

# **PROJECT FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM NEWS COVERAGE INDEX CODEBOOK**

In this codebook you will find information on variables included in the 2007 PEJ News Coverage Index (NCI) dataset made available through our website. This codebook includes variable names, definitions and applicable procedures, specifics on changes that were made to certain variables such as when certain variables were added and subtracted from the coding scheme. The complete methodology of the weekly NCI can be found at [http://www.journalism.org/about\\_news\\_index/methodology](http://www.journalism.org/about_news_index/methodology).

The list of variables included is as follows: story date, story ID, source, broadcast start time, duration in seconds, headline, story word count, placement/ prominence, story format, big story, sub-storyline, geographic focus, broad story topic, campaign mention, lead newsmaker, and media sector.

## **VARIABLES**

### **STORY DATE:**

- **Definition:**  
This variable designates the date on which the news story was published, broadcast, or posted.
- **Procedure:**  
Express year, then month, then date (year/month/date).
- **Example:** January 12, 2004= 20040112

### **STORY ID:**

- **Definition:**  
This variable provides a unique ID number for each news story.
- **Procedure:**  
The number will automatically be assigned to each story by the Database program.

### **SOURCE:**

- **Definition:**  
Designates the outlet (and program for broadcast media) in which the individual news story appeared.

## **Codes**

**Newspapers**  
NY Times

001

Washington Post	002
Wall Street Journal	003
USA Today	004
Boston Globe	006
Star Tribune (MN)	007
Star Beacon (OH)	009
Austin Statesmen	010
Bakersfield California	011
Sun Chronicle (MA)	012
LA Times	013
Albuquerque Journal	014
Chattanooga Times Free Press	015
<b>Online</b>	
CNN.com	200
Yahoo News	201
MSNBC.com	202
Google News	204
AOL News	206
<b>Television</b>	
ABC	
Good Morning America	401
World News Tonight	402
NBC	
Today	421
NBC Nightly News	422
CBS	
The Early Show	441
CBS Evening News	442
PBS	
Newshour with Jim Lehrer	461
CNN	
CNN unspecified show	500
CNN Daytime	501
Situation Room	502
Anderson Cooper 360	504
Paula Zahn (1/1/07- 8/1/07)	505
Lou Dobbs	506
Out in the Open (8/6/07-12/31/07)	507

MSNBC		
MSNBC unspecified show		520
MSNBC Daytime		521
Hardball		522
Countdown with Keith Olbermann		523
Tucker		524
Scarborough Country (1/1/07- 6/28/07)		525
Dan Abrams (7/2/07- 12/31/07)		526
Fox News		
Fox News unspecifiedshow		540
Fox News Daytime		541
Special Report with Britt Hume		542
O'Reilly Factor		543
Hannity and Colmes		544
Fox Report with Shepard Smith		545
<b>Radio</b>		
NPR		
Morning Edition		801
Other Radio		
Rush Limbaugh		821
Ed Schultz		822
Randi Rhodes		823
Sean Hannity		824
Michael Savage		825
ABC News Headlines		827
CBS News Headlines		828

**Note:** Unspecified for any source means when any time there is a change in normal programming, we code the replacement show and label the show as unspecified.

## **BROADCAST START TIME:**

- **Definition:** This variable applies to radio and TV broadcast news and gives the STARTING TIME of the program in which the story appears.

### **Codes**

Morning program (6 a.m. – noon)	=	1
Noon program (noon – 2 p.m.)	=	2
Afternoon program (2 – 5 p.m.)	=	3
Evening program (5 – 8 p.m.)	=	4
Night program (8 – 11 p.m.)	=	5
Late Night Program (11 PM on)	=	6
Not broadcast	=	999999999

## **DURATION IN SECONDS:**

- **Definition:** It is the amount of time in seconds for a broadcast story only, calculated by subtracting story start time from story end time.

## **HEADLINE:**

- **Definition:** For radio and TV broadcasts only, this variable determines whether the story is part of a regular news round-up segment – often appearing at the beginning of an hour or half-hour broadcast show.

### **Codes**

Not a headline/round-up story	=	0
Is a headline/round-up story	=	1
Print N/A (newspapers and online)	=	999999999

## **STORY WORD COUNT:**

- **Definition:** Designates the word count of each individual print and online news story.
- **Procedure:** Enter the exact word count as reported by the database from which a story is pulled. If not provided, cut and paste story into Word document and run "word count" tool. Do NOT count headlines, sub-heads, datelines, bylines, or photo captions.

If story is broadcast, code is 999999999.

## **PLACEMENT/ PROMINENCE:**

- **Definition:** Designates where stories are located within a publication, on a website, or within a broadcast. The location reflects the prominence given the stories by the journalists creating and editing the content.
- **Placement for Newspapers**

**Procedure:** Prominence of lead story is determined by starting on the top-right corner of the front page, moving to the left corner, then moving down the left side of the front page. The location of prominence on the front page of a newspaper resembles an "S" shape pattern. A story that appears below the fold regardless of prominence is coded as 105.

### **Newspaper Codes**

Front Page/Most Prominent	= 101
Front Page/2 <sup>nd</sup> Prominent	= 102
Front Page/3 <sup>rd</sup> Prominent (only if above the fold)	= 103
Front Page/Other – above the fold	= 104
Front Page/Other – below the fold	= 105
Front Page/DK/Can't Tell	= 120
Don't Know/Can't Tell	= 199

- **Placement for News Web Sites**

**Procedure:** Only code stories with significant headlines. We are also only coding stories made up of narrative text. We are not coding videos, audio clips, etc. at this time. The biggest headline at the top of the screen is the most important story. The second most prominent story is a story that is attached to an image at the top of the screen, if that is a

different story from the most prominent story. If there is no image at the top of the screen, (or there are two significant stories attached to the same image) refer then to the next largest headline. To determine the next prominent stories, refer to the size of the headlines, and the place (height) on the screen. If two stories have the exact same font size and are located at the exact same height on screen, then the story on the left has more prominence.

### **News Web Site Codes**

Home Page/Most Prominent	= 201
Home Page/2 <sup>nd</sup> Prominent	= 202
Home Page/3 <sup>rd</sup> Prominent	= 203
Home Page/4 <sup>th</sup> or lower Prominence	= 204
Home Page/DK/Can't Tell	= 220
Don't Know/Can't Tell	= 299

- **Placement for Broadcast**

**Procedure:** Decide what order in the broadcast the story appeared.

### **Broadcast Codes**

Pre-story banter (anchor discussion prior to any news piece, such as when Jon Stewart introduces the Daily Show)	= 400
1 <sup>st</sup> story	= 401
2 <sup>nd</sup> story	= 402
3 <sup>rd</sup> story	= 403
4 <sup>th</sup> story	= 404
5 <sup>th</sup> story or later	= 405
Don't Know/Can't Tell	= 499

## **STORY FORMAT**

- **Definition** Measures the type and origin of stories. It designates, at a basic level, whether the news story is a product of original reporting, or drawn from another news source. It delineates stories within the publication or broadcast, while measuring the stories' type and origin.

### **Print and Online News Web Sites**

**Procedure:** First determine if the story is a straight news story, a news analysis (which will always be labeled as “Analysis”), or an opinion column. A straight news story is an accounting of events without significant opinions expressed by the author of the article. A news analysis story must be explicitly labeled as “News Analysis” or “commentary” or something equivalent. And an opinion piece is an editorial, op-ed, or other piece expressing the author’s opinion (like a music review).

Then determine the authorship of the story. Look at both the byline at the top of the story, and any credit lines that are included at the bottom of the story to determine authorship.

### **Print and Online News Web Site Codes**

#### **Straight news stories:**

Internal staff report w/ byline	= 01
Internal staff report, no byline	= 02
Wire Story (non-parent company, such as AP or Reuters)	= 03
Combo Staff/Wire News Story (non-parent wire)	= 04
Parent Company (wire story or other)	= 05
Other News Outlet	= 06
Outside contributor/Freelancer	= 07
Combo staff/Parent Co. Wire Story	= 08

#### **Articles noted as news analysis:**

Internal staff report w/ byline	= 11
Internal staff report, no byline	= 12
Wire Story (non-parent company, such as AP or Reuters)	= 13
Combo Staff/Wire News Story (non-parent wire)	= 14
Parent Company (wire story or other)	= 15
Other News Outlet	= 16
Outside contributor/Freelancer	= 17
Combo staff/Parent Co. Wire Story	= 18

#### **Opinion columns:**

Internal staff report w/ byline	= 21
Internal staff report, no byline	= 22
Wire Story (non-parent company, such as AP or Reuters)	= 23
Combo Staff/Wire News Story (non-parent wire)	= 24
Parent Company (wire story or other)	= 25
Other News Outlet	= 26
Outside contributor/Freelancer	= 27
Combo staff/Parent Co. Wire Story	= 28

Non-staff/Non-wire reporting or authorship	= 38
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**Broadcast TV and RADIO****Broadcast TV and Radio Codes:**

**Standard Package/with editing:** Designates a story that has been mostly prerecorded, although some packages can include a live segment by the reporter. It must feature video (for TV) and a source and/or REPORTER speaking. Anchor voiceovers setting up packages should be counted as part of package. An edited montage of soundbites, though rare, would be a package. = 51

**Anchor Package/with editing:** Designates a story that has been mostly prerecorded, although some packages can include a live segment by the ANCHOR (instead of a reporter). It must feature video (for TV) and a source and/or anchor speaking. Anchor voiceovers setting up packages should be counted as part of package. = 52

**Interview with External Source:** Interviews conducted with a source that is not part of the newsroom staff or not explicitly identified as being affiliated with the organization as a consultant or analyst (i.e., CNN analyst or consultant) on the newsroom payroll. The interview could be live or live-to-tape but must be or appear to be unedited – video overlays without audio during the interview does NOT make the segment an edited package. Also, a segment may have introductory video clips as part of the interview set-up - consider these part of the interview story. = 53

**Interview with Staff or In-House Analyst:** Interview with a source who is part of the newsroom staff or explicitly identified as being affiliated with the organization as a consultant or analyst (i.e., CNN analyst or consultant). A segment may have introductory video clips as part of the interview set-up - consider these part of the interview story. The interview can take place in the studio or someplace else. = 54

If the interview includes experts on the payroll and not on the payroll, code on the basis of the majority of the interview time. (If the majority of the time is spent with a non-payroll experts, code 53.)

**Staff Live:** (This is also called a “Reporter Live”). Material from a journalist that does NOT include comments from other newsmakers. It is usually outside the studio but can be inside, though rare. It cannot be part of a package. It can be live or recorded earlier as a live shot.



Video overlays during a “Staff Live” report while the reporter is speaking do NOT make the report an edited piece. = 55

**Externally Produced Package:** This is similar to the package above, but the reports come from other news organizations and not the network or outlet being coded. Network outlets are other news organizations unless the reporter explicitly signs off as representing the outlet being coded.

Any segment that is made up solely of edited clips from other programs without an element produced by the internal news organization, would count as an externally produced package = 56

**External Live:** Live unedited material from another news outlet and is labeled as such = 57

**Anchor Voice Over:** Anchor Voice Over w/Video: Story reported by anchor with video to support. No reporter is involved. = 58

**Tell Story/No Source:** Anchor reader without video. Graphics and animations do NOT count as video. In the absence of a produced piece, graphic presentations of Stock Market figures are coded as “anchor-tell” stories even if there is no voiceover. = 59

**Banter:** Banter involves anchors, reporters, weather reporters or others talking among themselves rather than reporting about a topic. Anchors can banter with non-talent. Banter can include the back and forth among anchors and reporters about the news and is distinguished from an interview by its departure from a q-&a format. Banter may contain factual information and/or opinion. = 60

**Live event:** This is an event (e.g., a press conference, press briefing or news event, photo-op) that is carried live = 61

**Unedited audio or video:** An unedited replay of a single event (press conference, briefing) that is not carried live, but rather by tape at a later time. Similar to a “live event,” however is not carried live. An event that is only slightly edited, but shown in large portions (such as when the PBS Newshour shows large chunks of a press conference with only slight edits) is also coded here = 62

**Traffic/weather:** These segments are explicitly about typical daily weather and traffic conditions. = 63

**DK/Can’t Tell** = 99

**Talk Radio Only Codes:**

For talk radio shows only, use the following codes if a segment does not fall into any of the above formats. (Call-in segments should be coded as 53.)

**Host monologue/conversation with audio clips:** Host (or hosts) delivers a monologue or has a discussion with someone in the studio such as the producer, but it is not conducting an interview. During the monologue or conversation, audio clips are played and the host comments on them. This is different than banter because the discussion is about a particular topic, rather than a discussion about themselves = 70

**Host monologue/conversation w/o audio clips:** Same as code 70 above, except there are no audio clips during the discussion, only the host and perhaps another person in the studio are heard. This is different than banter because the discussion is about a particular topic, rather than a discussion about themselves. = 71

## **BIG STORY**

**Definition:** Big stories are particular topics that occurred often in news media during the time period under study. Important to note is that this list is constantly updated throughout the year.

**Procedure:** If 50% or more of a story is about one of these big stories, code appropriately. If a story contains mentions of more than one big story, code for the big story that is more prominently mentioned.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Big Story</b>	<b>Date Added*</b>
002	Immigration debate	1/01/07
003	Same-sex marriage debate	1/01/07
004	World Cup Soccer	1/01/07
005	U.S. domestic terrorism and efforts to combat	1/01/07
006	2006 mid-term Congressional election	1/01/07
008	CIA leak/Valarie Plame leak investigation	1/01/07
010	Enron scandal	1/01/07
011	U.S. economy	1/01/07
012	Duke University lacrosse scandal	1/01/07
013	Conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Lebanon	1/01/07
014	Conflict in the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians	1/01/07
016	North Korea nuclear conflict	1/01/07
017	War in Afghanistan	1/01/07
018	Iran	1/01/07
019	Congressional political corruption scandals	1/01/07
020	NASA and Space Shuttle Discovery	1/01/07
021	Hurricane Katrina aftermath	1/01/07
022	Global warming	1/01/07
023	Supreme Court actions	1/01/07

024	Abortion controversy	1/01/07
025	Stem cell research controversy	1/01/07
026	General Middle East discussion	1/01/07
027	Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter, dies	1/01/07
028	Spinach/E-Coli spread	1/01/07
030	HP spying scandal	1/01/07
031	Mark Foley page scandal	1/01/07
032	Amish school shooting	1/01/07
035	Baseball steroids scandal	1/01/07
036	Cory Lidle plane crash in NY	1/01/07
037	War on Terror general	1/01/07
042	Conflict in Sudan/Darfur	1/01/07
043	Ford Company reports record loss	1/01/07
044	Missing soldier in Iraq, abducted on Oct. 23	1/01/07
051	Exxon profits	1/01/07
052	Madonna and child	1/01/07
054	Firefighters killed in California blaze	1/01/07
055	Big drop in home prices	1/01/07
058	Saddam Hussein trial and execution	1/01/07
059	Pastor Ted Haggard scandal	1/01/07
062	Britney Spears divorce (stopped using after 2/19/07)	1/01/07
063	Rumsfeld resigns and Gates takes over	1/01/07
067	Presidential bids for 2008	1/01/07
070	New Democratic-lead Congress	1/01/07
078	O.J. Simpson	1/01/07
079	Video game consoles (Microsoft, Nintendo, etc.)	1/01/07
083	US Airways makes bid for Delta Airlines	1/01/07
086	Russian spy Litvinenko poisoning/death	1/01/07
087	Holiday Season	1/01/07
089	NY Cops shoot unarmed man, Sean Bell	1/01/07
100	Iraq War - events on the ground	1/01/07
101	Iraq War - U.S. homefront	1/01/07
102	Iraq War - policy debate	1/01/07
151	Snowstorms in NW and Midwest, beginning Nov. 29	1/01/07
159	Hugo Chavez wins Venezuela election	1/01/07
162	Missing family from San Francisco found in Oregon	1/01/07
167	Princess Diana – questions about death	1/01/07
169	Iran Conference about Holocaust	1/01/07
170	Raid on meat plants to target illegal immigrants	1/01/07
172	Sen. Tim Johnson (SD) stroke	1/01/07
173	Missing climbers in Oregon	1/01/07
175	Palestinian conflict – rival factions in Gaza	1/01/07
177	Libya sentences Bulgarian nurses to death	1/01/07
178	Miss USA, Tara Connor, controversy	1/01/07
180	Winter snowstorms, beginning Dec. 20	1/01/07
181	Gerald Ford death/funeral	1/01/07

182	2007 New Year's celebrations	1/01/07
183	Indonesian plane lost	1/01/07
184	Bronco football player shot	1/01/07
185	School shooting in Tacoma, WA	1/03/07
186	Harriet Miers resigns from White House	1/04/07
187	Somalia/Ethiopia conflict	1/04/07
188	Bush changes intelligence team	1/05/07
189	Warm winter/unusual winter weather	1/08/07
190	NYC odor, possible gas leak	1/08/07
191	U.S. attack on Somalia targets	1/08/07
192	College football championship	1/08/07
194	Malibu wildfires	1/09/07
195	Apple introduces iPhone	1/09/07
196	Plane crashes in Iraq from Turkey	1/09/07
197	Schwarzenegger's health care plan for CA	1/10/07
198	David Beckham signs to play in U.S.	1/11/07
199	U.S. Embassy in Greece attacked	1/12/07
200	Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell feud	1/12/07
201	Lost boys found in Missouri	1/12/07
202	Saddam aides hanged	1/15/07
203	Severe storms/ice storms, beginning Jan. 14	1/14/07
204	MLK Holiday/remembrances	1/15/07
205	Golden Globe awards	1/15/07
206	Train derails in KY	1/16/07
207	Cuba	1/16/07
208	Art Buchwald dies	1/18/07
209	China tests weapon in space	1/18/07
210	Oil prices drop significantly	1/17/07
211	American Idol TV show	1/18/07
212	Bush's State of the Union speech	1/22/07
213	Super Bowl/Football playoffs	1/22/07
214	Cargo ship wreck in England	1/22/07
215	Oscar awards	1/22/07
216	Lebanon, Hezbollah and students protests	1/23/07
218	Israel President Katsav charges	1/23/07
219	E. Howard Hunt dies	1/23/07
220	1964 race killing arrests	1/24/07
221	Energy debate	1/25/07
222	Health care debate	1/25/07
223	Jimmy Carter book/Israel controversy	1/22/07
224	Barbaro euthanized	1/29/07
225	Microsoft Vista release	1/30/07
226	Hubble Telescope	1/30/07
227	Gas station explodes in West Virginia	1/30/07
228	Village found near Stonehenge	1/30/07
229	British terror raids	1/31/07

230	Germany orders arrests over CIA kidnappings	1/31/07
231	Boston bomb scare/ad stunt	1/31/07
233	2008 Congressional campaigns	1/31/07
234	Florida tornados	2/02/07
235	Molly Ivins dies	2/02/07
236	S.F. Mayor Gavin Newsom affair	1/30/07
237	Bush's budget proposal	2/05/07
238	Astronaut Nowak kidnapping charges	2/06/07
239	Global child porn ring found in Austria	2/06/07
240	British letter bombs	2/06/07
241	Pelosi plane request controversy	2/06/07
242	Walmart discrimination lawsuit	2/06/07
243	Anna Nicole Smith dies	2/08/07
244	Grammy awards	2/08/07
246	Utah mall shootings	2/12/07
247	Putin's comments against U.S. foreign policy	2/12/07
248	Tornado hits New Orleans on Feb. 13	2/13/07
249	Chrysler cuts jobs	2/14/07
250	Madrid bombing trial	2/14/07
251	Mauritanian plane hijacking	2/15/07
252	Daytona 500/Nascar scandal	2/15/07
253	Italy indicts 31 in CIA abduction case	2/15/07
254	Tim Hardaway's anti-gay rant	2/15/07
255	Jet Blue problems	2/18/07
256	XM/Sirius satellite radio merger	2/18/07
257	Climbers rescued on Mt. Hood	2/18/07
258	India train bombing	2/18/07
259	Supreme Court dismisses tobacco suit	2/20/07
260	Britney Spears	2/20/07
261	HPV cervical cancer vaccine	2/23/07
262	13-yr-old Florida boy abducted at bus stop	2/23/07
263	Peanut butter salmonella from Georgia plant	2/23/07
265	Jesus' tomb, claims they were found	2/27/07
266	Stocks tumble worldwide on Feb. 27	2/27/07
267	Talk show host wars for cable/radio news	2/28/07
268	Arthur Schlesinger Jr. dies	3/01/07
269	Tornadoes in Alabama, Missouri on Mar. 1	3/01/07
270	Bus crash with baseball team in Atlanta	3/02/07
271	Disemberment suspect Stephen Grant in Detroit	3/05/07
272	Dick Cheney's health	3/05/07
273	Indonesia earthquake on Mar. 6	3/06/07
274	Shooting at LA print shop	3/05/07
275	Ann Coulter comments	3/07/07
276	Fired U.S. attorney controversy	3/07/07
277	John Couey convicted of killing Jessica Lunsford	3/07/07
278	Bronx row house fire	3/08/07

279	Bush trip to Latin America	3/08/07
280	Mega Millions lottery drawing	3/06/07
281	Indonesian plane crash on Mar. 7	3/07/07
282	NCAA basketball tournament	3/07/07
283	Gas/oil prices	3/12/07
284	California brush fire	3/12/07
285	Halliburton to move to Dubai	3/12/07
286	Gays in the military	3/14/07
287	Viacom sues YouTube	3/14/07
288	Snow storm in east/flight delays, beginning Mar. 16	3/16/07
289	Pet food/Chinese product recalls	3/18/07
290	Missing Boy Scout Michael Auberry in NC	3/18/07
291	Russian mine explosion	3/19/07
292	Airbus jet lands in NY and LA	3/19/07
293	Tony Snow's health	3/23/07
295	Northern Ireland conflict	3/26/07
297	White House scandals	3/28/07
298	Child hostages freed from school bus in Manila	3/28/07
299	Heart disease research	3/28/07
300	German polar bear Knut	3/28/07
301	Storm in Plains states on Mar. 28	3/28/07
302	Zimbabwe events	3/26/07
303	Soloman Island quakes/tsunami	4/02/07
304	Pelosi trip to Middle East	4/02/07
305	Shooting at CNN building	4/03/07
306	Taxes/Tax day	4/05/07
307	FBI agent shot in NJ bank robbery	4/05/07
308	Detroit shooting at office building	4/09/07
309	Don Imus's controversial comments	4/06/07
310	Algeria bombing on Apr. 11	4/11/07
311	Masters Golf tournament	4/08/07
312	Kurt Vonnegut dies	4/12/07
313	NJ Gov. Corzine injured in car crash	4/12/07
314	Mexico City earthquake	4/13/07
315	Snow/storms in April, beginning Apr. 8	4/08/07
316	VA Tech shootings	4/16/07
317	Paul Wolfowitz World Bank Scandal	4/16/07
318	Johnson Space Center gunman	4/20/07
319	Boris Yeltsin dies	4/23/07
320	Alec Baldwin voicemail scandal	4/20/07
321	David Halberstam dies	4/23/07
322	French elections	4/23/07
323	Indiana prison riot	4/24/07
324	Karl Rove special prosecutor investigation	4/24/07
325	Kucinich impeachment effort	4/24/07
326	Military coverup? Pat Tillman and Jessica Lynch	4/23/07

327	Texas tornadoes on Apr. 24	4/24/07
328	Georgia and Florida Wildfires	4/23/07
329	Istanbul, Turkey building collapse	4/26/07
330	Jack Valenti dies	4/27/07
331	Saudi Arabia arrests militants	4/27/07
332	SF highway collapse	4/29/07
333	DC escort scandal	4/30/07
334	Kansas City mall shooting	4/29/07
335	George Tenet book controversy	4/29/07
336	London bombing plotters convicted	4/30/07
337	Rice conference with Syria, Iran, about Iraq	5/03/07
338	Walter Schirra, astronaut, dies	5/03/07
339	Queen Elizabeth visits U.S.	5/03/07
340	LA Police actions at immigration rally	5/03/07
341	Rupert Murdoch bids for Dow Jones/WSJ	5/04/07
342	Tornadoes in Kansas on May 4	5/04/07
343	Paris Hilton to jail	5/04/07
344	Israel internal politics	5/07/07
345	6 held in NJ army base attack plot	5/08/07
346	Flooding in Midwest, beginning May 8	5/08/07
347	Tony Blair to resign	5/08/07
348	LA Griffith Park fires/CA fires	5/09/07
349	Germany, U.S. terror plot foiled	5/11/07
350	Chrysler sold	5/14/07
351	Cruise ship runs aground in Alaska	5/14/07
352	Jerry Falwell death	5/15/07
353	Pollution/emissions	5/14/07
354	Yolanda King dies	5/16/07
355	Missing girl in Portugal	5/14/07
356	NJ Wildfire	5/16/07
357	Comey story: Gonzales visited Ashcroft in hospital	5/17/07
358	Whales caught in Sacramento River	5/15/07
359	Lebanon violence	5/21/07
360	Jimmy Carter's comments about Bush	5/20/07
361	Avandia, diabetes drug	5/21/07
362	Body armor for U.S. troops	5/21/07
363	Pew Forum report on Muslim Americans	5/22/07
364	United plane makes emergency landing	5/25/07
365	Memorial Day events/remembrances	5/28/07
366	Lindsay Lohan	5/28/07
367	Texas and Plains states flooding, beginning May 28	5/28/07
368	Robert Zoellick, World Bank nominee	5/28/07
369	Tuberculosis traveler	5/29/07
370	Texas mother hanging deaths	5/29/07
371	Hugo Chavez, Venezuela TV station	5/28/07
372	Miss Universe/Miss USA	5/29/07

373	Minimum wage increase	5/25/07
374	Dan Bartlett resigns	5/25/07
375	Dr. Kevorkian released from jail	5/29/07
376	Bush requests more AIDS funding for Africa	5/29/07
377	Russia/U.S. relations	6/01/07
378	Hurricane season coming	6/01/07
379	NY Terrorist plot against JFK airport	6/01/07
380	Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas dies	6/04/07
381	G-8 Summit	6/06/07
382	Kansas teen, Kelsey Smith, killed	6/06/07
383	Connecticut missing teen is found	6/07/07
384	Gen. Peter Pace replaced	6/08/07
385	Sopranos TV show	6/11/07
386	NASA/Space station troubles	6/11/07
387	Beirut bombing that killed Lebanon lawmaker	6/13/07
388	Kurt Waldheim, ex-UN chief, dies	6/14/07
389	James Ford Seale convicted of 1964 deaths	6/15/07
390	Ruth Graham dies	6/14/07
391	LA hospital death case of E. Rodriguez	6/14/07
392	Texas/Plains flooding, beginning Jun. 18	6/18/07
393	Pedophile ring stopped in UK	6/18/07
395	Charleston, SC fire kills 9 firefighters	6/19/07
396	Ohio missing pregnant woman	6/18/07
397	Passport rule changes and problems	6/20/07
398	Journalists give cash to politicians	6/22/07
399	Lake Tahoe fire	6/25/07
400	Kidnapped BBC reporter in Gaza	6/25/07
401	VP Cheney controversies	6/25/07
402	Chris Benoit, wrestler, family deaths	6/26/07
403	CIA releases internal reports	6/26/07
404	Liz Claiborne dies	6/27/07
405	NYC power outage	6/27/07
406	Fairness Doctrine	6/28/07
407	London bomb discovered, Glasgow attack	6/28/07
408	Yemen attack at ancient temple	7/02/07
409	4 <sup>th</sup> of July celebrations/holiday	7/02/07
410	Beverly Sills dies	7/03/07
411	Pakistani mosque conflict	7/03/07
412	Harry Potter	7/02/07
413	Connecticut van drowning	7/04/07
414	Heat wave, beginning Jul. 6	7/06/07
415	Hot dog eating contest	7/04/07
416	Al Gore III arrested	7/04/07
417	Pennsylvania state government shutdown	7/09/07
418	Fires in western U.S.	7/09/07
419	Small plane crash near Orlando	7/10/07



420	Lady Bird Johnson dies	7/11/07
421	Pizza bomber case from 2003	7/12/07
422	Trucker, Bruce MendeHall, arrested for 6 killings	7/13/07
423	Conrad Black convicted of fraud	7/13/07
424	Japan earthquakes and nuclear leak	7/16/07
425	Catholic Priest abuse scandal	7/15/07
427	Brazilian plane crash	7/18/07
428	Michael Vick indicted	7/18/07
429	NYC steam pipe blast	7/18/07
430	FDA and tainted imported food	7/18/07
431	Bush colonoscopy, Cheney is temporary president	7/20/07
433	Pakistan	7/20/07
434	UK flooding	7/23/07
435	Maryland drug bust	7/24/07
436	NBA referee scandal	7/24/07
438	Connecticut home invasion murders	7/23/07
440	Stocks fall on Jul. 26	7/26/07
441	Oscar the cat at the hospice	7/26/07
442	Alberto Gonzales scandals	7/22/07
443	NASA troubles, astronauts drinking, etc.	7/22/07
444	Ingmar Bergman dies	7/29/07
445	Gordon Brown and Bush meeting on Jul. 29	7/29/07
446	Helicopters crash in Phoenix	7/27/07
447	Chief Justice Roberts' health	7/30/07
448	Infant deaths in Ocean City, Maryland	7/30/07
449	Barry Bonds chasing homerun record	7/29/07
450	Minneapolis bridge collapse	8/01/07
451	Ethics reform bill	7/29/07
452	Miners trapped after Salt Lake earthquake	8/06/07
453	2008 Olympics in Beijing	8/06/07
454	Heat wave beginning Aug. 5	8/05/07
455	Newark killings of college students	8/04/07
456	Stocks fall on Aug. 9	8/09/07
457	Indiana mine accident kills three	8/10/07
458	Karl Rove resigns	8/13/07
459	Hawaii earthquake and Hurricane Flossie	8/13/07
460	Space shuttle Endeavour	8/13/07
461	Merv Griffin dies	8/12/07
462	Summer travel delays	8/12/07
463	Peru earthquake	8/16/07
465	Jenna Bush engaged	8/16/07
466	Marine helicopter crash in Arizona	8/17/07
467	Leona Helmsley dies	8/20/07
468	China airlines jet catches fire in Japan	8/20/07
469	Hurricane Dean	8/16/07
470	Storm Erin and Midwest flooding	8/16/07

471	NY firefighters die in Deutsche bank fire	8/20/07
472	CIA internal report on pre-9/11 efforts	8/22/07
473	Alberto Gonzales resigns	8/27/07
474	Greek Fires	8/27/07
475	Larry Craig arrested for lewd behavior	8/28/07
476	Noriega extradition to France	8/28/07
477	Richard Jewell dies	8/29/07
478	Poison gas found at UN	8/30/07
479	Hurricane Felix	9/02/07
480	Steve Fossett, aviator, missing	9/04/07
481	Germany arrests terror suspects planning against U.S. bases	9/05/07
482	Hurricane Henriette	9/03/07
483	Rep. Paul Gilmore found dead	9/05/07
484	Luciano Pavarotti dies	9/05/07
485	NJ government corruption probe	9/06/07
486	B-52 bomber with nukes flew over U.S.	9/05/07
487	Bin Laden to release tape on 9/11	9/02/07
488	September 11 Commemorations	9/09/07
489	Earthquakes hit Indonesia on Sep. 12	9/12/07
490	Japan prime minister Abe resigns	9/12/07
492	Putin dissolves Russian government	9/12/07
493	Hurricane Humberto	9/12/07
494	Miami cops shot after traffic stop	9/13/07
495	Thailand plane crash	9/16/07
496	Michael Mukasey as attorney general nominee	9/16/07
497	Emmy Awards	9/16/07
498	Alan Greenspan's book controversies	9/16/07
499	Florida student tasered at Kerry event	9/17/07
500	Dan Rather sues CBS, Viacom	9/20/07
501	Jena, Louisiana, legal and civil rights controversies	9/16/07
502	Norman Hsu fundraising scandal	9/16/07
503	Delaware State University shooting	9/21/07
504	Central Florida tornado on Sep. 21	9/21/07
505	MIT student with fake bomb in Boston	9/21/07
506	Myanmar protests	9/24/07
507	UAW negotiations with GM and Chrysler	9/24/07
508	Bush speech at UN on Sep. 25	9/25/07
509	O'Reilly's restaurant comments	9/23/07
510	Phil Spector trial	9/23/07
511	Miami boat crew missing, possible piracy	9/23/07
512	Nevada sex abuse videotape	9/27/07
513	Warren Jeffs polygamist trial	9/25/07
514	Baseball playoffs	10/01/07
515	Knicks and Isiah Thomas sexual harassment suit	9/30/07
516	Phoenix airport death of Carol Ann Gotbaum	9/30/07
517	South Africa mine rescue	10/04/07

518	Congo plane crash	10/04/07
519	Marion Jones steroid scandal	10/04/07
520	Mudslides in San Diego	10/03/07
521	Skydiver plane crash in Washington State	10/09/07
522	Wisconsin sheriff kills six	10/08/07
523	Nobel prizes	10/07/07
524	October heat wave	10/07/07
525	Cleveland high school shooting	10/10/07
526	Turkey/U.S. relations – vote on genocide	10/07/07
527	Pennsylvania teen with guns arrested	10/11/07
528	Putin’s trip to Iran	10/15/07
529	Dalai Lama trip to U.S.	10/15/07
530	Randi Rhodes mugged	10/14/07
531	Staph infection superbug	10/15/07
532	JFK workers drug bust	10/16/07
533	Western Wildfires beginning Oct. 22	10/22/07
534	Sailor kills two others in Bahrain	10/16/07
535	Canadian pedophile Christopher Paul Neil	10/16/07
536	Tornado on Oct.19	10/19/07
537	Georgia Supreme Court releases G. Wilson	10/26/07
538	Tropical Storm Noel	10/29/07
539	Beach house fire in North Carolina	10/28/07
540	James Peake nominated as Secretary of Veterans Affairs	10/30/07
541	Karen Hughes resigns from State Department	10/31/07
542	Paul Tibbets, pilot who dropped a-bomb, dies	11/01/07
543	Hollywood writers’ strike	10/29/07
544	Stock market drops on Nov. 1 and Nov. 7	11/1/07
545	Mexico flooding	11/2/07
546	Dog the Bounty Hunter scandal	10/29/07
547	Nuclear plant worker with device	11/02/07
548	Sarkozy visits U.S.	11/06/07
549	Oprah’s South Africa school scandal	11/05/07
550	2007 November local elections	11/06/07
551	Citigroup CEO shakeup	11/05/07
552	Finland school shooting	11/07/07
553	U.S. Copter crash in Italy	11/08/07
554	Unrest in the nation of Georgia	11/08/07
555	Water bill from Congress overrides Bush’s veto	11/08/07
556	Bernard Kerik indicted	11/08/07
557	Oil spill in San Francisco	11/09/07
558	Russian freighter accident and oil spill	11/12/07
559	Veterans Day	11/12/07
560	London fire on 2012 Olympic site	11/12/07
561	Kanye West’s mother dies	11/12/07
562	Chile earthquake	11/14/07
563	Travel during the holidays	11/11/07

564	Stacey Peterson scandal	11/11/07
565	Nada Nadim Prouty spy case	11/12/07
566	Bangladesh cyclone	11/15/07
567	Thanksgiving holiday	11/18/07
568	Natalee Holloway disappearance	11/19/07
569	Trent Lott to resign	11/26/07
570	Middle East Conference starts	11/27/07
571	Sean Taylor dies	11/27/07
572	Baby Grace case in Texas	11/27/07
573	Paris suburb riots	11/26/07
574	British teacher teddy bear case in Sudan	11/27/07
575	Bin Laden tape aimed at Europe	11/29/07
576	Hostage situation at Clinton headquarter	11/30/07
577	Evel Knievel dies	11/30/07
578	Hugo Chavez/Venezuela referendum	12/02/07
579	Russian election, Putin's party wins	12/02/07
580	Winter Storms east and west beginning Dec. 2	12/02/07
582	Omaha mall shooting	12/05/07
584	Pearl Harbor anniversary	12/07/07
585	Multiple church shootings in Colorado	12/09/07
586	Deep freeze in Plains states, NE storms beginning Dec. 10	12/10/07
587	Algeria blast at UN building	12/11/07
588	Nevada bus stop shooting	12/12/07
589	Lebanon blast kills Army general	12/12/07
590	NJ outlaws death penalty	12/12/07
591	Executive office building near White House on fire	12/19/07
592	Time person of year is Putin	12/19/07
593	Domestic spending bill before end of 2007	12/16/07
594	China	12/16/07
595	Russia	12/16/07
596	Kucinich's brother found dead	12/19/07
597	Family found in California snowy woods	12/20/07
598	South African elections	12/18/07
599	New Orleans housing protests	12/20/07
600	Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant	12/19/07
601	Tiger escapes San Francisco zoo	12/25/07
602	Panama plane crash with U.S. survivor	12/23/07
603	Indonesia landslides on Dec. 23	12/23/07
604	Midwest snowstorm, beginning Dec. 24	12/24/07
605	Washington state murders on Christmas eve	12/24/07
606	Kenya election and violence	12/30/07
608	2008 New Year's resolutions/celebrations	12/30/07
999	No big story	1/01/07

\* For any big story and sub storyline added during the course of a given week (Sunday through Friday), relevant stories going back to the beginning of that week were reviewed and recoded.

### **SUB-STORYLINE (some BIG STORIES only)**

**Definition:** The sub-storyline will apply only to stories that fit into SOME of the long-running Big Stories, or other common storylines (such as political campaigns), reflecting aspects, features or development of some big stories. As with the big story code this list is updated throughout the year.

For example, stories that fit into the Big Story of the War in Iraq could have several options for its “sub-storyline” such as a focus on casualties, the political ramifications, or the rebuilding effort. Many big stories that are less complex will likely not have any sub-storyline. Therefore, this variable will be N/A for stories that fall into a one-tiered Big Story or no Big Story.

**Procedure:** Find the big story located on the list of Sub-storylines and determine if the majority of the relevant parts of the story fit into any of the SUB-STORYLINES offered. If the story could fit into more than one sub-storyline, determine which storyline is given more space or time. If the article does not fit into any of the sub-storylines offered, code as OTHER.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Sub-Story</b>	<b>Date Added*</b>
Immigration debate		
002001	Rallies and protests	1/01/07
002002	Discussion of legislation	1/01/07
002003	Border security plans and actions	1/01/07
002004	Political/campaign ramifications	1/01/07
002005	Immigrant crime	1/29/07
002999	Other	1/01/07
Same-sex marriage debate		
003001	State legislation	1/01/07
003002	Court decisions	1/01/07
003999	Other	1/01/07
World Cup Soccer		
004001	U.S. team	1/01/07
004999	Other	1/01/07
U.S. Domestic terrorism and efforts to combat		
005001	Legislation in regards to	1/01/07
005002	NSA easedropping program	1/01/07
005004	Arrests of domestic accused terrorists	1/01/07
005005	Guantanamo Bay controversy	1/01/07
005006	Effectiveness of Homeland Security	1/01/07
005007	Political ramifications of policies	1/01/07

005009	Debate over civil rights	1/01/07
005010	Debate over torture tactics	1/01/07
005011	Audit of FBI snooping	3/09/07
005012	Khaled Sheikh Mohammed confession	3/15/07
005013	Waleed bin Attash confesses to bombings	3/19/07
005014	Jose Padilla trial	5/14/07
005015	9/11 news	6/25/07
005016	National intelligence estimate about Al Qaeda	7/17/07
005017	TSA dry-run scare/cheese bombs	7/20/07
005018	Airport Security	11/11/07
005019	Destroyed CIA interrogation tapes	12/6/07
005999	Other	1/01/07
2006 mid-term Congressional election		
006999	None	1/01/07
CIA leak/Valerie Plame leak investigation		
008001	Political ramifications	1/01/07
008002	Scooter Libby indictment	1/01/07
008003	Karl Rove's role	1/01/07
008999	Other	1/01/07
Enron scandal		
010999	None	1/01/07
U.S. economy		
011001	Housing	3/14/07
011002	Unemployment/jobs	3/14/07
011003	Interest rates	3/14/07
011004	Retail	3/14/07
011999	Other	1/01/07
Duke University lacrosse scandal		
012999	None	1/01/07
Conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Lebanon		
013999	None	1/01/07
Conflict in the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians		
014001	Negotiations	1/01/07
014002	Violence	1/01/07
014999	Other	1/01/07
North Korea nuclear conflict		
016001	North Korea tests missile	1/01/07
016002	Korean leaders summit	10/1/07
016999	Other	1/01/07
War in Afghanistan		
017001	U.S. Political ramifications	1/01/07
017002	Combat/violence/casualties	1/01/07
017003	Reconstruction efforts	1/01/07
017004	Democracy efforts	1/01/07
017005	Return of drug economy	1/01/07
017006	U.S. soldiers charged with crimes	1/01/07

	017007	Debate over U.S. strategy policy	1/01/07
	017008	Debate over media coverage	1/01/07
	017009	Re-emergence of Al Qaeda and Taliban	2/20/07
	017010	Pat Tillman controversy	3/28/07
	017011	Taliban leader Mullah Padullah killed	5/14/07
	017012	S. Korean hostages	7/23/07
	017999	Other	1/01/07
Iran			
	018001	Iran's weapons	1/30/07
	018002	Iran's role in Iraq war	1/30/07
	018003	British Soldiers held by Iran	3/13/07
	018004	Three Americans charged with spying	5/28/07
	018005	Iran's role in Afghanistan War	6/11/07
	018006	Ahmadinejad visits U.S.	9/24/07
	018007	Iranian internal affairs	12/16/07
	018999	Other	1/01/07
Congressional political corruption scandals			
	019001	Abramoff scandal	1/01/07
	019002	Political ramifications of scandals	1/01/07
	019003	Bob Ney scandal	1/19/07
	019004	William Jefferson	6/4/07
	019005	Ted Stevens	7/30/07
	019999	Other	1/01/07
NASA and Space Shuttle Discovery			
	020999	None	1/01/07
Hurricane Katrina aftermath			
	021001	Reconstruction efforts as a result of	1/01/07
	021002	FEMA aid or response	1/01/07
	021003	Preperation for future hurricanes	1/01/07
	021004	Crime in devastated areas	1/01/07
	021999	Other	1/01/07
Global warming			
	022001	Politics of global warming	1/01/07
	022002	Potential legislation	1/01/07
	022003	Scientific debate	1/01/07
	022004	California tightens rules on emissions	1/01/07
	022999	Other	1/01/07
Supreme Court actions			
	023999	None	1/01/07
Abortion controversy			
	024001	Court cases/legal issues	1/01/07
	024002	Political ramifications	1/01/07
	024003	Protests/rallies	1/01/07
	024999	Other	1/01/07
Stem cell research controversy			
	025999	None	1/01/07

General Middle East discussion		
026999	None	1/01/07
Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter, dies		
027999	None	1/01/07
Spinach/E-Coli spread		
028999	None	1/01/07
HP spying scandal		
030999	None	1/01/07
Mark Foley page scandal		
031999	None	1/01/07
Amish school shooting		
032999	None	1/01/07
Baseball steroids scandal		
035001	Barry Bonds accusations	1/01/07
035002	Hall of Fame voting questions	1/01/07
035999	Other	1/01/07
Cory Lidle plane crash in NY		
036999	None	1/01/07
War on Terror general		
037001	Re-emergence of Al Qaeda	2/20/07
037999	Other	1/01/07
Conflict in Sudan/Darfur		
042999	None	1/01/07
Ford Company reports record loss		
043999	None	1/01/07
Missing Soldier in Iraq, abducted on Oct. 23		
044999	None	1/01/07
Exxon profits		
051999	None	1/01/07
Madonna and child		
052999	None	1/01/07
Firefighters killed in California blaze		
054999	None	1/01/07
Big drop in home prices		
055999	None	1/01/07
Saddam Hussein trial and execution		
058001	Impact on Congressional election	1/01/07
058999	Other	1/01/07
Pastor Ted Haggard scandal		
059999	None	1/01/07
Britney Spears divorce (stopped using after 2/19/07)		
062999	None	1/01/07
Rumsfeld resigns and Gates takes over		
063999	None	1/01/07
Presidential bids for 2008		
067001	Democrats	1/01/07



067002	Republicans	1/01/07
067003	Both parties	1/01/07
067004	3 <sup>rd</sup> parties	6/20/07
067005	CNN/Youtube Democratic debate	7/23/07
067006	Hillary Clinton's Health Care plan	9/16/07
067007	Fundraising – mostly Dems	10/01/07
067008	Fundraising – mostly Reps	10/01/07
067009	Fundraising – both parties	10/01/07
<i>Note: After 12/01/07, campaign sub-story codes were readjusted and the following campaign specific sub story codes were implemented.</i>		
Mostly Democrats		
067101	Fundraising	12/01/07
067102	Strategy, momentum, performance, polls	12/01/07
067103	Political topics other	12/01/07
067104	Electoral calendar	12/01/07
067110	Personal topics	12/01/07
067115	Immigration	12/01/07
067116	Abortion	12/01/07
067117	Health care	12/01/07
067130	Domestic policy issue other	12/01/07
067131	Iraq War	12/01/07
067139	Foreign policy issue other	12/01/07
067199	Other	12/01/07
Mostly Republicans		
067201	Fundraising	12/01/07
067202	Strategy, momentum, performance, polls	12/01/07
067203	Political topics other	12/01/07
067204	Electoral calendar	12/01/07
067210	Personal topics	12/01/07
067215	Immigration	12/01/07
067216	Abortion	12/01/07
067217	Health care	12/01/07
067230	Domestic policy issue other	12/01/07
067231	Iraq War	12/01/07
067239	Foreign policy issue other	12/01/07
067299	Other	12/01/07
Mix of Democrats and Republicans		
067301	Fundraising	12/01/07
067302	Strategy, momentum, performance, polls	12/01/07
067303	Political topics other	12/01/07
067304	Electoral calendar	12/01/07
067310	Personal topics	12/01/07
067315	Immigration	12/01/07
067316	Abortion	12/01/07
067317	Health care	12/01/07
067330	Domestic policy issue other	12/01/07

067331	Iraq War	12/01/07
067339	Foreign policy issue other	12/01/07
067399	Other	12/01/07
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party		
067400	3 <sup>rd</sup> parties	12/01/07
Other		
067990	Electoral Calendar	12/01/07
067999	Other	12/01/07
New Democratic-lead Congress		
070999	None	1/01/07
O.J. Simpson		
078999	None	1/01/07
Video game consoles (Microsoft, Nintendo, etc.)		
079999	None	1/01/07
US Airways makes bid for Delta Airlines		
083999	None	1/01/07
Russian spy Litvinenko poisoning/ death		
086999	None	1/01/07
Holiday Season		
087001	Giving/charities	1/01/07
087002	Shopping/business	1/01/07
087003	“War on Christmas”	1/01/07
087999	Other	1/01/07
NY Cops shoot unarmed man, Sean Bell		
089999	None	1/01/07
Iraq War - events on the ground		
100001	U.S. Combat/violence/casualties	1/01/07
100002	Civil combat/violence/casualties not involving U.S.	1/01/07
100003	U.S. soldiers charged with crimes	1/01/07
100004	Reconstruction efforts	1/01/07
100005	Reconstruction waste, corruption	1/01/07
100006	Iraqi internal affairs	1/01/07
100007	Moqtada al-Sadr going to Iran	2/14/07
100008	Prince Harry going to Iraq	2/21/07
100009	Talabani’s health	2/23/07
100010	Iraqi Refugees	3/07/07
100011	Iraqi protests/rallies	4/09/07
100012	U.S. troops in Iraq (other than fighting/combat)	4/11/07
100013	Al-Masri, Al Qaeda leader, killed	5/05/07
100014	Evaluations of U.S. troop surge	6/14/07
100016	Private contractors	9/16/07
100017	Claims of victory for Al Qaeda in Iraq	10/14/07
100018	Turkey-Iraq border tensions	10/21/07
100019	Al Qaeda/ Bin Laden role in Iraq	10/21/07
100999	Other	1/01/07
Iraq War – U.S. homefront		

101001	Homecomings, funerals, celebrations	1/01/07
101002	Military recruitment	1/01/07
101003	Effect on communities, families	1/01/07
101004	Iraq refugees to U.S.	2/14/07
101005	Conditions of wounded veterans in U.S.	2/20/07
101006	U.S. soldier deployments	4/11/07
101007	Cindy Sheehan	5/28/07
101999	Other	1/01/07
Iraq War - policy debate		
102001	Debate over U.S. strategy policy	1/01/07
102002	Debate over whether the war is a civil war	1/01/07
102003	Political ramifications for U.S. politicians	1/01/07
102004	Anti-war protests and speeches	1/01/07
102005	Debate over media coverage	1/01/07
102006	Baker Report, Iraq study group	1/01/07
102007	Policy debate of U.S. Allies (Britain, Poland, etc.)	1/01/07
102008	Leaked White House memo doubting Maliki	1/01/07
102009	Policy debate involving Iraq's neighbors (Iran, Syria, etc.)	1/01/07
102010	Role of Iraq government/security forces	1/01/07
102011	Generals retiring/ being replaced	1/01/07
102012	2007 Troop Increase	1/01/07
102014	Cheney's trip to Iraq	5/09/07
102015	Reports on bench marks	7/12/07
102016	Iraq War as central front on War on Terror	7/22/07
102017	Sept. 2007 progress report by Gen. Petraeus	8/16/07
102018	Comparisons to Vietnam	8/22/07
102019	Bush trip to Iraq, discusses surge	9/03/07
102020	Presidential candidates opinions on the war	9/09/07
102021	Moveon.org ad about Petraeus	9/16/07
102022	Rush Limbaugh's phony soldiers comment	9/30/07
102999	Other	1/01/07
Snowstorms in NW and Midwest, beginning No. 29		
151999	None	1/01/07
Hugo Chavez wins Venezuela election		
159999	None	1/01/07
Missing family from San Francisco found in Oregon		
162999	None	1/01/07
Princess Diana – questions about death		
167999	None	1/01/07
Iran Conference about Holocaust		
169999	None	1/01/07
Raid on meat plants to target illegal immigrants		
170999	None	1/01/07
Sen. Tim Johnson (SD) stroke		
172999	None	1/01/07

Missing climbers in Oregon		
173999	None	1/01/07
Palestinian conflict – rival factions in Gaza		
175999	None	1/01/07
Libya sentences Bulgarian nurses to death		
177999	None	1/01/07
Miss USA, Tara Connor, controversy		
178999	None	1/01/07
Winter snowstorms, beginning Dec. 20		
180999	None	1/01/07
Gerald Ford death/funeral		
181999	None	1/01/07
2007 New Year's celebrations		
182999	None	1/01/07
Indonesian plane lost		
183999	None	1/01/07
Bronco football player shot		
184999	None	1/01/07
School shooting in Tacoma, WA		
185999	None	1/03/07
Harriet Miers resigns from White House		
186999	None	1/04/07
Somalia/Ethiopia conflict		
187999	None	1/04/07
Bush changes intelligence team		
188999	None	1/05/07
Warm winter/unusual winter weather		
189999	None	1/08/07
NYC odor, possible gas leak		
190999	None	1/08/07
U.S. attack on Somalia targets		
191999	None	1/08/07
College football championship		
192999	None	1/08/07
Malibu wildfires		
194999	None	1/09/07
Apple introduces iPhone		
195999	None	1/09/07
Plane crashes in Iraq from Turkey		
196999	None	1/09/07
Schwarzenegger's health care plan for CA		
197999	None	1/10/07
David Beckham signs to play in U.S.		
198999	None	1/11/07
U.S. Embassy in Greece attacked		
199999	None	1/12/07

Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell feud		
200999	None	1/12/07
Lost boys found in Missouri		
201999	None	1/12/07
Saddam aides hanged		
202999	None	1/15/07
Severe storms/ice storms, beginning Jan. 14		
203999	None	1/14/07
MLK Holiday/remembrances		
204999	None	1/15/07
Golden Globe Awards		
205999	None	1/15/07
Train derails in KY		
206999	None	1/16/07
Cuba		
207999	None	1/16/07
Art Buchwald dies		
208999	None	1/18/07
China tests weapon in space		
209999	None	1/18/07
Oil prices drop significantly		
210999	None	1/17/07
American Idol TV show		
211999	None	1/18/07
Bush's State of the Union speech		
212999	None	1/22/07
Super Bowl/Football playoffs		
213001	Super Bowl commercials	1/22/07
213999	Other	1/22/07
Cargo ship wreck in England		
214999	None	1/22/07
Oscar awards		
215999	None	1/22/07
Lebanon, Hezbollah and students protests		
216999	None	1/23/07
Israel President Katsav charges		
218999	None	1/23/07
E. Howard Hunt dies		
219999	None	1/23/07
1964 race killing arrests		
220999	None	1/24/07
Energy debate		
221999	None	1/25/07
Health care debate		
222001	Michael Moore's movie Sicko	6/25/07
222999	Other	1/25/07

Jimmy Carter book/Israel controversy		
223999	None	1/22/07
Barbaro euthanized		
224999	None	1/29/07
Microsoft Vista release		
225999	None	1/30/07
Hubble Telescope		
226999	None	1/30/07
Gas station explodes in West Virginia		
227999	None	1/30/07
Village found near Stonehenge		
228999	None	1/30/07
British terror raids		
229999	None	1/31/07
Germany orders arrests over CIA kidnappings		
230999	None	1/31/07
Boston bomb scare/ad stunt		
231999	None	1/31/07
2008 Congressional campaigns		
233001	Democrats	1/31/07
233002	Republicans	1/31/07
233003	Both parties	1/31/07
233999	Other	1/31/07
Florida tornados		
234999	None	2/02/07
Molly Ivins dies		
235999	None	2/02/07
S.F. Mayor Gavin Newsom affair		
236999	None	1/30/07
Bush's budget proposal		
237999	None	2/05/07
Astronaut Nowak kidnapping charges		
238999	None	2/06/07
Global child porn ring found in Austria		
239999	None	2/06/07
British letter bombs		
240999	None	2/06/07
Pelosi plane request controversy		
241999	None	2/06/07
Walmart discrimination lawsuit		
242999	None	2/06/07
Anna Nicole Smith dies		
243999	None	2/08/07
Grammy awards		
244999	None	2/08/07
Utah mall shootings		

246999	None	2/12/07
Putin's comments against U.S. foreign policy		
247999	None	2/12/07
Tornado hits New Orleans on Feb. 13		
248999	None	2/13/07
Chrysler cuts jobs		
249999	None	2/14/07
Madrid bombing trial		
250999	None	2/14/07
Mauritanian plane hijacking		
251999	None	2/15/07
Daytona 500/Nascar scandal		
252999	None	2/15/07
Italy indicts 31 in CIA abduction case		
253999	None	2/15/07
Tim Hardaway's anti-gay rant		
254999	None	2/15/07
Jet Blue problems		
255999	None	2/18/07
XM/Sirius satellite radio merger		
256999	None	2/18/07
Climbers rescued on Mt. Hood		
257999	None	2/18/07
India train bombing		
258999	None	2/18/07
Supreme Court dismisses tobacco suit		
259999	None	2/20/07
Britney Spears		
260999	None	2/20/07
HPV cervical cancer vaccine		
261999	None	2/23/07
13-yr-old Florida boy abducted at bus stop		
262999	None	2/23/07
Peanut butter salmonella from Georgia plant		
263999	None	2/23/07
Jesus' tomb, claims they were found		
265999	None	2/27/07
Stocks tumble worldwide on Feb. 27		
266999	None	2/27/07
Talk show host wars for cable/ radio news		
267001	Fox News vs. NBC/ MSNBC	3/09/07
267999	Other	2/28/07
Arthur Schlesinger Jr. dies		
268999	None	3/01/07
Tornadoes in Alabama, Missouri on Mar. 1		
269999	None	3/01/07

Bus crash with baseball team in Atlanta		
270999	None	3/02/07
Dismemberment suspect Stephen Grant in Detroit		
271999	None	3/05/07
Dick Cheney's health		
272999	None	3/05/07
Indonesia earthquake on Mar. 6		
273999	None	3/06/07
Shooting at LA print shop		
274999	None	3/05/07
Ann Coulter comments		
275999	None	3/07/07
Fired U.S. attorney controversy		
276999	None	3/07/07
John Couey convicted of killing Jessica Lunsford		
277999	None	3/07/07
Bronx row house fire		
278999	None	3/08/07
Bush trip to Latin America		
279999	None	3/08/07
Mega Millions lottery drawing		
280999	None	3/06/07
Indonesian plane crash on Mar. 7		
281999	None	3/07/07
NCAA basketball tournament		
282999	None	3/07/07
Gas/oil prices		
283999	Other	3/12/07
California brush fire		
284999	None	3/12/07
Halliburton to move to Dubai		
285999	None	3/12/07
Gays in the military		
286999	None	3/14/07
Viacom sues YouTube		
287999	None	3/14/07
Snow storm in east/flight delays, beginning Mar. 16		
288999	None	3/16/07
Pet food/Chinese product recall		
289999	None	3/18/07
Missing Boy Scout Michael Auberry in NC		
290999	None	3/18/07
Russian mine explosion		
291999	None	3/19/07
Airbus jet lands in NY and LA		
292999	None	3/19/07



Tony Snow's health			
293999	None		3/23/07
Northern Ireland conflict			
295999	None		3/26/07
White House scandals			
297999	None		3/28/07
Child hostages freed from school bus in Manila			
298999	None		3/28/07
Heart disease research			
299999	None		3/28/07
German polar bear Knut			
300999	None		3/28/07
Storm in Plains states on Mar. 28			
301999	None		3/28/07
Zimbabwe events			
302999	None		3/26/07
Soloman Island quakes/tsunami			
303999	None		4/02/07
Pelosi trip to Middle East			
304999	None		4/02/07
Shooting at CNN building			
305999	None		4/03/07
Taxes/Tax day			
306999	None		4/05/07
FBI agent shot in NJ bank robbery			
307999	None		4/05/07
Detroit shooting at office building			
308999	None		4/09/07
Don Imus's controversial comments			
309999	None		4/06/07
Algeria bombing on Apr. 11			
310999	None		4/11/07
Masters Golf tournament			
311999	None		4/08/07
Kurt Vonnegut dies			
312999	None		4/12/07
NJ Gov. Corzine injured in car crash			
313999	None		4/12/07
Mexico City earthquake			
314999	None		4/13/07
Snow/storms in April, beginning Apr. 8			
315999	None		4/08/07
VA Tech shootings			
316001	Gas leak in apartment		8/20/07
316999	Other		4/16/07
Paul Wolfowitz World Bank Scandal			

317999	None	4/16/07
Johnson Space Center gunman		
318999	None	4/20/07
Boris Yeltsin dies		
319999	None	4/23/07
Alec Baldwin voicemail scandal		
320999	None	4/20/07
David Halberstam dies		
321999	None	4/23/07
French elections		
322999	None	4/23/07
Indiana prison riot		
323999	None	4/24/07
Karl Rove special prosecutor investigation		
324999	None	4/24/07
Kucinich impeachment effort		
325999	None	4/24/07
Military coverup? Pat Tillman and Jessica Lynch		
326001	Mostly Pat Tillman	4/23/07
326002	Mostly Jessica Lynch	4/23/07
326003	Both Tillman and Lynch	4/23/07
326999	Other	4/23/07
Texas tornadoes on Apr. 24		
327999	None	4/24/07
Georgia and Florida Wildfires		
328999	None	4/23/07
Istanbul, Turkey building collapse		
329999	None	4/26/07
Jack Valenti dies		
330999	None	4/27/07
Saudi Arabia arrests militants		
331999	None	4/27/07
SF highway collapse		
332999	None	4/29/07
DC escort scandal		
333999	None	4/30/07
Kansas City mall shooting		
334999	None	4/29/07
George Tenet book controversy		
335999	None	4/29/07
London bombing plotters convicted		
336999	None	4/30/07
Rice conference with Syria, Iran, about Iraq		
337999	None	5/03/07
Walter Schirra, astronaut, dies		
338999	None	5/03/07

Queen Elizabeth visits U.S.		
339999	None	5/03/07
LA Police actions at immigration rally		
340999	None	5/03/07
Rupert Murdoch bids for Dow Jones/WSJ		
341999	None	5/04/07
Tornadoes in Kansas on May 4		
342999	None	5/04/07
Paris Hilton to jail		
343999	None	5/04/07
Israel internal politics		
344999	None	5/07/07
6 held in NJ army base attack plot		
345999	None	5/08/07
Flooding in Midwest, beginning May 8		
346999	None	5/08/07
Tony Blair to resign		
347999	None	5/08/07
LA Griffith Park fires/CA fires		
348999	None	5/09/07
Germany, U.S. terror plot foiled		
349999	None	5/11/07
Chrysler sold		
350999	None	5/14/07
Cruise ship runs aground in Alaska		
351999	None	5/14/07
Jerry Falwell death		
352999	None	5/15/07
Pollution/emissions		
353999	None	5/14/07
Yolanda King dies		
354999	None	5/16/07
Missing girl in Portugal		
355999	None	5/14/07
NJ Wildfire		
356999	None	5/16/07
Comey story: Gonzalez visited Ashcroft in hospital		
357999	None	5/17/07
Whales caught in Sacramento River		
358999	None	5/15/07
Lebanon violence		
359999	None	5/21/07
Jimmy Carter's comments about Bush		
360999	None	5/20/07
Avandia, diabetes drug		
361999	None	5/21/07

Body armor for U.S. troops		
362001	NBC investigation	5/21/07
362002	MRAP vehicle controversy	7/15/07
362999	Other	5/21/07
Pew Forum report on Muslim Americans		
363999	None	5/22/07
United plane makes emergency landing		
364999	None	5/25/07
Memorial Day events/remembrances		
365999	None	5/28/07
Lindsay Lohan		
366999	None	5/28/07
Texas and Plains states flooding, beginning May 28		
367999	None	5/28/07
Robert Zoellick, World Bank nominee		
368999	None	5/28/07
Tuberculosis traveler		
369999	None	5/29/07
Texas mother hanging deaths		
370999	None	5/29/07
Hugo Chavez, Venezuela TV station		
371999	None	5/28/07
Miss Universe/Miss USA		
372999	None	5/29/07
Minimum wage increase		
373999	None	5/25/07
Dan Bartlett resigns		
374999	None	5/25/07
Dr. Kevorkian released from jail		
375999	None	5/29/07
Bush requests more AIDS funding for Africa		
376999	None	5/29/07
Russia/U.S. relations		
377999	None	6/01/07
Hurricane season coming		
378999	None	6/01/07
NY Terrorist plot against JFK airport		
379999	None	6/01/07
Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas dies		
380999	None	6/04/07
G-8 Summit		
381999	None	6/06/07
Kansas teen, Kelsey Smith, killed		
382999	None	6/06/07
Connecticut missing teen is found		
383999	None	6/07/07

Gen. Peter Pace replaced		
384999	None	6/08/07
Sopranos TV show		
385999	None	6/11/07
NASA/Space station troubles		
386999	None	6/11/07
Beirut bombing that killed Lebanon lawmaker		
387999	None	6/13/07
Kurt Waldheim, ex-UN chief, dies		
388999	None	6/14/07
James Ford Seale convicted of 1964 deaths		
389999	None	6/15/07
Ruth Graham dies		
390999	None	6/14/07
LA hospital death case of E. Rodriguez		
391999	None	6/14/07
Texas/Plains flooding, beginning Jun. 18		
392999	None	6/18/07
Pedophile ring stopped in UK		
393999	None	6/18/07
Charleston, SC fire kills 9 firefighters		
395999	None	6/19/07
Ohio missing pregnant woman		
396999	None	6/18/07
Passport rule changes and problems		
397999	None	6/20/07
Journalists give cash to politicians		
398999	None	6/22/07
Lake Tahoe fire		
399999	None	6/25/07
Kidnapped BBC reporter in Gaza		
400999	None	6/25/07
VP Cheney controversies		
401999	None	6/25/07
Chris Benoit, wrestler, family deaths		
402999	None	6/26/07
CIA releases internal reports		
403999	None	6/26/07
Liz Claiborne dies		
404999	None	6/27/07
NYC power outage		
405999	None	6/27/07
Fairness Doctrine		
406999	None	6/28/07
London bomb discovered, Glasgow attack		
407999	None	6/28/07

Yemen attack at ancient temple		
408999	None	7/02/07
4 <sup>th</sup> of July celebrations/holiday		
409999	None	7/02/07
Beverly Sills dies		
410999	None	7/03/07
Pakistani mosque conflict		
411999	None	7/03/07
Harry Potter		
412999	None	7/02/07
Connecticut van drowning		
413999	None	7/04/07
Heat wave, beginning Jul. 6		
414999	None	7/06/07
Hot dog eating contest		
415999	None	7/04/07
Al Gore III arrested		
416999	None	7/04/07
Pennsylvania state government shutdown		
417999	None	7/09/07
Fires in western U.S.		
418999	None	7/09/07
Small plane crash near Orlando		
419999	None	7/10/07
Lady Bird Johnson dies		
420999	None	7/11/07
Pizza bomber case from 2003		
421999	None	7/12/07
Trucker, Bruce MendeHall, arrested for 6 killings		
422999	None	7/13/07
Conrad Black convicted of fraud		
423999	None	7/13/07
Japan earthquakes and nuclear leak		
424999	None	7/16/07
Catholic Priest abuse scandal		
425999	None	7/15/07
Brazilian plane crash		
427999	None	7/18/07
Michael Vick indicted		
428999	None	7/18/07
NYC steam pipe blast		
429999	None	7/18/07
FDA and tainted imported food		
430999	None	7/18/07
Bush colonoscopy, Cheney is temporary president		
431999	None	7/20/07

Pakistan		
433001	Pakistani internal/political affairs	7/20/07
433002	Violence/bombings	7/20/07
433003	Al Qaeda presence	7/20/07
433004	Bhutto assassinated	12/27/07
433005	Elections	12/30/07
433999	Other	7/20/07
UK flooding		
434999	None	7/23/07
Maryland drug bust		
435999	None	7/24/07
NBA referee scandal		
436999	None	7/24/07
Connecticut home invasion murders		
438999	None	7/23/07
Stocks fall on Jul. 26		
440999	None	7/26/07
Oscar the cat at the hospice		
441999	None	7/26/07
Alberto Gonzales scandals		
442999	None	7/22/07
NASA troubles, astronauts drinking, etc.		
443999	None	7/22/07
Ingmar Bergman dies		
444999	None	7/29/07
Gordon Brown and Bush meeting on Jul. 29		
445999	None	7/29/07
Helicopters crash in Phoenix		
446999	None	7/27/07
Chief Justice Roberts' health		
447999	None	7/30/07
Infant deaths in Ocean City, Maryland		
448999	None	7/30/07
Barry Bonds chasing homerun record		
449999	None	7/29/07
Minneapolis bridge collapse		
450001	Overview	8/01/07
450002	Victim stories	8/01/07
450003	Implications for other bridges	8/01/07
450004	Role of government	8/01/07
450005	Causes and details	8/01/07
450999	Other	8/01/07
Ethics reform bill		
451999	None	7/29/07
Miners trapped after Salt Lake earthquake		
452999	None	8/06/07

2008 Olympics in Beijing		
453999	None	8/06/07
Heat wave beginning Aug. 5		
454999	None	8/05/07
Newark killings of college students		
455999	None	8/04/07
Stocks fall on Aug. 9		
456999	None	8/09/07
Indiana mine accident kills three		
457999	None	8/10/07
Karl Rove resigns		
458999	None	8/13/07
Hawaii earthquake and Hurricane Flossie		
459999	None	8/13/07
Space shuttle Endeavour		
460999	None	8/13/07
Merv Griffin dies		
461999	None	8/12/07
Summer travel delays		
462999	None	8/12/07
Peru earthquake		
463999	None	8/16/07
Jenna Bush engaged		
465999	None	8/16/07
Marine helicopter crash in Arizona		
466999	None	8/17/07
Leona Helmsley dies		
467999	None	8/20/07
China airlines jet catches fire in Japan		
468999	None	8/20/07
Hurricane Dean		
469999	None	8/16/07
Storm Erin and Midwest flooding		
470999	None	8/16/07
NY firefighters die in Deutsche bank fire		
471999	None	8/20/07
CIA internal report on pre-9/11 efforts		
472999	None	8/22/07
Alberto Gonzales resigns		
473001	Victim of politics or fair criticism	8/27/07
473002	General Gonzales tenure overview	8/27/07
473003	U.S. attorney scandal review	8/27/07
473004	Replacement for Gonzales	8/27/07
473005	Reasons for the timing of the announcement	8/27/07
473006	Previous embattled attorney generals	8/27/07
473007	Review of resignation timeline	8/27/07



473008	People's reaction to the resignation	8/27/07
473999	Other	8/27/07
Greek Fires		
474999	None	8/27/07
Larry Craig arrested for lewd behavior		
475999	None	8/28/07
Noriega extradition to France		
476999	None	8/28/07
Richard Jewell dies		
477999	None	8/29/07
Poison gas found at UN		
478999	None	8/30/07
Hurricane Felix		
479999	None	9/02/07
Steve Fossett, aviator, missing		
480999	None	9/04/07
Germany arrests terror suspects planning against U.S. bases		
481999	None	9/05/07
Hurricane Henriette		
482999	None	9/03/07
Rep. Paul Gilmore found dead		
483999	None	9/05/07
Luciano Pavarotti dies		
484999	None	9/05/07
NJ government corruption probe		
485999	None	9/06/07
B-52 bomber with nukes flew over U.S.		
486999	None	9/05/07
Bin Laden to release tape on 9/11		
487999	None	9/02/07
September 11 Commemorations		
488999	None	9/09/07
Earthquakes hit Indonesia on Sep. 12		
489999	None	9/12/07
Japan prime minister Abe resigns		
490999	None	9/12/07
Putin dissolves Russian government		
492999	None	9/12/07
Hurricane Humberto		
493999	None	9/12/07
Miami cops shot after traffic stop		
494999	None	9/13/07
Thailand plane crash		
495999	None	9/16/07
Michael Mukasey as attorney general nominee		
496999	None	9/16/07

Emmy Awards		
497999	None	9/16/07
Alan Greenspan's book controversies		
498999	None	9/16/07
Florida student tasered at Kerry event		
499999	None	9/17/07
Dan Rather sues CBS, Viacom		
500999	None	9/20/07
Jena, Louisiana, legal and civil rights controversies		
501999	None	9/16/07
Norman Hsu fundraising scandal		
502999	None	9/16/07
Delaware State University shooting		
503999	None	9/21/07
Central Florida tornado on Sep. 21		
504999	None	9/21/07
MIT student with fake bomb in Boston		
505999	None	9/21/07
Myanmar protests		
506999	None	9/24/07
UAW negotiations with GM and Chrysler		
507999	None	9/24/07
Bush speech at UN on Sep. 25		
508999	None	9/25/07
O'Reilly's restaurant comments		
509999	None	9/23/07
Phil Spector trial		
510999	None	9/23/07
Miami boat crew missing, possible piracy		
511999	None	9/23/07
Nevada sex abuse videotape		
512999	None	9/27/07
Warren Jeffs polygamist trial		
513999	None	9/25/07
Baseball playoffs		
514999	None	10/01/07
Knicks and Isiah Thomas sexual harassment suit		
515999	None	9/30/07
Phoenix airport death of Carol Ann Gotbaum		
516999	None	9/30/07
South Africa mine rescue		
517999	None	10/04/07
Congo plane crash		
518999	None	10/04/07
Marion Jones steroid scandal		
519999	None	10/04/07

Mudslides in San Diego			
520999	None		10/03/07
Skydiver plane crash in Washington State			
521999	None		10/09/07
Wisconsin sheriff kills six			
522999	None		10/08/07
Nobel prizes			
523999	None		10/07/07
October heat wave			
524999	None		10/07/07
Cleveland high school shooting			
525999	None		10/10/07
Turkey/U.S. relations – vote on genocide			
526999	None		10/07/07
Pennsylvania teen with guns arrested			
527999	None		10/11/07
Putin’s trip to Iran			
528999	None		10/15/07
Dalai Lama trip to U.S.			
529999	None		10/15/07
Randi Rhodes mugged			
530999	None		10/14/07
Staph infection superbug			
531999	None		10/15/07
JFK workers drug bust			
532999	None		10/16/07
Western Wildfires beginning Oct. 22			
533999	None		10/22/07
Sailor kills 2 others in Bahrain			
534999	None		10/16/07
Canadian pedophile Christopher Paul Neil			
535999	None		10/16/07
Tornado on Oct. 19			
536999	None		10/19/07
Georgia Supreme Court releases G. Wilson			
537999	None		10/26/07
Tropical Storm Noel			
538999	None		10/29/07
Beach house fire in North Carolina			
539999	None		10/28/07
James Peake nominated as Secretary of Veterans Affairs			
540999	None		10/30/07
Karen Hughes resigns from State Department			
541999	None		10/31/07
Paul Tibbets, pilot who dropped a-bomb, dies			
542999	None		11/01/07

Hollywood writers' strike			
543999	None		10/29/07
Stock market drops on Nov. 1 and Nov. 7			
544999	None		11/01/07
Mexico flooding			
545999	None		11/02/07
Dog the Bounty Hunter scandal			
546999	None		10/29/07
Nuclear plant worker with device			
547999	None		11/02/07
Sarkozy visits U.S.			
548999	None		11/06/07
Oprah's South Africa school scandal			
549999	None		11/05/07
2007 November local elections			
550999	None		11/06/07
Citigroup CEO shakeup			
551999	None		11/05/07
Finland school shooting			
552999	None		11/07/07
U.S. Copter crash in Italy			
553999	None		11/08/07
Unrest in the nation of Georgia			
554999	None		11/08/07
Water bill from Congress overrides Bush's veto			
555999	None		11/08/07
Bernard Kerik indicted			
556001	Focus on relationship with Giuliani		11/08/07
556002	Focus on relationship with Bush		11/08/07
556999	Other		11/08/07
Oil spill in San Francisco			
557999	None		11/09/07
Russian freighter accident and oil spill			
558999	None		11/12/07
Veterans Day			
559999	None		11/12/07
London fire over 2012 Olympic site			
560999	None		11/12/07
Kanye West's mother dies			
561999	None		11/12/07
Chile earthquake			
562999	None		11/14/07
Travel during the holidays			
563999	None		11/11/07
Stacey Peterson scandal			
564999	None		11/11/07

Nada Nadim Prouty spy case		
565999	None	11/12/07
Bangladesh cyclone		
566999	None	11/15/07
Thanksgiving holiday		
567999	None	11/18/07
Natalee Holloway disappearance		
568999	None	11/19/07
Trent Lott to resign		
569999	None	11/26/07
Middle East Conference starts		
570999	None	11/27/07
Sean Taylor dies		
571999	None	11/27/07
Baby Grace case in Texas		
572999	None	11/27/07
Paris suburb riots		
573999	None	11/26/07
British teacher teddy bear case in Sudan		
574999	None	11/27/07
Bin Laden tape aimed at Europe		
575999	None	11/29/07
Hostage situation at Clinton headquarter		
576999	None	11/30/07
Evel Knievel dies		
577999	None	11/30/07
Hugo Chavez/Venezuela referendum		
578999	None	12/02/07
Russian election, Putin's party wins		
579999	None	12/02/07
Winter Storms east and west beginning Dec. 2		
580999	None	12/02/07
Omaha mall shooting		
582999	None	12/05/07
Pearl Harbor anniversary		
584999	None	12/07/07
Multiple church shootings in Colorado		
585999	None	12/09/07
Deep freeze in Plains states, NE storms beginning on Dec. 10		
586999	None	12/10/07
Algeria blast at UN building		
587999	None	12/11/07
Nevada bus stop shooting		
588999	None	12/12/07
Lebanon blast kills Army general		
589999	None	12/12/07

NJ outlaws death penalty		
590999	None	12/12/07
Executive office building near White House on fire		
591999	None	12/19/07
Time person of year is Putin		
592999	None	12/19/07
Domestic spending bill before end 2007		
593999	None	12/16/07
China		
594001	Internal government/politics	12/16/07
594002	Trade/business practices	12/16/07
594003	Role in international diplomacy	12/16/07
594999	Other	12/16/07
Russia		
595001	Government/election/politics	12/16/07
595002	Defense/weapons	12/16/07
595003	Conflict with Georgia	12/16/07
595004	Relationship with U.S.	12/16/07
595005	Role in international diplomacy	12/16/07
595999	Other	12/16/07
Kucinich's brother found dead		
596999	None	12/19/07
Family found in California snowy woods		
597999	None	12/20/07
South African elections		
598999	None	12/18/07
New Orleans housing protests		
599999	None	12/20/07
Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant		
600999	None	12/19/07
Tiger escapes San Francisco zoo		
601999	None	12/25/07
Panama plane crash with U.S. survivor		
602999	None	12/23/07
Indonesia landslides on Dec. 23		
603999	None	12/23/07
Midwest snowstorm, beginning Dec. 24		
604999	None	12/24/07
Washington state murders on Christmas eve		
605999	None	12/24/07
Kenya election and violence		
606999	None	12/30/07
2008 New Year's Resolutions/Celebrations		
608999	None	12/30/07
No Big Story		
999999	None	1/01/07

\* For any big story and sub storyline added during the course of a given week (Sunday through Friday), relevant stories going back to the beginning of that week were reviewed and recoded.

## **GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS:**

**Definition:** This variable concerns the geographic area to which the topic is relevant in relation to the location of the news source. If there is a mix of geographic focus, code for the geographic area that is emphasized by the MAJORITY OF TIME OR SPACE.

Local: story focuses on the metropolitan area within which the media source is published or broadcast = 0

U.S. non-local/U.S. national: story focuses on either a region outside of the media source's metropolitan area, or the nation as a whole. = 1

U.S. Intl: story refers to the U.S. in relation to some other national entity, such as a story about U.S. trade relations with Mexico. Such stories can be about non-government entities, such as sports team and tourism, for example. = 2

Non-U.S. International: Story refers to a nation outside the United States and does NOT make any explicit reference to the U.S. = 3

No Specific Geographic Focus: The story does not have a particular geographic focus or deals across all geographies. Some examples are stories about a new diet or how to improve your garden. Stories concerning global impact would be either 2 or 3 depending on the emphasis given the U.S. = 4

Don't Know/Can't Tell: = 9

## **BROAD STORY TOPIC**

**Definition:** Determines the type of broad topic categories addressed by a story. The topic involves the **issue/event** being covered.

### **Codes:**

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/LEGISLATURES: refers to departments of government, including U.S. and state government cabinet departments, legislatures, and regulatory agencies such as the FDA or EPA. This code would include stories on executive branch/administration (White House only), national/federal legislative institutions or agencies, and state/local legislative institution or agencies including police.=1

CAMPAIGNS/ELECTIONS/POLITICS: All stories primarily about elections for government posts at local, state and national levels, or stories focused primarily on the actions of political parties. Stories on elections/campaigns/politics, election/campaign abuses and scandals, politics and religion would be coded under here.=2

DEFENSE/MILITARY (DOMESTIC): Refers to military or defense operations within the boundaries of the US such as domestic defense/military general/multi-issue/other, military operations/activities in the field within the US, and Pentagon/defense policy/budget stories.=3

COURT/LEGAL SYSTEM: Refers to the inner workings of the court system such as the appointment of judges, motions that are NOT solely about a specific crime, and other inner-workings. This code includes stories on court/legal system-mix of federal and lower (uncommon), federal Supreme Court system/internal, lower court system/internal (any court below the federal supreme court).=4

CRIME: This involves crime incidents, white collar crime/corruption, crime trends (such as statistical data on crimes or a national crime survey), crime deterrence, and trials regarding a specific crime event. Celebrity trials and scandals are excluded from this. It also DOES NOT include terrorism. =5

DOMESTIC TERRORISM: Refers to stories of U.S. terrorist events, the causes and impact or the efforts by federal, state and local police and other agencies to prevent terrorist acts.=6

BUSINESS: All non-legislative activities related to businesses, such as business and personal finance.=7

ECONOMY/ECONOMICS: Includes prices/inflation/rates, jobs/labor force, housing, stocks, taxes, and general economic information, etc.=8

ENVIRONMENT: Refers to all ecological or human-environment topics. This would include air quality, water quality, land use/ management, global warming, energy policy/alternative energy/sources/trends (but NOT gas prices), and general environmental information, etc.=9

DEVELOPMENT/SPRAWL: Refers to stories about expansion or commercial development of suburban and urban areas such as development/sprawl, and land use for disaster preparedness.=10

TRANSPORTATION: Refers to stories concerning the transportations systems, such as air travel, train travel, automobile travel, and bus travel, including transportation/general/multi-issue other, air transport, and automobile transport. The stories DO NOT include coverage of the business side of producing automobiles and other units of transportation. =11



EDUCATION: Refers to ALL primary, secondary and post-secondary education, whether public or private. This includes non-sports extracurricular activities (debate, drama, service clubs) that are explicitly connected with schools. =12

RELIGION: Refers to worship and ideas about God, the afterlife, etc.=13

HEALTH/MEDICINE: Refers to stories on health care system, public health, diseases/prevention other, AIDS, autism, cancer, heart disease (and all related, strokes, etc), ALS, obesity/diabetes, mental health conditions, and Alzheimer's. Health care system relates to stories that are focused on the integrity of the health care system generally, such as insurance, medical training, medical care in general, etc. Public health deals with stories of pandemics, epidemics, etc. that focus on the impact of health conditions on groups of people.=14

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Refers to scientific research and its applications in machines, engineering, including science, technology, and technology and culture.=15

RACE/GENDER/GAY ISSUES: Refers to stories on race, gender and gay issues both as policy and domestic affairs issue.=16

IMMIGRATION: Refers to stories on immigration as both a policy and domestic affairs issue.=17

ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: Other domestic issues and trends that do not fit into above categories but impact groups of U.S. Citizens. These can be related to policy issues or to broader trends such as aging, social security, labor, welfare/poverty/homelessness, riots/civil disobedience, protests, charity/philanthropy, privacy rights, abortion, gun control, drug trafficking, and domestic affairs other (such as national remembrances and mourning).=18

DISASTERS/ACCIDENTS: Refers to stories that address any out-of-the-ordinary weather events and trends, along with stories about non-intentional events that injure, kill or cause damage including man-made disasters, natural disasters, fires commonplace, fires wide devastation, unusual weather, natural phenomena with little or no damage (such as small earthquakes).=19

CELEBRITY/ENTERTAINMENT: Stories referring to people involved in motion picture, television, stage or other entertainment venues. These stories concentrate on individuals or celebrities as an aggregate. Celebrity crime/scandal stories also would be coded under here.=20

LIFESTYLE: Stories referring to the activities and concerns of ordinary people NOT applicable to topics above. Such topics may include values, entertainment, philosophy and spiritual beliefs (other than religion), recreation (includes participation sports), etc. These can related to pets, illegal drug culture/ drug lifestyle, human interest, pop culture,

travel, food/cooking, family/parenting, high arts/culture, reviews, lifestyle trends, consumer news/ products and product recalls. =21

**SPORTS:** Stories about professional or local sports such as college or high school athletics. This also includes sports as either a spectator or participatory event.=22

**MEDIA:** Stories that concentrate on what media companies and outlets are doing or have done with their NEWS coverage. =23

**U.S. MISCELLANEOUS:** Refers to stories about non –disastrous specific accident or mishap, parades/celebrations/festivals, how-to, obituaries, oddball news, typical weather report, typical traffic report, other, multiple topic round-up, etc.=24

**U.S. FOREIGN AFFAIRS:** These are stories that involve U.S. Foreign Policy or U.S. interests abroad including US foreign affairs/diplomacy (refers to stories in which 50% or more of the story is about American policy and diplomacy in relation to another country or international situation), US foreign affairs/terrorist or civilian attacks, prevention or threat of (non-military) (this refers to incidents of terrorism or combat outside the US, but does NOT include any explicit military activity), and US foreign affairs/military (any activities conducted by the United States military in a foreign country).=25

**FOREIGN (NON-U.S.):** This category of stories involves international events that are outside the United States in which 50% or more of the story involves events in those foreign countries rather than the American response to them including international diplomacy, foreign science/technology, foreign sports, foreign press and media, foreign environment, etc.=26

## **CAMPAIGN MENTION**

- **Definition:** Determines whether the story has any mention at all of a U.S. campaign or election. One mention is enough. The campaign or election can be a local, statewide, or federal race.

### **Codes:**

- 1 – Yes, a campaign is mentioned
- 2 – No, a campaign is NOT mentioned

## **LEAD NEWSMAKER**

- **Definition:** This is the person or group that is the main focus of the story discussed with at least 50% of the story (in time or space). This variable was added to the coding scheme July 1, 2007, and thus is only present for the second half of 2007 year data.

**Codes:**

No lead newsmaker: 99

Person as lead newsmaker: last name, first name. For example: Clinton, Hillary.

**MEDIA SECTOR**

- Definition: This is a variable that is not coded but recoded from the variable “source” in order to help analyze data.

**Codes:**

Newspaper	1
Online	2
Network TV	4
Cable TV	5
Radio	8