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Topic area: The media

Veto a dos periódicos de Venezuela por mostrar imágenes de violencia

El poder judicial venezolano prohibió ayer al diario *El Nacional* de Caracas publicar “imágenes, informaciones y publicidad con contenido de sangre, agresión física, muerte, armas y guerra, o mensajes de terror que puedan alterar el bienestar psicológico de los niños y adolescentes”.

Este periódico había publicado una foto en su portada en la que aparecían cadáveres apilados dentro de la morgue de Bello Monte de Caracas, con el objetivo de mostrar la gravedad de la situación de inseguridad y violencia en la capital venezolana.

En solidaridad con *El Nacional*, el diario caraqueño *Tal Cual* y otros periódicos difundieron también la polémica fotografía. Asimismo, la presidenta del Colegio Nacional de Periodistas, Silvia Allegret, defendió la publicación de la imagen porque había hecho reflexionar a la gente sobre el serio problema de la delincuencia en Venezuela.

En respuesta, el Instituto de los Derechos del Niño pidió extender la investigación penal al diario *Tal Cual*. Además, la Defensoría del Pueblo exigió prohibir a todos los diarios y revistas publicar la cuestionada foto de la morgue.

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Card 2**Topic area: Cultural life/heritage****Cataluña prohíbe las corridas de toros**

El Parlamento de Cataluña prohibió hoy las corridas de toros en esta comunidad autónoma del noreste de España a partir del año 2012. Se trata de la segunda región española que prohíbe las corridas después de que las Islas Canarias lo hiciera en 1991.

Se pone así fin a un proceso que empezó en 2008 con la Iniciativa Legislativa Popular, apoyada por 180.000 ciudadanos y promovida por la plataforma “Prou!” (¡Basta!) en defensa de los animales.

Durante y después de la votación, decenas de personas se manifestaron fuera del Parlamento tanto a favor como en contra de las corridas de toros. Los defensores de las corridas las consideran “fiesta nacional”, parte esencial de la cultura española y manifestación artística tradicional con siglos de historia.

Los adversarios de las corridas las consideran una tortura innecesaria de animales. Para Francisco Vázquez, director de la organización AnimaNaturalis, la ley es un primer paso hacia la abolición de las corridas en todo el mundo: “Nuestro objetivo es un mundo en el que la cultura se base en el respeto, la compasión y la empatía, dejando muy lejos la crueldad y el sufrimiento de los más débiles.”

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Card 3**Topic area: Patterns of daily life****Espanoles, brasileños e italianos, adictos a las redes sociales**

Según los últimos datos recogidos por una empresa encargada de medir las audiencias en Internet, los usuarios españoles, brasileños e italianos son los que más tiempo pasan a nivel mundial conectados a las redes sociales. Se trata de un fenómeno en auge al que ya se han unido tres cuartas partes de los navegantes del planeta.

Las redes sociales ocupan cada vez más tiempo en la vida diaria de los internautas, quienes las utilizan de manera habitual para comunicarse con familiares y amigos, y compartir opiniones con el resto de usuarios, prácticamente en tiempo real.

Un 86% de los navegantes de Brasil se conecta a estos medios, frente a un 78% de los usuarios italianos y un 77% de los españoles. Uno de los sitios más visitados es Facebook que ha captado un 57% de los usuarios españoles, los cuales pasan una media de seis horas al mes conectados a dicha red social.

Facebook continúa expandiéndose en el mercado europeo, pero existen países industrializados donde le resulta difícil penetrar, como por ejemplo Japón, donde solo cuenta con un 3% de usuarios.

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Card 4**Topic area: Religion and belief****Protesta contra el aborto en Sevilla**

Bajo el grito unánime de “No al aborto, sí a la vida”, miles de personas salieron a la calle ayer en Sevilla para protestar contra “el negocio de la muerte” a las puertas del hotel donde tiene lugar este año el Congreso de la Federación Internacional de Profesionales del Aborto y la Contracepción.

Familias enteras, mujeres embarazadas y con niños, junto a personas mayores, llevaron carteles con mensajes como “Sevilla, capital de la vida”. Durante la concentración se escucharon repetidamente gritos de “¡fuera!” y “¡asesinos!” dirigidos a los congresistas.

La portavoz nacional de la organización Derecho a Vivir, Gádor Joya, lamenta que el Gobierno de Andalucía proteja a los “negociantes del aborto” y haya declarado de interés científico el congreso celebrado en Sevilla. Los antiabortistas también piden que se deje de financiar el aborto con dinero público.

Los manifestantes contra el aborto reclaman al gobierno que financie programas de promoción a la maternidad y de ayuda a la mujer ante un embarazo inesperado. Consideran que muchas mujeres no abortarían si tuvieran recursos y apoyo suficientes. Asimismo, creen que la terminación del embarazo traumatiza gravemente a la mujer.

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