



UNBIAS THE NEWS

Why diversity matters
for journalism.

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In journalism, white, male, Western voices still dominate and are often privileged over others, which means that we are not getting the whole story, or the most accurate one. At Hostwriter, we asked journalists to tell us about the barriers they face in their field and potential ways to fix them. Our colleagues around the globe – from Brazil to Zimbabwe, Tajikistan to the Philippines, and China to the U.S. – contributed stories that are surprising, funny and sometimes infuriating, directly addressing the challenges to making journalism more diverse. The result is a field guide to unbiasing the newsroom and a launchpad for a new kind of journalism that looks more like the society it serves.

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“Fighting for more diverse reporting is not a question of political correctness or patronage. It’s a question of quality. These days, journalism cannot tolerate the dramatic underrepresentation of the perspectives of women and People of Color, among others.”
— From the Foreword by Hostwriter CEO and Co-Founder Tabea Grzeszyk

“Journalism is undergoing substantial change as we move from analog to networked societies ... the collaborative method may bear solutions for the profession. And everything indicates the collaborative mindset is so absolutely worth the experiment. This anthology is an attempt of exactly that.”
— From “Can a Collaborative Mindset Help Improve Journalism,” by Brigitte Alfter, director of Arena for Journalism in Europe

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