The Davis Index

The "Davis index" aims to represent international media attention on the Israeli-Arab conflict and relations, focusing on the Israeli Palestinians conflict. The index aggregates a list of general categories, such as "Diplomacy and the Arab World", and "Israel and the Arab world"; as well as specific categories such as "Palestinian organizations" (for further explanations about the index, see Appendix).

The Monitoring System

Automatic textual analysis based on a combination of topic modeling, deep learning and expert coding.

This report is based on the following online editions of media outlets: BBC, Daily Mirror, Chicago Tribune, the New York Times, the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, Los Angeles Times, CNN, Washington Post, the Telegraph, the Globe and the Mail, the Herald Sun.

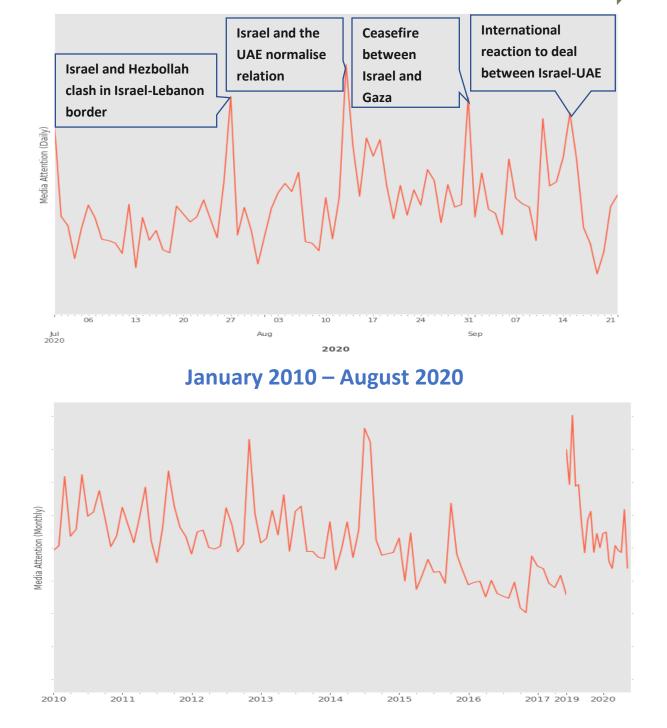
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The Davis Index shows the media attention on the peace deal between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, that was mediated by the US. We can see a spike in the media's attention when the deal was announced in August, and when the peace deal was signed in Washington D.C. in September. In addition, the explosion in Lebanon and the possible involvement of Hezbollah also drew attention in August.

In the graph depicting the media attention regarding the conflict between January 2010 to September 2020, we see a slow decrease in the attention. It should be noted that the data between 2010-2017 was based on LexisNexis database of printed press, yet the data collected from 2019 and forward is based on news websites.

Specific Topics

