# Women and News Media in Global Perspective: Reflections on the Global Media Monitoring Project 2009 

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## The Greek case

] first time involved [

## ] Coded media organizations [

Nr. of media
8 newspapers
7 television stations
3 radio stations

Nr. of monitors
7
7
1

## ] Women \& public life [



- Limited representation in the Parliament since 2009 however higher than previous elections
- Reluctance of Greek media to cover gender issues
- Focus on celebrity news, lifestyle agenda


## ] Greek peculiarities [

- The monitoring day: few weeks after Greek national elections
- Loss of elections by previous government (right-wing conservative party)
- Reelection process between two candidates
- Candidate: Mrs. Dora Bakoyianni, Previous Minister of Foreign Affairs and daughter of a former Greek Prime Minister
- Internal conflicts in the party as a result of the polarization between the candidates
- Focus: Mrs Bakoyianni’s candidacy, her political achievements and qualities


## Selected results

## Topics in the News



Presence of women as subjects in the news


Sex of news subjects (sources)

|  | F | M |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Local | $23 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| National | $25 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| National and other | $24 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| International | $38 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Total | $26 \%$ | $74 \%$ |

News subject's function in news story

|  | F | M |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Subject | $34 \% 66 \%$ |  |
| Spokesperson | $16 \% 84 \%$ |  |
| Expert or commentator | $24 \% 76 \%$ |  |
| Personal experience | $28 \% 72 \%$ |  |
| Eye witness | $18 \% 82 \%$ |  |
| Popular opinion | $31 \% 69 \%$ |  |
| Other | $47 \% 53 \%$ |  |
| Total | $26 \% 74 \%$ |  |

## Stories where stereotypes are challenged/ supported by news topic

| Topic | Disagree | Agree | Neither |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Politics and <br> Government | $62 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Economy | $84 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Science and Health | $87 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Social and Legal | $73 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Crime and Violence | $80 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Celebrity, Arts and |  |  |  |
| Media, Sports | $97 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| The Girl-child | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Other | $100 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Total | $80 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

## ] Future plans [



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