



MACEDONIA DEMOCRACY WATCH

REPORT BASED ON THE MONITORING OF TV NEWS PROGRAMMES

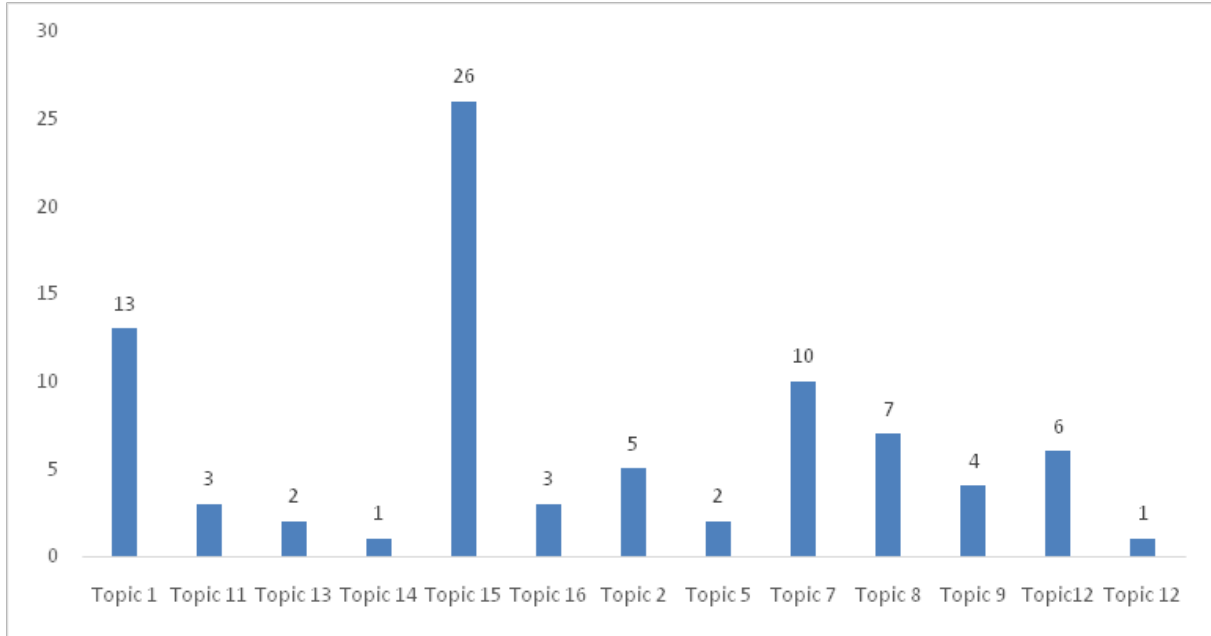


TELMA

# 1. COVERED TOPICS

In the news during the analyzed period, Telma aired a total of 86 reports which referred to political events and actors. Most of the reports were dedicated to the work of the institutions (26). Organizing the elections was treated in

11 reports, while the work of the SPPO was a topic in 10 reports, with an emphasis placed on the announcement of two charges filed by this institution, as well as the postponement of the court procedure for the case 'Coup' where one



**Number of reports on Telma, in relation to the different topics (September 5 - 9 and 11 - 16)**

<b>Topic 1</b>	Organizing early parliamentary elections (preparation of the voters' registry, the issue with the exceedingly high number of voters in the sixth electoral unit, etc.)
<b>Topic 2</b>	Pre-election activities of political parties (all activities involving announcements, promises and reactions to them)
<b>Topic 3</b>	Promotion of Government projects and measures (the measures, most often in agriculture, were promoted by Government representatives from VMRO-DPMNE)
<b>Topic 4</b>	Government projects and measures that promote political parties and leaders
<b>Topic 5</b>	Pre-election promises of Government representatives
<b>Topic 6</b>	Other activities of Government representatives
<b>Topic 7</b>	The work of the Special Public Prosecutor's Office (including other topics related to SPPO, as waiting for the Constitutional Court to give a statement about its constitutionality)
<b>Topic 8</b>	Dealing with the consequences from the flooding in August (including Parliamentary sessions on this topic)
<b>Topic 9</b>	Marking 25 years since Macedonia declared independence (including the analytical stories about how much the country has progressed)
<b>Topic 10</b>	Honoring Mother Teresa
<b>Topic 11</b>	Zoran Zaev's announcement for expanded use of Albanian language
<b>Topic 12</b>	The state of the economy (state debt to the business sector, unemployment statistics, budget preparations)
<b>Topic 13</b>	Borrowing and public debt
<b>Topic 14</b>	The media and the work of the media
<b>Topic 15</b>	The work of the institutions
<b>Topic 16</b>	Other topics

of the suspects in the leader of SDSM, Zaev. Dealing with the floods in August was a topic in 7 reports, while the state of the economy (unemployment and investments) was a topic

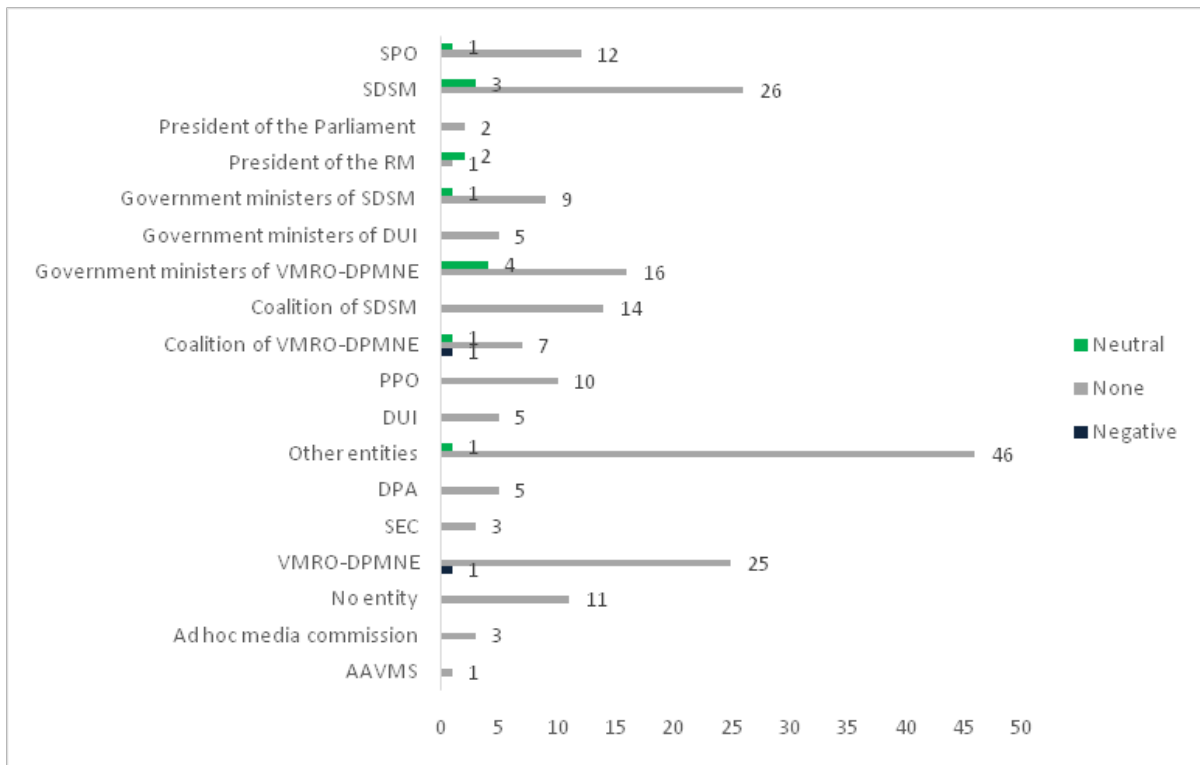
in 8 reports. The same number (8 reports) was dedicated to marking the Independence Day. The use of Albanian language on the territory of the entire country was the topic of 4 reports.

## 2. POLITICAL ENTITIES

Most of the reports referred to entities that are not related to the bigger political parties: Trade unions, Universities, NGOs and other smaller political parties. The rest mostly referred to SDSM (30), VMRO DPMNE (26), the ministers from VMRO DPMNE (20), the Coalition led by SDSM (14), the SPPO (13), the ministers from SDSM (10), the Public Prosecutor’s Office (10), the Coalition led by VMRO DPMNE (9). In general, the TV station did display any attitudes in terms of political events or actors. There were no reports with a personal positive

opinion of the journalist towards any entity. In 4 reports, the journalist reported neutrally, while in two reports there was a mildly negative attitude and this was in reports that refer to VMRO DPMNE and the coalition led by VMRO DPMNE.

Telma continued the reporting about current events professionally, without expressing opinions towards any political entities. The topics that dominated were of civil interest, and an argument supported criticizing attitude was taken towards them, by consulting all sides of the problem.

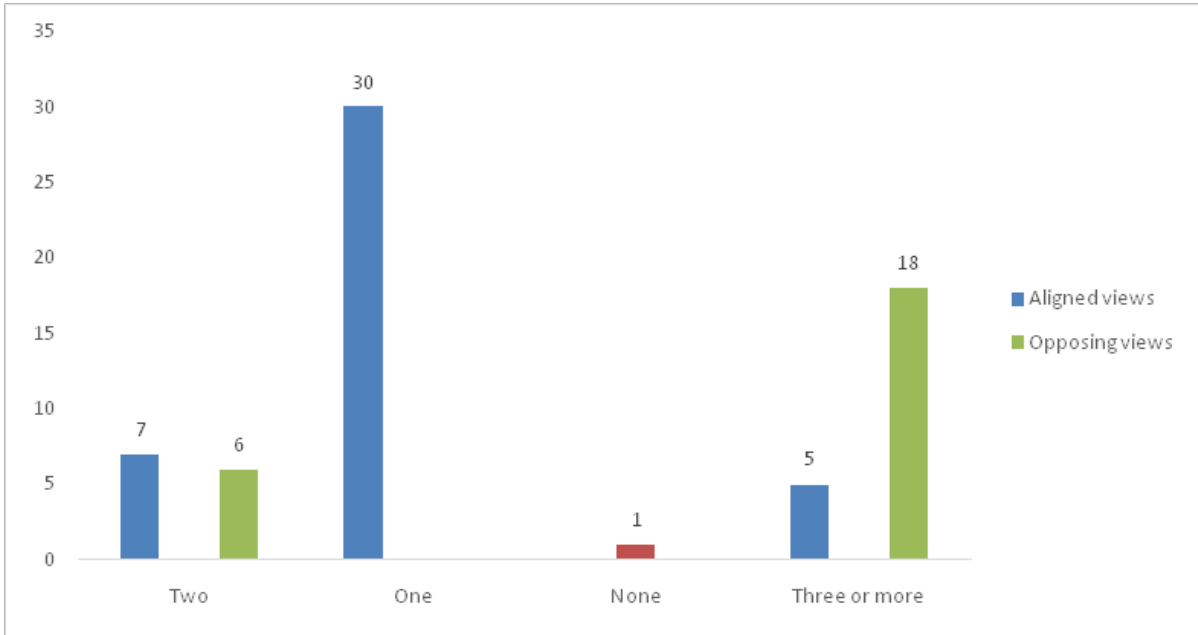


Number of reports and manner of framing of political entities (September 5 - 9 and 11 - 16)

# 3. USING SOURCES

In 71 reports on this TV station, the journalist called on sources for the information they reported. Most of them had one source (30), then followed the ones with three or more sources (23) and then with two sources (13).

In 7 of the reports with two sources the interlocutor had aligned positions, while in 6 reports the views were contrary. In the reports with more than two sources (3 and more), the ones that consulted sources with differing views were more numerous (18). One segment did not state a source.



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