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Underreported Stories Analysis Framework

Causes

–What root causes are mentioned in the article?
–What policies help to create the problem?
–How has history contributed to the problem?

- The main reason this is happening is because public clinics in Mexico keep running out of insulin, so people have to go buy it on their own out of pocket
- Big companies basically control the insulin market, so they charge whatever they want.
- Mexico doesn't even have good numbers on how many people actually have diabetes, so they don't order enough insulin.
- The government tries to buy insulin in bulk to save money, but it's not working. They're buying less now than they were before.
- There aren't really strong rules that stop pharmacies from overcharging people.

Effects

–Who is affected?
–What is the impact of the problem on those affected?
–How does the author present these effects to the reader?

- The people who get hurt the most are people with diabetes who literally need insulin every day.
- Families that don't make a lot of money end up paying \$35–\$109 for ONE vial when clinics don't have it.
- They also have to buy all the extra stuff like syringes, glucose monitors, and special food, which makes it even more expensive.
- When people can't get insulin, their health is in danger, like they can die.
- The author shows this by telling one family's story and using real numbers to show how big the problem is.

Power Dynamics

–Whose voice or perspective is presented in the article?
–Who has the power in the story?
–How is it being used?
–Is its use harmful or helpful?

- The article mostly shares the voices of the families struggling, plus some doctors and one government official.
- The ones who really have the power in this situation are the big insulin companies and the government agencies that buy the insulin.
- The companies use their power to keep prices high, even when there are shortages.
- The government has the power to fix it, but their plans aren't really helping people right now.
- Because of how things are set up, the power is hurting patients more than helping them.

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Authorial Choices

–How does the author highlight the experiences of those who are marginalized? (Include notable word choices, rhetorical devices, or reasoning)

The author shows what marginalized people go through by starting the article off with a real family's situation, so you actually feel what they're dealing with. They use real numbers to show how expensive everything is for low-income families. They talk about the families in a more emotional way but switch to straight, plain language when it comes to the government and companies. And they let the people affected speak for themselves, so their pov's are the main focus.

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Causes –What root causes are mentioned in the article? –What policies help to create the problem? –How has history contributed to the problem?	- There are only 3 corporations in the insulin industry that produce insulin, forming an oligopoly over the industry. - In the past, the creator of insulin renounced the patent, which we can infer was to make it more available. - Government health insurance covers the costs of insulin for most, but it is expensive for those without insurance.
Effects –Who is affected? –What is the impact of the problem on those affected? –How does the author present these effects to the reader?	- 35% of sufferers in low to middle income countries have to pay for medication out of pocket - Due to how expensive insulin and related medicines are, and because of shortages, it is a significant financial burden on a family. - The author specifically highlights how treatment prices affect those without insurance.
Power Dynamics –Whose voice or perspective is presented in the article? –Who has the power in the story? –How is it being used? –Is its use harmful or helpful?	- The article presents the perspective of low to middle income families who have diabetic family members who lack health insurance. - The insulin laboratories have the power in the article. - The power is being used to increase profits for the

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	companies. - It is harmful to low to middle income families without insurance who can't afford the medicine.
Authorial Choices –How does the author highlight the experiences of those who are marginalized? (Include notable word choices, rhetorical devices, or reasoning)	- The author starts out the article by listing numbers and statistics about insulin companies and Colombian insurance. However, the author also mentions supply shortages and their cause, which is the lack of competition. The author then highlights people in low to middle income countries around the world who don't have insurance, and how their private markets mean that supply is often limited and prices being higher.

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Causes –What root causes are mentioned in the article? –What policies help to create the problem? –How has history contributed to the problem?	● One root cause highlighted is high insulin prices. It talked about how prices aren't due to production, manufacturing doesn't cost much. ● Patent protections and limited competition allows the companies to set high prices on insulin. ● Lack of government regulation on pricing contributes to the problem.
Effects –Who is affected? –What is the impact of the problem on those affected? –How does the author present these effects to the reader?	● Many people with diabetes in low income countries can't afford insulin. ● Some people take less insulin than they need because they can't afford the proper dosage. ● The author presents these effects by giving examples of financial stress and medical debt increase for affected families.
Power Dynamics –Whose voice or perspective is presented in the article? –Who has the power in the story? –How is it being used? –Is its use harmful or helpful?	● Patients have little to no influence on insulin prices across the world. ● Pharmaceutical companies have the most power over insulin prices ● Its use is harmful because it is harming those who need insulin to survive.
Authorial Choices –How does the author highlight the experiences of those who are marginalized? (Include notable word choices, rhetorical devices, or reasoning)	● In the article, the author gives a comparison between production cost and retail price to highlight the injustice. Production cost doesn't cost nearly as much as companies sell insulin for. ● The article Includes data. ● The author highlights patient stories to humanize the issue, hoping people would show empathy towards this problem.