

Review of: "Innovation in Local Digital Media: The Case of Sevilla Directo"

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Here are a list of potential improvements:

Clarification of Research Objectives:

- The research objectives could be more clearly defined and explicitly stated in the introduction. It's important to connect the objectives directly to the identified gaps in existing literature.

Consistency in Terminology:

- Ensure consistent use of terminology throughout the article. For instance, terms like "cybermedia," "digital native medium," and "local media" should be clearly defined early on and used consistently.

Methodology Section Enhancement:

- The methodology section could benefit from more detail. Explain the rationale for choosing the case study method and provide more context on how the data collection methods (e.g., observation, interviews, discussion groups) were carried out. It would also be useful to describe the selection criteria for participants in the study.
- Discuss any limitations of the chosen methodology and how these might affect the study's results.

Integration of Theoretical Framework:

- Incorporate a more robust theoretical framework to anchor the study. Reference relevant theories on innovation, media convergence, and local journalism to provide a stronger foundation for the research.

Depth of Analysis:

- The results and discussion section could delve deeper into the implications of the findings. It would be beneficial to provide more examples or case comparisons to strengthen the arguments made about the role of innovation in local digital media.
- Explore more thoroughly the disconnect between the technological advances and the apparent lack of disruptive innovation in the business model of Sevilla Directo.

Expansion of Discussion on R&D&I:

- The discussion on the lack of research, development, and innovation (R&D&I) could be expanded. Consider exploring potential reasons for this shortfall and suggest ways in which local media could overcome these barriers.

Clearer Connection Between Sections:

- Improve the transitions between sections to enhance the logical flow of the article. For example, the connection between the introduction and the technological convergence section could be more seamless, with clearer links to how these technological changes are specifically impacting the case study.

Addressing Sustainability Challenges:

- The article mentions the lack of a sustainable business model but could provide more concrete recommendations or alternative strategies for achieving long-term sustainability in local digital media.

Consideration of Broader Context

- The study might benefit from a broader consideration of the socio-economic context in which local media like Sevilla Directo operates. Discuss how factors like the local economy, audience demographics, or political landscape influence the success and challenges of digital media.

Inclusion of Visual Data:

- Adding visual elements such as charts, graphs, or infographics could help to illustrate key points, especially when discussing data on media closures, employment rates, or advertising trends.

Improving the Conclusion:

- The conclusion should more explicitly summarize the key findings and their implications for future research and practice. It could also highlight specific areas where further research is needed.

Attention to Language and Style:

- Review the article for language clarity and academic tone. Some sentences are complex and could be simplified for better readability.
- Ensure that all references to data and previous research are accurately cited, and consider adding more recent sources to support the discussion.

Expanding the Literature Review:

- The literature review could be expanded to include more recent studies on digital media innovation and local journalism, as well as more diverse perspectives, to provide a comprehensive background for the study.

By addressing these areas, the article can provide a more thorough and insightful analysis of innovation in local digital media, specifically in the context of Sevilla Directo.

