

HOW TO BUILD ARGUMENTS TOWARDS A POSITIVE NARRATIVE?

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OBJECTIVES

<u>General objective:</u> Provide participants with strategies and tools to contribute to a more positive narrative on migrants and refugees

At the end of the session, participants will be able to understand:

- How does media tell the story of migrations (and people who migrate)?
- What is the role of the media in building the perception of the public towards migration?
- How to create communication tools to contribute to a more positive attitude towards migrants?

There will be a first, theoretical part, then a group exercise on case studies.

THE CONTEXT

CARTA DI ROMA (June 2008)



signed by CNOG and FNSI sharing the concern voiced by UNHCR

CODE OF CONDUCT (media coverage of asylum seekers, refugees, victims of trafficking and migrants)

- Respect, own dignity, not to discriminate race, religion, gender, physical and mental conditions and political opinions (Journalist's Charter of Duties)
- Special safeguards with minors (United Nations Convention on children's rights) (Charter of Treviso)
- -Adhering to the truth (art. 2 L. 69 1963)

Invite Italian journalists to:

- Highest care with information
- Adopt an appropriate terminology --> the greatest adherence to the truth
- Avoid spreading inaccurate, simplified or distorted info--> negative effects (people/media professionals' credibility)
- Safeguard those who choose to speak with the media --> not identifiable
- Consult experts and organizations with a specific expertise on the subject --> clear information



The Association Carta di Roma (December 2011)

a stable reference point for journalists, media operators, institutions, associations and activists involved in promoting and supporting the rights of asylum seekers, refugees, minorities and migrants

Seeks to promote:

- training activities for media operators
- research and monitoring activities
- seminars about asylum seekers, refugees, victims of human trafficking and migrants in media
- special awards and events
- collaboration between media operators, university institutes, civil society organizations and editors





"Per i clandestini la pacchia è strafinita" *Matteo Salvini 2nd june 2018* "For illegal immigrants the fun is over"

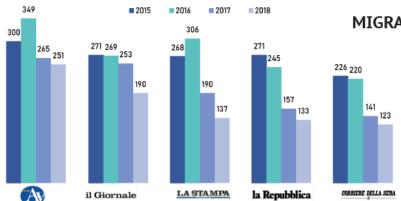


Distortion is the metaphor of 2018

Salvini is the word of 2018 (8,2% titles)

Washington Post campaign:
"Avoid repeating the lies of politics.
Avoid putting them in titles, leads or tweets.
It's this amplification that gives them power"

Condition of life, or work, easy and carefree, particularly convenient, without fatigue, problems or material concerns; having food and drink in abundance



MIGRATION - NEWSPAPERS



Front page news: 2018 --> 834 2017 --> 1.006

TERMS: increased --> INVASIONS, EMERGENCY, ALERT

0,40 0,30 0,10 -0.03-0,06 0,00 -0,18-0.10-0,20-0,30 -0,40-0,50 2015 2016 2017 2018

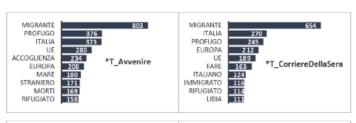
Invasion --> "The landings don't respite, but this year they are 80 percent less"

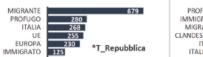
more alarming and nastier language

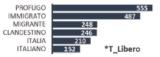
JAN/FEB 2018 "negro" (pejorative) --> appears 57 times

Emergency news --> SPAVENTATORI (=the ones who scare) not journalists

MIGRANTS --> movement, instability
Process UNSOLVED --> CRISIS and EMERGENCY
IN-SECURITY vs DEMAND OF SECURITY (political agenda)









Crisi dei migranti, l'Europa teme la polveriera Balcani Sempre più profughi ammassati in Grecia dopo la chiusura dei confini in Macedonia



Dogane, aeroporti, valichi. Mobilitati gli eserciti Il timore di nuovi attacchi fa innalzare le difese

Libero **SSE L'UNIONE A PEZZI** IL SULTANO MINACCIA

Erdogan riapre le frontiere: «Pronti a invadere l'Europa»

Un'ondata di profugisi, la pona di morte e il via libera allo stapro di minor

LA STAMPA Integrazione e inclusione Torino scommette sulla comunità cinese Progetto di tre anni rivolto soprattutto al glovani

Libero L'integrazione si è rivelata una favoletta Oddio, scioperano pure i profughi

LA SICILIA Migranti, quei minori salvati dall'orrore grazie a volontari-tutori LINCHIESTA-2. Bamba, Lamin, Munine, storie di una possibile integrazione

IL SECOLO XIX L'onda arriva in Croazia, nuova crisi Vertice straordinario dell'Europa

ALLARME IMMIGRAZIONE Caos Europa

Ora l'Europa chiude i confini Ma noi restiamo un colabrodo

Austria, Olanda e Siovacchia seguono l'esempio della Germania, che presa d'assalto dai profaghi ripristina i controlli. La Francia pronta a imitarle

l'odio e le divisioni

la Repubblica La scenario

L'angreza dello sentore lancese: "In questo modo non Altri muri alle frontiere così l'Europa fomenta



Minori in fuga dai centri di accoglienza

Migranti, un esodo che non conosce fine **Ouasi tremila sbarcati** nei porti siciliani

CHICAGO STATE

CORRIERE DELLA SERA Sicilia Quota 43 mila annivi. Salvini: stop Mare nostrum Un milione di immigrati Esodo nel Mediterraneo Sbarcati in un giorno Esodo record in Europa più di tremila migranti Dopo la Grecia sianno il Paese più invaso. Ouasi 3,700 i morti in mare: ieri canesimo naufrugio con villime

TRAGEDIA DELLA FOLLIA NEL CASERTANO Clandestino <u>uccide</u> a pugni il vicino di letto in ospedale

L'assassino, un ghanese irregolare, era ricoverato in un centro psichiatrico: ba massacrato un paziente 77enne

Nuovo episodio di violenza nel Barese Nigeriano aiuta una 75enne Poi la picchia e la stupra

Libero

::: ALLARME INVASIONE

100,707,000 (mark) 91,07,2017

Il giovane, ospite in un centro di accoglienza, si era offerto di porta rle la spesa Dopo è tornato a chiedere la carità: arrestato. La donna è ricoverata per le ferite

il Resto del Carlino

Clandestino stupra l'assistente sociale dopo la festa multietnica del Comune

Reggio Emilia, si voleva favorire l'integrazione, Arrestato nordafricano

ILTEMPO Richiedente asilo stupra minorenne

Violenza nel Reggiano Il pachistano ha approfittato del deficit mentale del ragazzo Il ventunenne straniero era ospite di un connazionale. È stato arrestato dai carabinieri

Eibero MILANO Il delitto di Voghera, la pista della droga Clandestino da 15 anni uccide italiano

Terrore sulla linea Bergamo-Milano Senegalese clandestino rapina e violenta una ventenne sul treno

Cibero MILANO

L'aseros. 32 anni, miesocia la vittima con un cubello e la molesta per senti minuti. Avene scentato tre anni di curcare per lo stesso reato. Salirici costrazione chimica

QN Profugo violenta una turista a Roma Aveva il permesso umanitario

In cella un giovane del Bangladesh. Incastrato dalle telecamere Libero

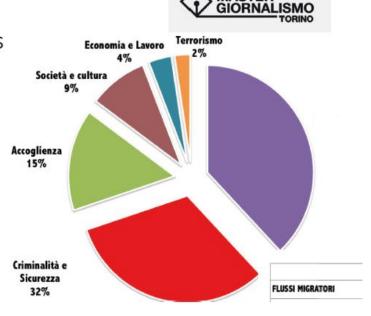
Marocchino stupra una disabile

MIGRATION - TV

MIGRANTS = heart of a political confrontation and values --> EMOTIONS --> TELEVISION by italians --> 87% (Observatory Demos-Coop)

IMMIGRATION AND MIGRANTS --> **THE THEME 4.068** news in 10 months (300 more than 2017)
10% of video news per day --> 13 days per year without
43% EXPRESSLY referred to POLITCS

immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees INTERVIEWS --> 16% 78% men VS 22% women (evictions or violence victims)





MIGRATION - WEB AND SOCIAL

and 1.1K others



Social are **not MEDIA**, but IM-MEDIATE communication channels

Period of IM-MEDIATE COMMUNICATION --> WORDS and THEME change quickly as FRIENDS and ENEMIES **JOURNALISTS MUST BE FRIENDS** --> monitoring and moderation --> #PublicEditor

.Feb 3, 2018. Shots exploded against people from a racing car in the center of Macerata. Six people - all Sub-Saharanian - are injured.

The shooter is a man of 28 years old, Luca Traini, wrapped in the tricolor

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Facebook page analysis --> key words "Traini" "Macerata"





Avvolto nel tricolore [LA DIRETTA]

www.ilfattoguotidiano.it

○ 9 1.2K

314 Comments 405 Shares

Macerata, spara agli immigrati dall'auto: "6 feriti"

509 Comments 528 Shares

Fermato: avvolto nel tricolore, ha fatto il saluto.

Comments of readers:



GUILT OF POLITICS

"The climate of hatred is generated by the inability to manage immigration. The real guilty are in Rome" (FB La Repubblica)

- INVASION/ALERT/RACISM

"Italians fed up with the invasion and the crimes committed by the invaders" (FB La Stampa)

-WE AGAINST THEM

"NOW, We"ll see which of the two of them will stay more in prison!!!" (FB La Repubblica)

-EXCUSE FOR VIOLENCE

"He is my hero. Holy, now. Honor to Luca Traini. Bravo Luca, but you should shoot better (FB Il Corriere)"

https://youtu.be/fkCNU1Rtqws "LA BESTIA DI SALVINI" Fanpage.it

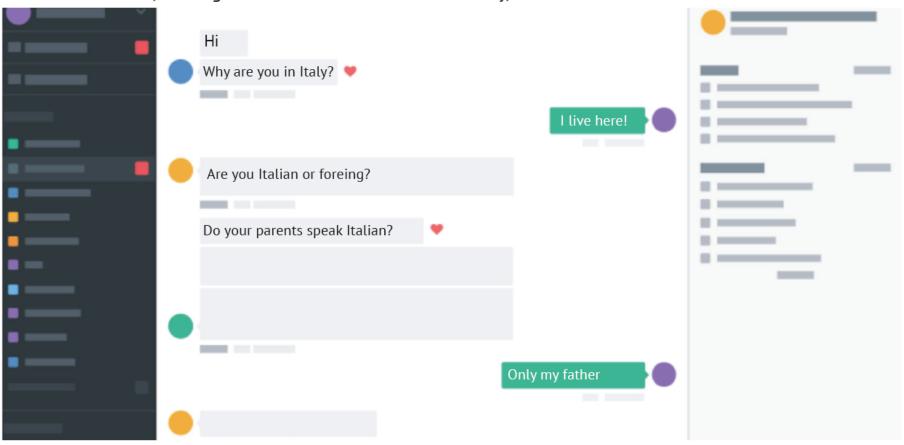
"The Beast" (nickname of Luca Morisi, digital spindoctor of Matteo Salvini)

Monitoring System of post and tweet --> best results to be in harmony with public opinion

MISPERCEPTION --> "All the italians are with us"

TRUTH --> Accounts =/ people + NRA Rifle Association + people against (Ex. FB page of Salvini 3millions of followers)

STRANIERO A CASA PROPRIA, un dialogo con chi abita nel nostro Paese, ma non si sente italiano FOREIGN AT HOME, a dialogue with those who live in our country, but does not feel Italian



https://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2019/01/19/news/migranti_una_notte_di_ricerche_vane_nessun_altro_superstite_del_primo_naufragio_dell_anno-216936208/?ref=RHPPLF-BL-IO-C8-P2-S1.8-T1

https://www.lastampa.it/2019/01/19/italia/naufragio-al-largo-della-libia-i-superstiti-sono-morte-persone-anche-donne-e-bambini-W7EPpUmwZaikhFAh91SOIL/pagina. html

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https://www.avvenire.it/attualita/pagine/naufragio-libia-salvati-3

http://www.ilqiornale.it/news/politica/i-trafficanti-uccidono-i-migranti-sinistra-incolpa-salvini-1631389.html

LA TRACEDIA NEL MEDITERRANEO

Migranti, 170 morti in due naufragi In 47 sulla Sea Watch, l'Italia non li vuole Salvini: «Porti chiusi» - Cosa sappiamo

di Giuseppe Gaetan

I dispersi proverrebbero da Nigeria, Gambia e Costa D'Avorio. Il gommone è naufragato venerdì a 45 miglia da Tripoli. Tre sopravvissuti salvati dalla Marina italiana. Il ministro dell'Interno Salvini sui social: «Cuori aperti ma porti chiusi a Ong e trafficanti» <u>a le operazioni di soccorso minuto per minuto di Marta Serofini</u>



Trafficanti uccidono migranti Ma la sinistra incolpa Salvini

Nubifragio al largo della Libia: morti e dispersi. Ma per la sinistra è colpa del pugno duro di Salvini e dei porti chiusi



Strage in mare: 120 morti, tre salvati dalla Marina. Sea Watch soccorre un gommone

Unhcr: 53 vittime in un altro naufragio. Mattarella: "Profondo dolore" di ALESSANDRA ZINITI

THE CASE OF TURIN



The case of Turin

Urban Spaces planned activities on media

- A laboratory with refugees/migrants' organizations.
 - A laboratory with civil society organizations.
 - Involvement of the master students.
- Lecture on journalism addressed to school students.
 - Participation to the US project final event.

In collaboration with:

- the Master of Journalism "Giorgio Bocca" of the University of Turin
- UNHCR
- migrants/refugees' organizations.



• Laboratories addressed to refugees/migrants' organizations and civil society organizations on communication strategies with the media.

Points to develop:
How to relate with the media
How to talk with the media
Messages to spread
Targeting the audience
Training spokespersons



Master students will be involved in:

- A laboratory on the implementation of the *Journalists' Code of Conduct on migration*, conducted by the *Association Carta di Roma*.
- Coverage of the USP activities on Futura (Master press service):
- Radio, newspapers and web news programme of the Master of journalism will speak about the USP activities



• On February, a lecture on journalism with a focus on migration will be organised for the students of some of the schools participating at the USP project.

Target: high school students

Participation to the US project final event (conference, panel discussion, TBD...).

WORKING WITH THE MEDIA



Be proactive





Create connections







Build a strategy

COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE FRAMEWORK

WHY

What is the situation on the ground which leads us to this communication initiative?

OBJECTIVE

Is it for visibility, leverage, acceptance and why? Explain the rationale of this.

WHAT - MAIN MESSAGES

Bullet points of the key messages we are pushing

TO WHOM

Who is the primary target of this communications: international media? General public? Are specific countries a priority? Are specific groups on social media a priority?

WHO

Which section is producing this comms? Or is it intersectional?

WHEN

Timing of the communications: is there an embargo? When should the comms be released?

HOW - Communication tools

Material / resources for the network to be able to pitch / disseminate the story:

Web update? Press release? Testimonies? Photos (where on media database)? B-roll?

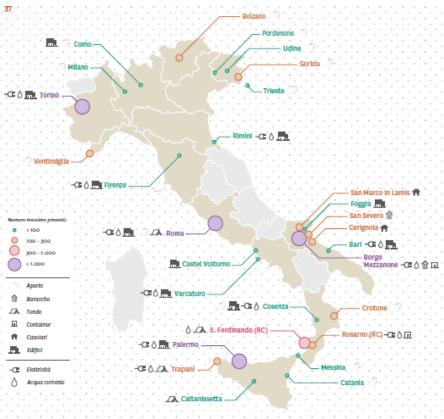
Any social media guidance on hashtags, specific accounts, etc?

Are there talking points? Spokespeople?



Speak the media language







Ethics & respect





MEDIA – SUMMARY

- Complex phenomenon, explain, pedagogic approach
- Engage proactively, journalists as ALLIES
- Organise moments to meet / connect ("Open Days")
- Prepare, think your strategy, Q&A, rehearse
- Tell stories, "soundbytes", numbers, use simple words
- Ensure ethics and respect

SOCIAL MEDIA



Channels and community





Social media formats





Boomerang effect







Invece di #tbcnograzie noi di MSF diciamo #AllarmismoNoGrazie - Separiamo i fatti dalla fantasia! #Tubercolosi bit.ly/1vRdCPz

12:06 - 4 Set 2014



Tubercolosi: Allarmismo No Grazie

Invece di "Tubercolosi No Grazie", noi di Medici Senza Frontiere (MSF) diciamo "No grazie" all'allarmismo basato sulla paura e l'ignoranza piuttosto che sui fatti. MSF è in prima linea nella lotta...

Visualizza sul sito







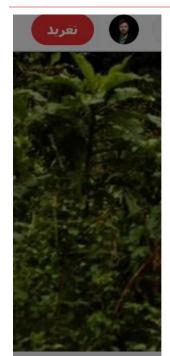


Interaction





Positive messages

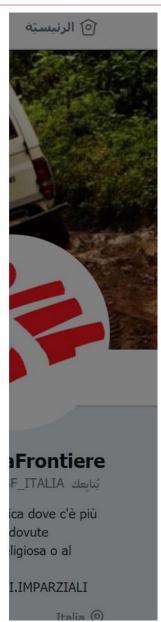






In un momento in cui la solidarietà è fortemente sotto attacco, abbiamo ricevuto tantissimi messaggi di vicinanza e sostegno. Questo video messaggio è per dirvi GRAZIE. Stai al nostro fianco bit.ly/2DB098t #IoStoConMSF #Aquarius







Influencers











Fact-checking













L'ANTI-SLOGAN

Le dieci leggende più diffuse sulla migrazione sfatate una a una.



LEGGENDA n°1

Ci portano le malattie

Malattie come Ebola, Tubercolosi e scabbia potrebbero diffondersi nel nostro Paese insieme agli immigrati. La mancanza di controlli sulle navi espone al contagio gli operatori impegnati nelle operazioni di soccorso e accoglienza dei migranti in Italia. Alla polizia non vengono forniti neppure gli strumenti minimi di profilassi. Stiamo correndo il rischio che malattie debellate da secoli in Italia ritornino a contagiarci e per molte di queste malattie non esiste nemmeno il vaccino.



FIRMA L'APPELLO >

LEGGENDA n°5

Vengono tutti in Italia. Sono troppi!



SOCIAL MEDIA – SUMMARY

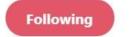
- Build an community, use hashtags
- Use the right formats
- Beware not to amplify the haters
- Create interaction, use positive messages
- Don't go "solo": influencers / allies
- Fact-check / use Q&As

STORYTELLING



Human stories





Eleven-year-old Zamir, from Afghanistan, lives in a crumbling, over-crowded building on #Bosnia's border with #Croatia. Despite 11 push-backs from Croatia back to Bosnia, Zamir's principles remain strong.





Images









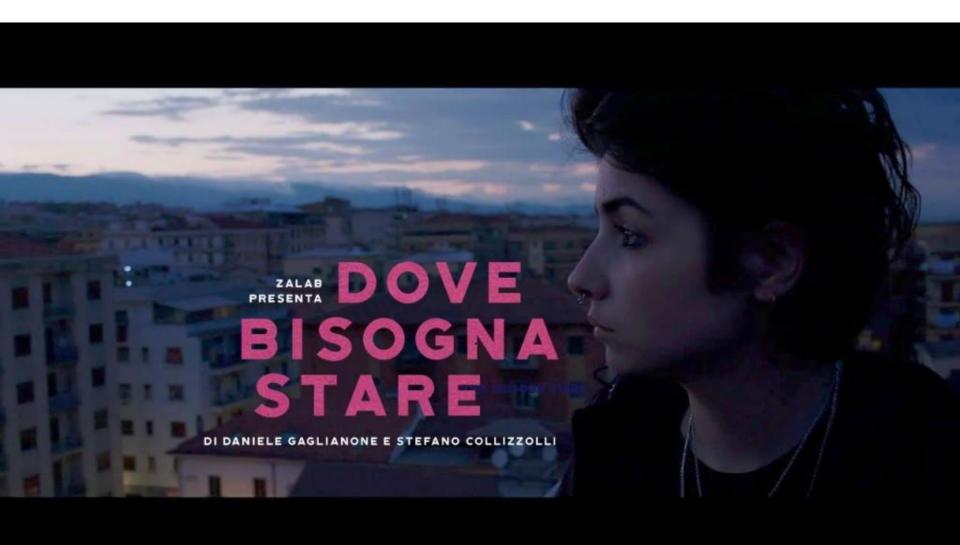


Survivor vs Victim





Civil society



STORYTELLING – SUMMARY

- Individual human stories (by migrants themselves)
- Pay attention to details and normality (empathy)
- Choose words: "refugees migrants people"
- Stories of survivors / actors and not just "victims"
- Positive examples, create network
- Story of the flight and the journey (?)

LET'S PRACTICE!



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Divide into two groups, each group works on one of the situations.

Please define a quick communication strategy including:

- Objectives
- Target audience
- Tools and actions
- Possible risks

30 minutes + report back