but doesn't get as much attention in the news as other topics or content.

An underreported news story does any or all of the following:

| Analyzes root causes, historical context, and/or lasting human impacts |
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| of a current event. |
| Evaluates credibility and bias (truthfulness, honesty and accuracy) in |
| their sources and communications. |
| Evaluates the views of historically marginalized people. |
| Raises awareness about important issues that many people know very |
| little about. |
| Holds the powerful accountable, often by exposing corruption. |
| Builds empathy for groups and ideas. |
| Finds solutions to difficult problems and work to make change in the |
| world. |