CELEBRITY JUSTICE AND GOSSIP BLOGS: DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF VICTIMIZED AND ALLEGEDLY CRIMINAL CELEBRITIES FEATURED ON TOP GOSSIP BLOGS

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Which demographic of celebrity is most frequently the subject of internet gossip blog posts that discuss celebrity involvement in crime? Understanding the potential relationship between internet blogs, public perception of celebrities, and the criminal justice system may be useful for improving the justice system and reducing bias.

This article presents findings on the gender, race, and occupation of the most widely covered celebrities, who were involved in criminal cases, between 2008 and 2013. Relying on media reports about O.J. Simpson and Paris Hilton to contextualize the potential phenomenon and effects of celebrity justice, the dynamic between bias, demographic data, celebrity, media, and the criminal justice system are thoroughly explored in this article.

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