

Can a “Lone wolf” quasi-investigative journalist substitute low functionality of the law enforcing system?

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**a “good” a quasi-investigative
(undercover) journalist or the positive
role of a journalist**

VS.

**“bad” journalist turned
quasi-businessman**



Enforcer/initiator (positive role)

Reporter/facilitator (positive role)

Active corrupted/collaborator (negative role)

Inactive/Lazy (negative role)

a sui generis case (media/journalists)



IJ:

- a) the report is based on the initiative and work of the journalist;
- b) the report is on matters of public interest;
- c) secrecy of derived information is sought by some people or institutions,
- d) the potential to cause public outrage

But.....

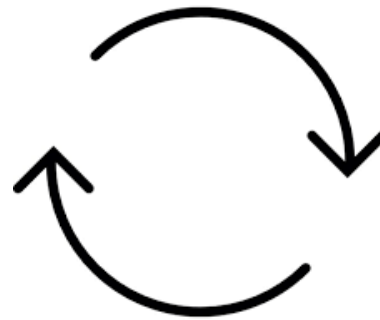


Agent provocatuer?

Did not publish a story about this case

Local ethical regulations





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the weak judicial enforcement system for handling corruption and AML activities

But not

”the main problem with the accountability role of Slovak media is that it frequently hits the wall of the prosecution authorities and the judiciary, which are reported to be captured by clientelist political-business networks and therefore do not properly function as institutions of democratic accountability“



**a relatively low watch-dog role
of SK and CZ tabloid and standard media
(save a Czech business oriented newspaper),
+ inability to focus on remedial measures or broader
social/legislative implications**



No strict conditions for being a journalist (SK, CZ)

VS

ITALY

+ There seems to exist a correlation between the level of corruption in Italy, and the regulatory control over the country's media system.



SK: tabloid topky: 5 articles

daily Sme + Nový čas : 1 article each

Nothing in Pravda, HN



**CZ: wide coverage in HN,
but the global or EU
implications of the
criminal act were touched
upon very briefly**



**HK- wide and continuous
attention**

IT: about 10 contributions



the fate of the journalist

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PM Fico : journalists themselves should state exact criteria of the professional status of a journalist, including a certain minimum education requirements.

then vice-chairman of the government, and minister of education, D. Čaplovič: the only respectful partner was a journalist with academic degree.





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