How are defendants of high-profile court cases framed in the media? A qualitative analysis of news media coverage of Caroline Flack's arrest

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Appendices

Appendix A.

List of newspaper articles analysed

The Guardian.


The Daily Mail.


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Appendix B. Language categories developed.

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'denied allegations', 'appropriate authorities', 'since the arrest', 'been released', 'stationed', 'alleged altercation', 'called the police', 'plea', 'called to her home', 'taken away', 'admitted', 'made an allegation', 'ordered', 'return to court', 'not released by police', 'lawyer', 'publicly declared', 'six police cars', 'body cam footage', 'conditional bail', 'cops raced', 'several officers', 'police vehicles', 'appear in court', 'cop claims', 'case against her', 'refuse to overturn bail conditions', 'prosecuting', 'committing assault', 'body-worn cameras', 'defence team', 'briefly adjourned', 'breached conditions', 'police request', 'CPS still opposed removing the bail conditions', 'ordered not to contact', 'court date', 'still be due in court', 'cops', 'positive that charges will be dropped'

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| 'assault', 'attacked', 'beating', 'injured', 'domestic incident', 'ambulance', 'treated', 'hospital', 'assaulting', 'incident', 'deaths', 'assaulting', 'lamp', 'inflicted', 'significant 'head injury', 'hit', 'over the head with a lamp', 'victim', 'blood', 'covered in blood', 'cut', 'paramedics', 'first response kits', 'injuries', 'could have killed him', 'not seriously injured', 'unwell', 'treatment', 'cutting herself', 'broken glass', 'forced', 'diffuse the situation', 'shouted', 'tense', 'hospital treatment', 'blood spattered', 'cutting her hand', 'fight', 'violent incident', 'minor injuries', 'row', 'threw a phone at him', 'spattered with blood', 'cut her hand', 'glass was broken', 'attacked', 'horror movie', 'hit her boyfriend over the head', 'while he was sleeping', 'beating', 'hit her boyfriend', 'attacking Lewis', 'horror movie attack', 'smashing a glass', 'caused injuries', 'two lacerations to her left wrist', 'beating him up', 'breaking stuff', 'cracked my head open', 'smashing a glass', 'violent', 'terrifying', 'attack', 'allegedly flipped a table', 'restrained on the ground', 'significant head injuries', 'smashing glass', 'tried to kill me', 'whacked him round the head', 'she did not hit me with a lamp', 'two cuts to her wrist', 'flipped over a table', 'restrained on the ground', 'significant head injuries', 'cracked my head open', 'significant injury', 'not suggest that the injuries are significant', 'hit over the head', 'cut his head', 'flips over a table', 'had to be restrained', 'risk assessment', 'behaviour gets worse', 'serious head injury', 'significant injury to his head', 'visible cut', 'ambulance service', 'she had sustained an injury', 'fight', 'man's injuries', 'altercation', 'attacks', 'kicking off', 'actual bodily harm', 'attacking', 'treated for injuries', 'not seriously injured', 'alleged row', 'not thought to be serious', 'injuries', 'broke', 'hitting boyfriend', 'over the head', 'committing the assault', 'bust-up', 'hunting', 'not badly hurt', 'cutting herself', 'drops of blood', 'physical violence in their relationship', 'drunken altercation', 'threw a mobile phone', 'screamed', 'hitting', 'both covered in blood', 'attack', 'hit over the head', 'cut his head', 'beating him up', 'bloodied bed', 'bloody aftermath', 'the blood isn't his', 'scarlet liquid', 'early-morning attack', 'treated for cuts to her hands', 'furious
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| watched reality shows | 'promoted to the host', 'co-host', 'former contestant', 'main ITV show', 'career', 'household name', 'celebrities', 'wearing', 'only hosted the main show for one year', 'widely panned by the viewers at home', 'role', 'huge show', 'observers and supporters', 'not everyone is going to like you', 'dating show', 'upcoming winter series', 'unfollowed', 'take over', 'aftersun', 'mobbed my photographers', 'The Xtra factor', 'won Strictly Come Dancing', 'reality show', 'known for', 'spotlight', 'winter series', 'posted screenshots', 'social media', '12th series', 'stood down', 'show', 'hosting duties', 'winter edition', 'best show', 'media reports', 'my world', 'not detract attention', 'upcoming series', 'stand down', 'series 6', 'incredible team', 'fantastic series', 'total strangers', 'messages', 'ITV spokesperson', 'long-standing relationship', 'online', 'greatest', 'appearance', 'begin filming', 'announced', 'best show on telly', 'best thing I can do', 'replacement', 'Ex-Love Island host', 'Instagram message', 'role as presenter', 'unfollowed', 'replace', 'sister programme', 'dating programme’s', 'latest series', 'heavily redacted screenshots', 'due to present', 'captioned', 'publication', 'seriously loved-up on Instagram', 'went public', 'affect her hosting role', 'hottest show ever', 'hottest one yet', 'public interest', 'Love Island host', 'public domain', 'ITV2 host', 'went official with their relationship', 'tired of the lies and abuse', 'loved-up snap', 'winter host', 'flanked', 'total strangers', 'dressed in', 'best thing I can do', 'liked post', 'quitting', 'orgy island', 'shady tweet', 'fake boobies and sunscreen', 'branding Love Island', 'hosting', 'twitter', 'the show', 'may bring her back', 'future series', 'exit', 'viewer', 'LA-based host', 'not about love', 'best show', 'stand down', 'personal life', 'went public', 'replace star', 'loved-up snap', 'divided fans', 'old tweet', 'viral', 'resurfaced tweet', 'former Love Island presenter', 'followers', 'posted', 'every move is documented by photographers', 'announcing her decision to step down', 'promotional videos', 'starred in', 'telly', 'taking her place', 'other show', 'may never air', 'in light of the situation', 'LA hideaway', 'escape in the sun', 'jetted to LA', 'snaps', 'images taken', 'her decision to quit', 'pull out', 'door is always open', 'remain in contact', 'TV source', 'show’s growing success', 'understand and accept her decision', 'unable to host', 'the face', 'hugely popular', 'dressed in', 'successful TV career', 'fame', 'fortune', 'ITV’s golden girl', 'shooting for fame', 'career', 'hanging in the balance', 'full of promise', 'comedy show', 'hugely successful', |
messed', 'girlfriend', 'couple', 'became an item', 'work through this together', 'dated', 'love life has made headlines', 'romances', 'linked to', 'split with a boyfriend', 'had to stop seeing each other', 'engaged', 'arguments happen', 'cheating on her', 'preventing her from contacting Burton', 'separately', 'lives with', 'not signed', 'lovely girlfriend', 'not signed any NDA', 'not a victim', 'together', 'does not contact', 'couldn’t contact', 'did not support the prosecution', 'preventing her from contacting', 'arguing', 'lives with her boyfriend', 'home she shares', 'still an item', 'earlier this year', 'the pair', 'seriously loved-up on Instagram', 'official in August', 'cosy together', 'went public', 'official', 'domestic disturbance', 'broke his silence', 'confirmed the news', 'beau', '27-year old', '40-year-old', 'love each other', 'started dating in August', 'not pressing charges', 'he loves Caroline', 'private domestic incident', 'domestic disturbance', 'started dating in June', 'went official', 'introduced', 'love', 'went public', 'loved-up', 'ban contact', 'gone through Lewis’ phone', 'discovered messages', 'having an affair', 'cheating on her', 'arguments do happen', 'row with her boyfriend', 'can’t see or communicate with Lewis', 'remain a couple', 'banned from direct and indirect contact', 'normal until I met her', 'physical violence in their relationship', 'ex-fiancé', 'came to an end', 'dated', 'got together', 'looking for love', 'love life hit the headlines again', 'wild love life', 'love life', 'heartache and controversy', 'romantically linked', 'pair', 'just friends', 'sparked controversy', 'dating', '15-year age gap', 'short lived', 'dated', 'separate ways', 'break up', 'dump', 'mutual decision', 'broke things off', 'close friends', 'cosying up to a pretty girl', 'upset at him', 'moved on from her', 'rocky relationship', 'dumped', 'moving in with her', 'hooks up with him', 'back on track', 'soon got together', 'call it off when the press found out', 'proposed', 'split', 'nearly got together', 'on my own', 'I like him', 'the pair', 'swore off men', 'devastation of her relationship', 'ups and downs', 'my love life', 'adore love', 'heartbroken again', 'flirty texts', 'vows to support her', 'believe he was cheating', 'made an allegation against his girlfriend', 'been together a year', 'banning from contacting', 'continuing their relationship', 'supports her', 'took his phone', 'stood by her', 'made it official', 'whirlwind romance', 'pair', 'as loved up as ever', 'row', 'couple', 'bust-up', 'home she shares', 'pair cuddled together', 'date night', 'beau’s handsome appearance', 'sign of PDA', 'stunning girlfriend', 'romance has sky-rocketed', 'started dating', 'made it official', 'lovebirds', '100% not engaged', 'very much together', 'sparked engagement rumours', 'couple then appeared to clash', 'arguing', 'cemented their relationship', 'penchant for dating younger men', 'make cougar her “badge of honour” in defiance', 'supposed to be ashamed of', 'I’m just not', 'supposed to be some kind of insult', 'taking control of that', 'ban on contacting him', 'can’t see or communicate with
| Language indicating mental health issues | 'duty-of-care regulations', 'volatile', 'sad', 'suffering from loneliness', 'two lacerations to her left wrist', 'dark day', 'two cuts to her wrist', 'suffered enough', 'she would kill herself', 'worst time of my life', 'I don’t know where to go', 'really rough time', 'doing all I can to keep my head above water', 'difficulties', 'feeling so low', 'felt as though her body was 'covered' in cling film', 'I couldn’t get up', 'co-operating', 'someone’s life', 'struggled', 'emotional message', 'who I even am', 'where to go', 'who to trust', 'lonely', 'ruined her own life', 'feeling trapped', 'escape', 'cutting herself', 'desperate', 'rough time', 'on my own', 'looking out for our own heads', 'sorting myself out', 'couldn’t cope', 'ups and downs', 'heartbroken again', 'miserable', 'pretty forlorn', 'down in the dumps', 'period of reflection', 'clear her head', 'ruined my life', 'cutting herself', 'vulnerable', 'I will kill myself', 'feels rejected', 'worried that she will once again go from self-destruct', 'numb', 'self-destruct mode', 'low mood', 'bounce back', 'hits self-destruct', 'hard to help her', 'snaps out of it', 'counselling', 'undergo intensive counselling', 'rehab', 'hits breaking point', 'DISTRAUGHT', 'course of intensive counselling', 'struggling to cope', 'breaking point', 'devastating fallout', 'non-stop crying', 'in tears solidly', 'toughest, roughest week of her life', 'got her through', 'make some lifestyle changes', 'undergo therapy', 'recuperate for stress-related issues', 'healthier, happier and brighter', 'downcast' |
| Language indicating media reporting styles such as sensationlisation | 'allegations', 'scrutiny', 'attention', 'alleged', 'escorted', 'covered in blood', 'mobbed', 'photographers', 'witch-hunt', 'total chaos', 'terrorist incident', 'reports', 'newspaper', 'reported', 'images obtained', 'much-publicised', 'private', 'furious argument', 'diffuse the situation', 'rumours', 'on the rocks', 'allegedly', 'claimed', 'a source', 'situation has blown up', 'gossip', 'explosive news', 'absolute nightmare', 'judgement', 'tense discussion', 'blood spattered', 'plagued the couple', 'photographers', 'spotted', 'nothing to say', 'pictured', 'blown up', 'public domain', 'low-profile', 'images obtained', 'seen for the first time', 'photographs', 'explosive news', 'slated', 'accused', 'accusing', 'lies and abuse', 'doesn’t deserve this', 'misconstrued', 'dramatic row', 'latest allegations', 'horror movie', 'horror movie attack', 'almost begging the operator to send help', 'seen grabbing a coffee', 'sources', 'unfortunately phrased 2010 tweet', 'nine-year-old post', 'historic tweet', 'grabbed a coffee', 'in the mood for a
spot of retail therapy', 'what did you get?', 'legal woes',
'judging by their shopping bags', 'drama', 'feeling better?',
'dark day', 'catch her eye', 'what to buy...', 'shrugs off her
woes', 'chaotic scene', 'drama', 'this one?', 'Caroline hit her
boyfriend', 'DENIES', 'escorted by police', 'not suggest that
the injuries are significant in the way the prosecution submit',
'relief when I am able to give my side of the story',
'photographed', 'case has been scrutinised', 'criticised', 'once
the story got out', 'only hosted the main show for one year',
'widely panned by critics and the viewers at home', 'almost
begging', 'she sniffed', 'likened the scene to a horror movie',
'allegedly', 'claimed', 'mobbed by photographers', 'spotlight',
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'media reports', 'personal life', 'false and defamatory',
'rumoured', 'broke his silence', 'confirmed the news', 'not a
witch hunt', 'CCTV', 'spotted outside her home', 'alleged row',
'accused of attacking', 'situation has blown up', 'crowd of
photographers', 'liked post', 'accusations', 'shady tweet',
'matters were not as reported', 'number of media reports',
'accusations aren't true', 'old tweet', 'viral', 'escape', 'away
from the spotlight', 'every move is documented by
photographers', 'doesn't want to return', 'incident allegedly
took place', 'accused of attacking Lewis', 'allegations in regard
to my personal life', 'dramatic photos', 'images taken', 'drama
unfold', 'illuminated by street lamps', 'escaped criminal',
determined to clear her name', 'controversy', 'the drama', 'call
it off when the press found out', 'love life hit the headlines
again', 'heartache and controversy', 'sparked controversy',
'devastation of her relationship', 'fame and fortune', 'wild love
life', 'swore off men completely', 'horror movie', 'mattress
stained', 'scarlet liquid', 'the blood isn't his', 'picture was
obtained and published by the sun', 'case has been
scrutinised', 'in the public eye', 'publication', 'red stains', 'verify
its authenticity', 'photographed', 'shared a paparazzi shot of himself',
'snapped arguing', 'previously grabbed the attention of
headlines for her romances', '100% not engaged', 'sparked
engagement rumours', 'photographers snapped pictures',
'significant number of media reports', 'matters were not as
reported', 'down in the dumps', 'fled the country', 'flees the
country', 'escape the drama', 'allegations in regards to my
personal life', 'furious row', 'crisis', 'CAROLINE WHACK',
cops raced', 'pushed through photographers', 'in the public
eye', 'images of blood', 'begging', 'scrutinised', 'my side of the
story', 'public interest', 'blood drops', 'lovers tiff', 'toyboy',
'attack on sleeping lover', 'pushed their way past
photographers', 'bust-up with Lewis hit the headlines',
colourful relationship history', 'pictured for the first time',
sources claimed