“COURAGE FOR”
Facebook Pages:
Advocacy Citizen Journalism in the Wild
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Introduction
Media Blackout has lead citizens to use social media to make crime reports. “Courage for” Facebook pages have emerged where “courageous” citizens share reports. Our goal was to understand the posting dynamics of these advocacy citizen reporters.

We discovered that:
Some citizen reporters, especially those from the Courage for Michoacán page, appear to be Investigative Journalists.

Political Corruption

The reporting dynamics of the citizen journalists from the pages are different. The Tamaulipas page is more homogenous, while Michoacán gives more coverage to certain offline events.

Reports from Tamaulipas, are more News Flash and have:
(1) less words
(2) less images
(3) cover more locations;
(4) hardly mention public figures.

Results and Discussion
We present a descriptive analysis of two Facebook pages used to circumvent the information blackout imposed by criminal organizations. The pages provide online spaces about the crimes in their communities. We study the pages’ posting dynamics. We find that the these pages engage in a form of citizen-driven advocacy journalism, with some focusing on state and country-wide affairs, while others on neighborhood-level events.

Breaking News

Tamaulipas and Michoacan:

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Reports from Michoacán are more Investigative Journalists and have:
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Tamaulipas: News Flash Journalists.

Michoacán: Investigative Journalists.

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