Evaluating legal responses to threats to news in a digital environment

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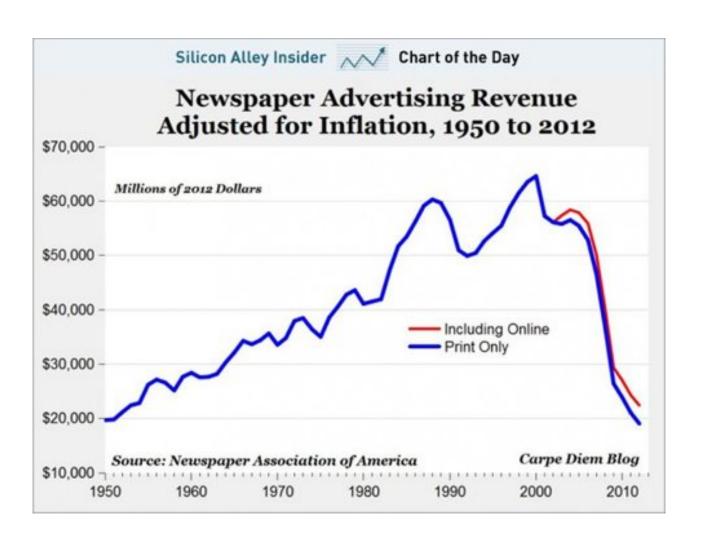
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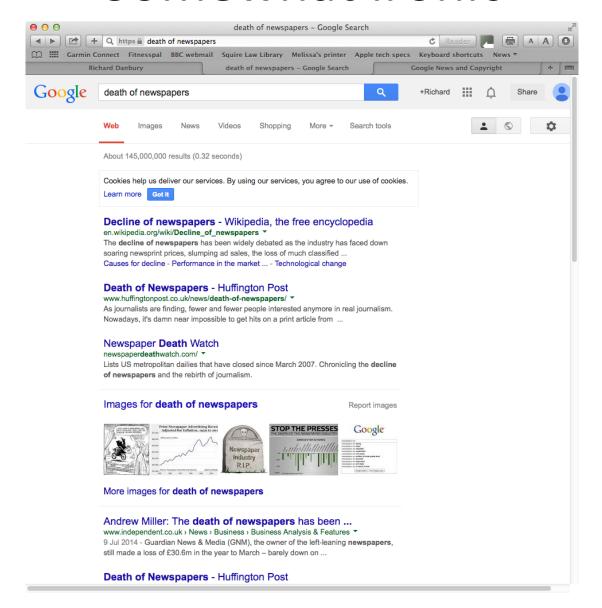
The Problem



Indicative



Somewhat ironic





Making sense of the newspaper crisis: A critical assessment of existing research and an agenda for future work

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Abstract

This article analyzes recent research on the newspaper crisis. It discusses how authors have examined the sources, manifestations, and implications of this crisis, and the proposals to resolve it. In addition, the essay critically examines this body of work by assessing the main spatial and temporal contexts that researchers have studied, the theories and methods that authors employ, and the analytical tropes they have deployed to make sense of the crisis. Building on this assessment of existing research, the article outlines an agenda for future work that fosters an analysis of the process, history, comparative development, and manifold implications of this crisis, and advances various empirical strategies to examine some of its most undertheorized dimensions.

Keywords

advertising, audiences, business models, crisis, journalism, media transition, news circulation, news consumption, newspaper economics, newspapers, online news

Throughout their history, newspapers have accomplished important functions in democratic societies (Anderson, 1991; Habermas, 1989). They have provided valuable knowledge about various affairs that help individuals to make informed political decisions, offered a space of deliberation among citizens, and investigated the concentration of power by various institutions (Schudson, 2008). However, in recent years the newspaper industry in certain countries has experienced significant decreases of revenue from

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The focus of our study



Always the starting point





What's Hegel got to do with this?





Do we look at this?



Arbitrary?



What copyright is.

- Subject matter,
- Criteria for protection,
- Authorship and first ownership,
- Nature of the rights,
- Duration of copyright,
- Infringement,
- Defences,
- Moral rights,
- Exploitation and use of copyright,
- Limits on exploitation, and
- Related other rights

L Bently and B Sherman, *Intellectual property law* (3rd edn Oxford University Press, Oxford; New York 2009)

What news is – possibly. Probably.

- Gathering of news,
- Its selection and editing (also sometimes

called curating)

- Its writing,
- Publication and
- Dissemination.



Copyrighting the news



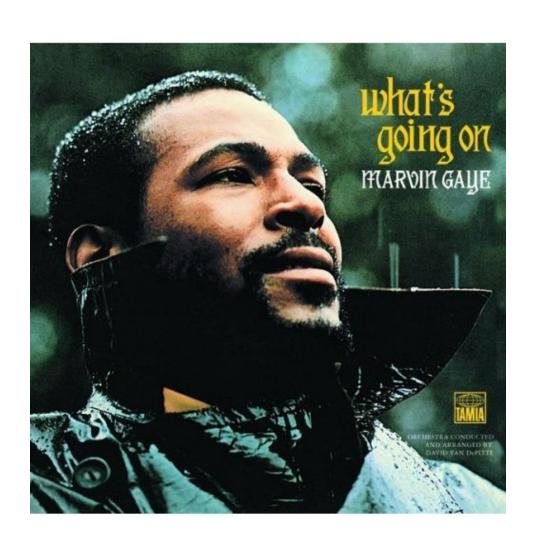
One particular problem for publishers



Why?

- Subject matter
 - News exempt
 - Idea / expression dichotomy
 - Words
 - Originality
- Authorship and first ownership
 - The German problems
- Infringement
 - Substantial taking snippets
- Defences
 - Fair dealing for the purpose of reporting current events
- Limits on exploitation
 - Implied licences.

Marvin.



What's happened

UK

 Public Relations Consultants Association v Newspaper Licencing Agency (Meltwater) [2013] UKSC 18

Germany

- "Paperboy" Judgment of 17 July 2003 (BGH I ZR 259/00), BGH [2001] GRUR
 958 (German Federal Supreme Court)
- German Copyright Act §87 f: publishers' ancillary right. Leistungsschutzrecht für Presseverleger.

Denmark

- Infopaq v Danske Dagblades Forening C-5/08, [2009] All ER (D) 212 (Aug)
- Infopaq v Danske Dagblades Forening C-302/10, [2012] EUECJ

Belgium

- Google v Copiepresse 13 February 2007; No 06/10/928/C of the general roll (Court of First Instance, Brussels)
- Google v Copiepresse Presented 11/5/2011, Cause List No: 2007/AR/1730 (Court of Appeal of Brussels, 9th Chamber)

What's happened (con't)

France

- Proposed litigation/ legislation
- February 2013 Google's €60m (£52m) settlement with French Government

USA

- Hot News: Barclays Capital Inc v Theflyonthewall.com Inc 650 F.3d 876, 2011
 Copr.L.Dec. P 20,117, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d 1247, 39 Media L. Rep. 2009, 77 A.L.R.6th
 793
- Copyright: Associated Press v Meltwater 931 F.Supp.2d 537, S.D.N.Y. Mar. 21, 2013 (US District Court for Southern District of New York)

EU

- Database right
- Svensson v Retriever Sverige AB C-466/12, [2014] Bus LR 259, [2014] ECDR 9

Australia

 Fairfax Media Publications Pry Ltd. v. Reed International Books Australia Pty Ltd." [2010] FCA 984, 7 Sept. 2010.

What might be happening

Spain

 Summer 2014: Artículo 32. Citas y reseñas e ilustración con fines educativos o de investigación científica.

Italy

Proposed amendment to quotation exemption
 Autumn 2013

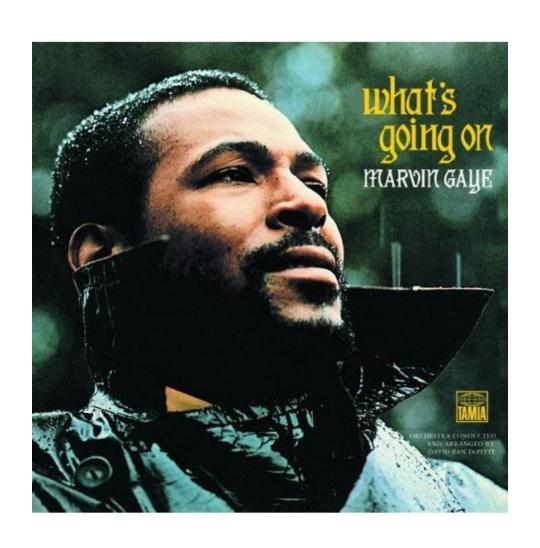
Arranged by copyright element

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	Meltwater			x	x													
	CA 1911 s5 / 1956 s 4 / CDPA 1988					x												
Germany	Paperboy		N	N	N													\top
	Hegemann's munich case					N												
	Publishers' Ancillary right					×												
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Belgium	Copiepresse											x	x			x	x	-
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France	Proposed litigation/ legislation																	_
	Settlement																	
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USA	Theflyonthewall: hot news		x															
	AP v Meltwater: Copyright			×	×													
EU	Database right																	
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Australia	Fairfax		N	N	N													\top
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... and by news activity

		News gathering	News editing	News writing		News distribution
Uk	Ticker cases	x		Heads Snipp	pets	
UK	Meltwater	X				
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	CA 1911 s5 / 1956 s 4 / CDPA 1988				x	
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Germany	Paperboy	N				
	Hegemann's munich case				N	
	Publishers' Ancillary right	х			X	
Spain	Proposed publishers' ancillary right	х			x	
Italy	Proposed amendment to quotation					
	art 101 Hot News	х			x	
Denmark	Infopaq			x x		
Belgium	Copiepresse			х х		
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France	Proposed litigation/ legislation					
	Settlement				x	
USA	Theflyonthewall: hot news	N				
	AP v Meltwater: Copyright			х х		
EU	Database right		х			
	Svennson				N	
Canada	?					
Australia	Fairfax	N		N		
		activity structure +		.,		

What should be going on?



- Will it work?
 - News robots
- Who would it work for?
 - Gatherers, editors, writers, publishers distributors?

Part 2...

- Does it matter?
 - Why?
- Is it right?
 - Free expression: article 10 European Convention on Human Rights
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