



Why Journalists Covering Ukraine and Russia Lean Into the Many Unknowns of War Reporting

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We're seeing only a small fraction of the action in Ukraine and Russia right now. And some of what we are seeing in social feeds and faraway **1. commentary** is distorted. So it's important for news **2. outlets** to recognize this knowledge gap and **3. underscore** the known unknowns in the minute-by-minute coverage.

I hate to fall back to the "fog of war" **4. metaphor**, but it exists for a reason. The fog is thick right now.

Predictions are a fool's **5. errand**.

6. Combat is ugly and unpredictable. Everybody needs to look at this with a bit of a sense of humility here.

7. Curfews and **8. checkpoints** are two of the practical challenges for reporters in Ukraine right now, on top of the obvious security and **9. logistical** concerns.

CNN's Clarissa Ward in Kyiv described how CNN staffers have been "combing **10. exhaustively** through all the social media footage" from Ukraine and Russia, working to **11. geolocate** it and "place it in its appropriate context."

Among experts who think long and hard about social media and information wars, I'm seeing two different lines of thought. One is that the eyewitness content coming from Ukraine is critically important and compelling — a "TikTok war" in action. That's true. But there is also truth in the other line of thought — that we're seeing relatively little video from the front lines.

As Emerson T. Brooking of the Atlantic Council's DFR Lab wrote, "The buildup was recorded on TikTok and in relative safety. But streaming apps are not good when battery and **12. bandwidth** are scarce."

语言点

- commentary 美 [ˈkɒmənˌtəri] 英 [ˈkɒmən(ə)rɪ]
n. 评论; 注释; 解释; 评注; 实况报道; 批评复数: commentaries
- outlets 美 [ˈaʊtˌlet] 英 [ˈaʊtˌlet] n
出口; 排水口; 通风口 【商】 销路; 批发商店; 发泄(情感)的方法; 电视台(此指电视台)
- underscore 美 [ˌʌndərˈskɔːr] 英 [ˌʌndə(r)ˈskɔː(r)]
n. 下划线 v. 强调; 在...下面划线
- metaphor 美 [ˈmetəˌfɔːr] 英 [ˈmetəfə(r)]
n. 隐喻; 暗喻
- errand 美 [ˈerənd] 英 [ˈerənd]
n. 差事; 差使
- combat 美 [ˈkɒmˌbæt] 英 [ˈkɒmbæt]
v. 战斗; 防止; 减轻; 与...搏斗 n. 战斗; 搏斗; 打仗
- curfews 美 [ˈkɜːfjuː] 英 [ˈkɜː(r)fjuː]
n. 宵禁令; 宵禁时间; 儿童晚间必须在家的时间; 戒严; 晚钟
- checkpoints 美 [ˈtʃekˌpɔɪnt] 英 [ˈtʃekˌpɔɪnt]
n. (边防) 检查站; 边防关卡; 检查点; 检验点; 检测点
- logistical 美 [ləˈdʒɪstɪkəl]
adj. 后勤的; 逻辑的; 补给的; 计算机的 n. 数理逻辑; 计算机; 物流的; 后勤保障性的; 后勤保障
- exhaustively 美 [ɪɡˈzɔːstrɪvli] 英 [ɪɡˈzɔːstrɪvli]
adv. 彻底地
- geolocate
n. 物理定位; 地理定位功能
- bandwidth
n. 带宽; 频宽; 带宽值

Nation Sets Targets for Energy Capacity

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China vowed on Tuesday to raise its annual comprehensive energy production capacity to more than 4.6 billion metric tons of standard coal by 2025, with its annual crude production gradually increasing to around 200 million tons and annual natural gas output to exceed 230 billion cubic meters.

According to the modern energy system plan under the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) released by the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration on Tuesday, China's share of non-fossil energy consumption is to increase to around 20 percent by 2025 and the proportion of non-fossil power generation will be around 39

percent by then.

The country will also gradually develop solar and wind power on a large scale with high quality, giving priority to local development and utilization while speeding up the construction of decentralized wind power and distributed photovoltaic in load centers and surrounding areas, the plan said.

The government also encourages steady construction of coastal nuclear power projects with an emphasis on security. Installed capacity for nuclear power plants in operation will reach 70 million kilowatts by 2025, it said.

According to the NDRC, the proportion of non-fossil energy in the nation's total energy consumption had risen from 12 percent in 2016 — the starting year of the 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-20) — to 15.9 percent by the end of 2020.

语言点

- non-fossil energy 非化石能源
- power generation 发电
- scale n. 规模; (尤指与其他事物相比较时的)范围; 程度; 等级; 级别
The research was carried out on a modest scale. 这个研究项目开展的规模不算太大。
- utilization n. 利用; 应用; 效用
And factory utilization was also up. 同时产能利用率也有所增加。
- photovoltaic adj. 光电池的
- emphasis n. 强调; 重视; 重要性; (对某个词或短语的)强调, 加重语气, 重读
Emphasis was placed on the school as a transmitter of moral values. 人们强调学校为道德价值观的传输者。

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In me the tiger, sniffs the rose.

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Home Alone

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Jane was a 7-year-old girl living in Queensland. She had a happy family including her mom, dad and brother Tom. One day, mom and dad left home for an important meeting in the morning and won't be back until late night. In other words, Tom and Jane were alone at home today.



Wake Up
Switching off the alarm clock, Jane opened her eyes, jumped out of the bed and dressed up rapidly.
"Now I am going to wake Tom up." Jane murmured to herself.
Jane thought today must be a wonderful day.
Standing at Tom's bed room door, Jane cracked the door open, craned her neck and looked inside.
Tom was sleeping.
Jane trod lightly beside the bed and stared at Tom in silence.
"Wake up, Tom." Jane finally whispered beside the bed.
Tom turned over.
"Wake up, we get to go now." Jane pushed Tom heavily.
Tom turned over.
"Wake up!" Jane frowned, lifted Tom's quilt and swung up and down. "Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!"
Tom shivered, opened his eyes, had a quick glance out of window and groaned. "It's too early. I need more sleep!"
"Rise and shine!" Jane shook Tom by his shoulders. "Mom and dad has gone, it's our time now! Today we have a secret party with our best friends, we have to prepare for it!"
"Fine, I'm up." Suddenly, Tom was wide awake, turned over and scrambled out of bed.
"See you downstairs." Said Jane.
Tom quickly changed into his coat and jeans, put on his headset and pick up the backpack. "All set!"



Language Points 语言点

1. Switching off 断开、关掉
2. murmur to oneself 自言自语
3. cracked the door open 把门打开一条缝
4. Rise and shine 该起床了
5. Scrambled (迅速而吃力地)爬,攀登;争抢,抢占;艰难地(或仓促地)完成
6. changed into 换成...衣服

Today's sentence:

今日一句

In the night, I hear distant sounds of swans flying across the bridge the river in my body echoes them
—Swan, Poet, Hai Zi

征稿

夜，我听见远处天鹅飞越桥梁的声音
我身体里的河水
呼应着她们
——《天鹅》海子，诗人
给我们原创摄影、漫画、文字，请发和邮箱等你



Today's lesson:

今日一悟

In this high-speed and utilitarian age, we need to keep some pure and passionate verses, reminding ourselves to stop occasionally and look at the spring, the sun and the stars. We need some words with spiritual power to remind us that in the land occupied by death, only living itself can make a poem.

在这个高速且功利的时代，我们需要留住一些纯粹而热烈的诗句，提醒自己偶尔停下脚步，看看春天、太阳和繁星。我们需要一些具有精神力量的文字提醒我们：在死神占据的地盘上，惟有活着本身才能成就一首诗。

Today's lesson:

今日一学

Vocabulary

· 词汇
echo n. 回响；回音；v. 发出回声，产生回响；(观点或态度)呼应，照应。
e.g. Many phrases in the last two chapters echo earlier passages.
最后两章的很多说法是对前面段落的呼应。



In exchange for the most splendid beauty with the most painful wounds

Author/ ZhuHong yi

用最深痛的创伤，换取最灿烂的美好

Guided reading:

What is the "swan" you are looking for in your heart?

导读
你内心追寻的“天鹅”是什么呢？



He sits no sure that sits too high.

Three Short Messages

Author/ Zhu Hongyi

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离奥斯卡最佳影片仅一步之遥，奈飞这部电影你想看吗？

原文

A streaming service could win best picture at the Oscars for the first time on Sunday, which Netflix's head of global film Scott Stuber says would be "the dream". Netflix has never won best picture, despite previous nominations for Roma, Mank and The Irishman. This year, it faces competition from another streaming giant, Apple, whose film Coda is also hotly tipped.

Netflix, once the new kid on the block, has 27 Oscar nominations at this year's Academy Awards, more than any other studio. The Power of the Dog, the Story of Two Warring Brothers set in 1920s Montana, is one of the frontrunners to be named best picture.

语言点

1. head /hed/ n. 负责人
head of state 首脑
2. nomination / nɑ:mə'neɪʃ(ə)n/ n. 提名
nominate / nɑ:mə'neɪt/ v. 提名
3. face /feɪs/ v. 面临 (困难等)
face competition 面临竞争
4. tip /tɪp/ v. 有可能成功 (In this case, if someone or something is tipped to do something, people think that they are most likely to succeed in doing it.)
widely/hotly tipped 极有可能成功的
He is hotly tipped to win for a third consecutive time.
他很有可能第三次连任。
5. the new kid on the block 某地来的新人，某方面的新手
The new kid on the block told me that the next time he saw you he was going to twist your nose.
6. frontrunner /'frʌnt'raʊnə/ n. 领跑者



你花钱听音乐，竟能让他们赚这么多钱？

原文

Global music revenues grew at the fastest rate in more than two decades last year, with help from artists like BTS, Taylor Swift and Adele. Revenues surged by 18.5% to \$25.9bn (£19.5bn) in 2021, the highest level since records began in the 1990s.

The growth was driven by streaming, with 523 million paid subscribers, up from 443 million in 2020.

语言点

1. at ... rate 以 速度 (一般在后面加上范围)
at the fastest/slowest rate 以最快/最慢的速度
2. with the help from sb. 用某人的帮助 “突出强调某人的贡献”
The school's average grade is much higher than the other schools, with help from the first two classes.
3. surge /sɜ:rdʒ/ n. 飞速上涨，激增 (rise rapidly)
表示涨幅用 by, 表示涨到多少用 to
4. the highest level 最高水平 (补充说明某个具体数值)
I got 90 this time, the highest grade since I began school.
5. be driven by sth. 靠某事驱动
I am driven by money.
6. paid subscribers 付费用户



这个世界是怎么了？南北极同时出现极端高温

原文

Startling heatwaves at both of Earth's poles are causing alarm among climate scientists, who have warned the "unprecedented" events could signal faster and abrupt climate breakdown.

Temperatures in Antarctica reached record levels at the weekend, an astonishing 40C above normal in places.

At the same time, weather stations near the north pole also showed signs of melting, with some temperatures 30C above normal, hitting levels normally attained far later in the year.

语言点

1. startling /'stɑ:rt(ə)ln/ adj. 很不寻常的，很惊讶的 (very unusual or surprising)
2. cause alarm 引起警觉
cause alarm among sb. 引起某些人的警觉

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Gender Equality Benefits Us All

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Every year, what reminds you of the advent of International Women's Day? For many of us, it may not be calendars, but text messages bombarded by e-commerce platforms. More than 100 years ago, the establishment of Women's Day symbolized the liberation of women, that women can also shine in all kinds of places through their own efforts. Nowadays, however, true liberation has yet to come. Discrimination against women still exists. On the Internet, Women's Day has been renamed as "Goddesses' Day" or "Queens' Day" by e-commerce giants, a trap of consumerism.

For a long time, it seems, feminism has been equated with hating men, causing misunderstanding and distrust. That is a great pity.

Feminism is also about taking down patriarchy and its oppressive norms. Even though men are the ones who benefit from patriarchy the most, they are still victimized to an extent. Patriarchy tells men that they shouldn't be vulnerable or show emotions. So when men get vulnerable or emotional, they're criticized, made fun of, told to be a man, not to act like a woman. Men end up bottling their emotions. They have no where to seek help for, nor do they know how to deal with these emotions.

Gender equality is not a zero-sum game between men and women, but a win-win. As I argue for gender equality, I do so on the premise that if women do not enjoy the same civil rights as men, that loss is to the detriment of all mankind in terms of enlightenment and in terms of democracy. If children are expected to be educated to understand and enjoy life, then their mothers - the most important teachers in their early years - must be well-educated. If men are to be freed from the prison of patriarchy, then women - men's mothers, daughters friends and colleagues - shall be treated equally with men. Liberation for women is liberation for all.

A Chinese proverb reads that women hold up half the sky. However, the education and situation of many women shut them out from this, ultimately precluding all humans from liberation.

But even if the discrimination against women has yet to decay, women's power never goes away. On the 46th International Women's Day, 2020, tens of thousands of women were engaged in a battle that was critical to each and everyone of us, preventing the spread and mitigating the impact of COVID-19. During the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing this year, of the 2,900 or so athletes, 45.2 percent were women, a record for the Winter Games. And what about the Chinese women's football team winning the Asian Cup recently after 16 years without such a success? All are fantastic and powerful proofs that women matter, that women hold up half the sky.

Gender equality is not a zero-sum game between men and women, but a win-win. A world where men can shed tears without guilt, where women enjoy equal working conditions with their male colleagues, where the name of Women's Day is totally accepted, has to come for you and for me.



1.pearls of wisdom 妙语连珠, 智慧名言
Since Swift was a writer there is a ton of things to quote. He is 8 of my favourite pearls of wisdom at the moment.作为一个作家, 斯威夫特有很多东西可以为我们所引用, 这是我最喜欢的八条智慧箴言。

2.domestic/ family upbringing 家庭教育

3.are embodied in 体现在

Opera is singing as the main body of the theater, so dramatic opera mainly through the story and music to be embodied in a dramatic shape.歌剧是以歌唱为主体的戏剧, 所以歌剧的戏剧性主要是通过剧情和音乐的喜剧性塑造来体现的。

4.capitalist society 资本主义社会

5.a moderately prosperous society 小康社会

6.finds expression in 在.....中表现出来; 表现于; 在.....中表达出来

And their pride and patriotism often find expression in an unquestioning support of their government, especially regarding Tibet

他们的爱国心和自豪感常常表现为绝对支持政府, 在西藏问题上尤其如此。

7.The folks also work hard, and they can be well-off.民亦劳止, 汜可小康。

8.fanaticism n.入迷; 狂热; 盲信; 狂热主义

The futurists' fanaticism and their aegis for fascism made them doomed to be ephemeral.未来主义者极端狂热的情绪和他们对法西斯主义的公然支持使其注定成为昙花一现。

Have you always heard these words- Study hard and get great grades and you will find a high paying job with great benefits- from your parents even your grandparents, which seems to be pearls of wisdom?

These words, considered as a logical fallacy of a book I am recently reading called Rich Dad Poor Dad, trigger my thought on my domestic upbringing over the years indeed. Now I share some of my reflection on today's Chinese school education and family upbringing resembling American's of the book.

From my point of view, the different results out of different domestic education the book conveys are embodied in the degree of the domination of money. Put it another way, is that whether you realize financial freedom. Of course, as we all know, America is a country taking wealth as a symbol of a happy life, a consequence commonly spreading in capitalist society. But in China, we consider family fun including chasing a moderately prosperous society we have pursued dating back to ancient times, which finds expression in the famous saying-The folks also work hard, and they can be well-off, and self-process as a meaningful life.

Good grades, good jobs?



The common disadvantages revealed from the education of school and family wherever in China or America, in my opinion, are the fanaticism of wealth and prejudice that only getting great grades at school can you get a good job. Now we witness many families take a dive for children's grades. Not only they take action in practical life but they also continue repeating these words with a metaphor- Get good grades for a good job.

The book aims at popularizing financial education of family to help more and more people find the shortcut to realize financial freedom. What I have gained from this book is we shouldn't live a life full of fanaticism of grades for the times have been advanced but strive for excellence of all-round development. Open the door of prejudice and hold new things. To learn more valuable skills with a free hand.



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