

Constructive and Solutions Journalism









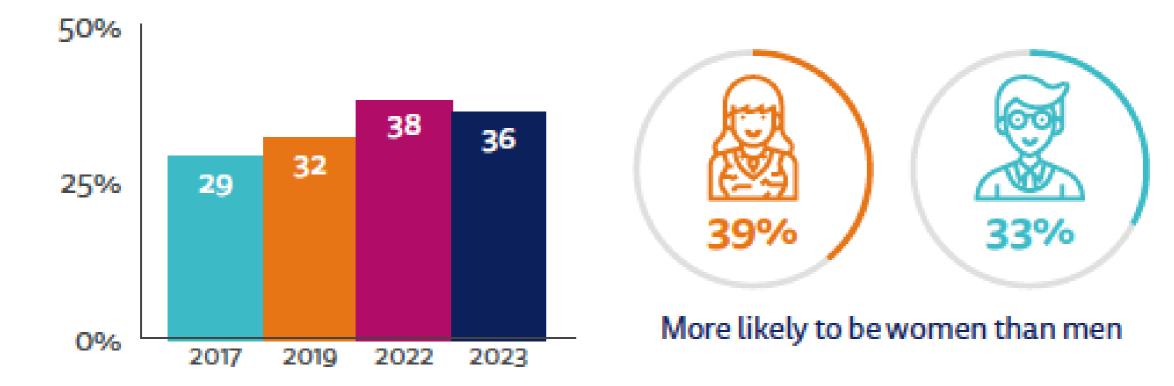


What share of the population avoids the news often or sometimes?

36% Up from 29% in 2017

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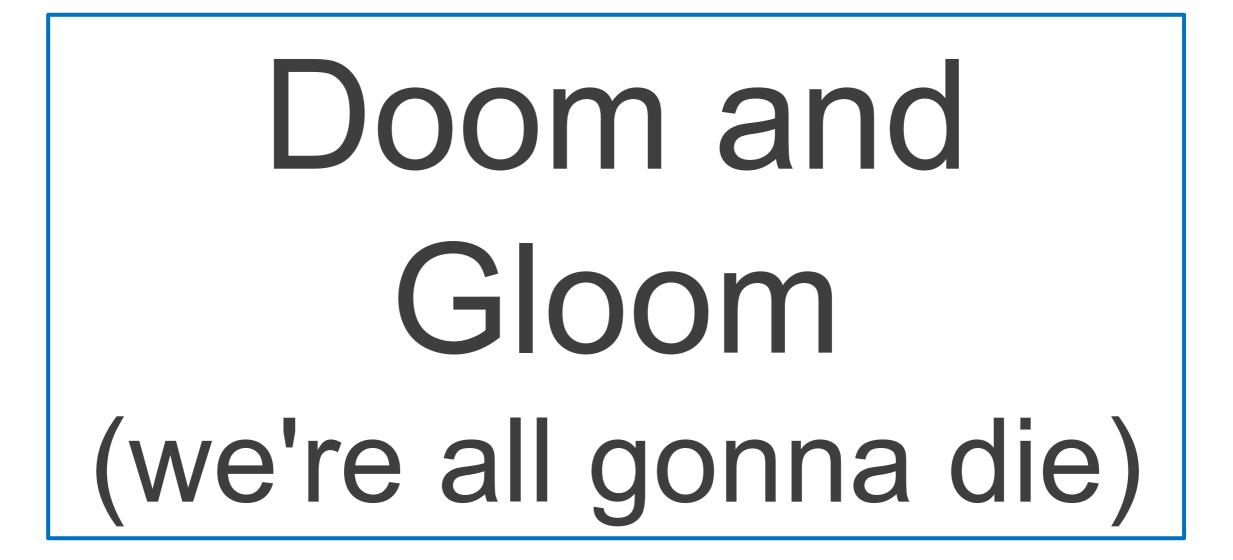
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Source: Reuters Digital News Report 2023

What is constructive journalism?



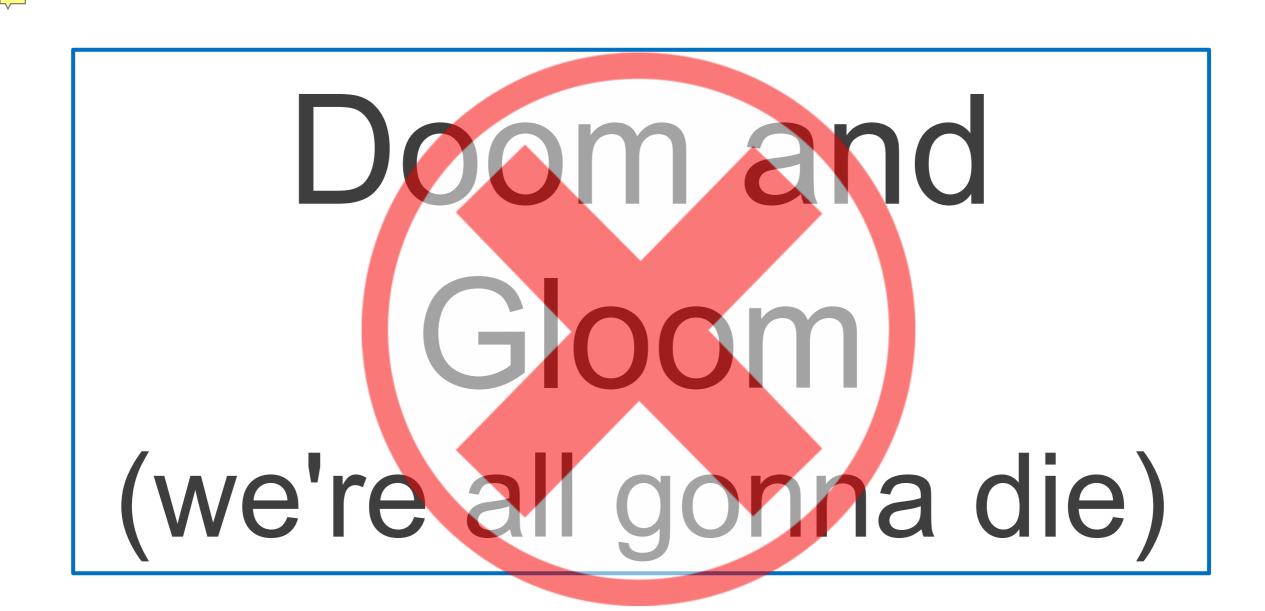






Not really

- Stories with alarming statistics drive more engagement on social media
- They don't change beliefs or cause people to take action



Constructive Journalism What is it?

A shift away from **only** covering conflict and problems to **also** addressing solutions to challenges and how to move forward.

It gives an accurate, complete picture of the world and stays true to quality journalism standards and ethics.







Sense of Doom



Constructive Mindset



Showing possibilities

Still telling the whole story





What about this one?





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One BILLION people will die from climate change by 2100, study claims

- World's richest will cause mass death mostly poor people in developing nations
- READ MORE: 1 billion people is currently one eighth of the global population

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Scientists have given a terrifying prediction about the future of humanity on this planet.

According to experts in **Canada**, one billion people – **one eighth of the current global population** – will die due to climate change if global warming reaches or exceeds 3.6°F (2°C) by 2100.

Most of those who die will be poorer humans living in the developing world, they say, while the ones contributing to mass fatalities will likely be the top execs at multi-billion dollar oil and gas companies.

Shift in Mindset



Will Zoom spell doom for business air travel?

Many experts are convinced business travelers won't fly as much as they did before the pandemic. But others say these people might be underestimating the power of a handshake.

HOW COULD WE REFRAME THE STORY OF BUSINESS TRAVEL BEING HIT BY COVID?

Problem focused



EU countries delaying, halting vaccinations over delivery shortages

Vaccination delivery delays have caused several countries in Europe to delay or even halt their vaccination programs. DW breaks down which areas have been hit the hardest.

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Just over a month after the first vaccine was doled out in Madrid, the Spanish capital is halting initial doses due to shortages

The European Union is embroiled in an escalating dispute with pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca over planned curbs in vaccine deliveries. Vaccines provided by BioNTech-Pfizer are also being supplied to European countries at levels lower than anticipated.

The shortages are already having an impact on the ground, with countries forced to either halt giving out first doses or to delay appointments.

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How Denmark is administering vaccines at three times the rate of Ireland

Europe Letter: Danes have vaccinated 2% of their population and even ran out of doses

② Wed, Jan 13, 2021, 20:30 Updated: Wed, Jan 13, 2021, 21:07



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Vans for the transport of vaccines arrive at the Statens Serum Institut in Copenhagen, Denmark, on December 26th, 2020. Photograph: Mads Claus Rasmussen/Ritzau Scanpix/AFP via Getty Images

ost EU countries have Covid-19 vaccines sitting in freezers.
Denmark is administering them so fast it has run out. Since the first Dane, pensioner Leif Heiselberg, rolled up his sleeve for a jab on December 27th, the country has given a dose to more than 2 per cent of its population.

Bad news happens and should be reported. The problem is that journalists usually talk **only** about bad news.

Constructive Journalism

completes the picture and moves forward



A closer look at solutions journalism

A closer look at Solutions Stories



Solutions Journalism – an explainer

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The four elements

1. An attempt to respond to a problem Include info about problem and approach to resolve (part of) it.



The four elements

2. Evidence

Include data on effectiveness. Is it working?

Be transparent if there's no data







3. Insights

What were the challenges, struggles and lessons learned? Can the solution be applied in other places. The four elements

4. Limitations

No solution is perfect. Talk about the limitations.



