



Weblog Journalism: Between Infiltration and Integration

Comments

Thanks, I really enjoyed the paper. I do, though, find it difficult to pin down blogs as a single phenomenon. In the small amount of research I've done, it looks to me like there are some people who follow the Andrew Sullivan/Dan Gillmor/Dave Winer et al. arguments that blogs will or at least could challenge the large news sites some time soon. But there are many more, even among news bloggers, who don't feel they belong to that 'community' (the A-list and those who follow them) and are in fact attracted to blogs because they like the freedom from being defined and want to use it for a wide range of personal/interpersonal purposes. Then there are the news organisation blogs, where the blog is sometimes more of a format than anything like a personalised networked diary. And then there's the vast majority of more intimate, less publically oriented, bloggers.

This isn't just a matter of there being a politics to defining blogging, but that the form may be more like the telephone than the newspaper: a set of technologies used in many cultural contexts and not a genre as usually defined in discourse analysis. Anyway, I find this site a very useful way of bridging the blog-blog academic divide. Thanks.

Posted by: Donald Matheson at August 31, 2004 12:32 AM

Donald-

Thank you for your comments. I am currently in Croatia and will respond in fuller detail when I return home at the end of September.

Cheers-

Jason

Posted by: Jason Gallo at September 14, 2004 05:48 AM

I blog on current events, from the point of view of a web usability analyst (vasperthegrate.blogspot.com) or from the perspective of Mentally Correct Marketing (streightsite.blogspot.com).

I see blogs as the next big thing, after relatively static traditional web sites. Blogs are more timely, personal, do-it-yourselfy, cost-effective (often free to operate), simple, idiosyncratic, censor-free, interactive (via comment function), and immediate.

Blogs are here to stay. May the bad ones perish and the good ones triumph!

Steven Streight

Posted by: steven streight aka Vaspers the Grate at September 16, 2004 09:23 PM

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