

## **Research Suggests Nationwide Racial Bias in Media Reporting on Gun Violence**

A recent study by researchers at the University of California-Davis, Northwestern University, and the University of Washington found that mass shootings in white-majority neighborhoods received roughly twice the news coverage as did mass shootings in neighborhoods where a majority of residents were people of color. By comparison, coverage of police-involved shootings was disproportionately high in majority-minority communities. Researchers analyzed nearly 36,000 news stories nationwide between 2014 and 2023, finding significant differences in the volume of coverage and characterization of the incidents based on the racial and ethnic composition of the neighborhood in which they took place.

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