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Reporting of events related to the 1/O differ according to the channel in terms of the amount of coverage.

TV3 and 3/24 (broadcast jointly), Canal 24 H and La Sexta changed their regular schedule to devote it entirely or almost to 1/O, including their news programmes. On the contrary, La1, Telecinco and Antena 3 TV did not change their schedule but broadcast news summaries with live links in their normal schedule as the 1/O day unfolded.

TVC, through channels **TV3 and 3/24**, aired a special news programme (1/O) from 8am to 1.22am the following day, interrupted only by the midday news. The news programme was brought forward by three quarters of an hour and lasted for over two hours. The entire midday news programme was about 1/O. In the evening, reports on 1/O were not part of the regular news programme but rather covered by a panel of commentators.

The 1/O special programme covered the news about the day in several reporting formats. The programme included live links to polling stations, broadcasting of institutional statements, interviews, institutional press conferences, and coverage from the headquarters of political parties. There were six debates in which opinions were voiced¹. This programme also included a debate with representatives of the political powers in the Catalan parliament.

TVE primarily reported on 1/O as it unfolded on its 24-hour news channel, as well as on La1, but with less coverage. La1 also included the broadcasting of midday news in Catalonia at the usual time.

Broadly, TVE's **La1** kept its normal Sunday schedule. From 8am to 10am, in simultaneous broadcast with Canal 24 H, it broadcast its 24 panel, which was devoted to 1/O. As for the rest of the day, the usual schedule was maintained and four news summaries were aired, one in the morning and three in the afternoon, in simultaneous broadcast with Canal 24 H. There was no change to the format and schedule of the evening and midday news, which were partially (about 60% of the news time) about 1/O.

¹ See point 2.3.

Canal 24 H devoted almost all of its schedule to 1/O through rolling news reports: it broadcast institutional statements, interviews, news reports and links to the headquarters of political parties. Canal 24 H aired five debates focusing on the events of 1/O: three as part of its *24* programme and two on *La noche*.

It also repeated an episode of *Informe Semanal* on the political situation in Catalonia, called *El nudo catalán* ('*The Catalan knot*').

Telecinco broadcast its usual schedule and reported on 1/O as it happened in news summaries: it aired three news summaries and three more live links with news services on its *Viva la vida* programme. The news programmes were aired at the normal time and were the normal length and were almost entirely devoted to 1/O.

Antenna 3 TV also stuck to its usual Sunday schedule and covered the news in news summaries (three in the morning and two more in the afternoon), which it entitled *Antenna 3 News: Desafío independentista* ('*The pro-independence challenge*'). Its news programmes were aired at the normal time and were the normal length and were almost entirely devoted to reporting on 1/O.

La Sexta devoted its entire schedule to 1/O in a special programme called *Al Rojo Vivo: Objetivo Catalunya* ('*Red Hot: Target Catalonia*'), made from Barcelona and aired between 8.05am and 1.10am the following day. The programme was interrupted only for La Sexta midday news. The evening news programme was not broadcast in the usual format and the information was integrated into the special news report, which provided information on the day by broadcasting institutional statements, live links and interviews with representatives from the various political groups, and press conferences about the day. The programme included three different discussion panels. La Sexta midday news was devoted entirely to 1/O with the normal schedule and length and was complemented with a news special.

Table 1. All channels. Scheduling on 1/O

Channel	Special scheduling on 1/O	Time (h:min:s)	News programmes	News time on 1/O (h:min:s)
TV3 3/24	Special programme 1/O	13:30:54	<i>TN migdia</i>	2:03:52
TVE Catalunya	-	-	<i>L'Informatiu migdia</i>	0:28:16
La1	News summaries (4) From 8-10am a special 24 was broadcast simultaneously with Canal 24 H	02:40:42	<i>TD 1</i> <i>TD 2</i>	0:57:28
Canal 24h	News summaries (3) News 24 <i>La noche</i>	13:11:34	<i>TD 1</i> <i>TD 2</i>	0:57:28
Telecinco	News summaries (3) Links to news services from the programme <i>Viva la vida</i> (3)	1:11:01	<i>Informativo mediodía</i> <i>Informativo noche</i>	1:15:32
Antena 3 TV	News summaries (5)	0:38:42	<i>Noticias 1</i> <i>Noticias 2</i>	1:16:20
La Sexta	<i>Special Al Rojo Vivo: Objetivo Catalunya</i>	12:36:39	<i>La Sexta Noticias mediodía + Especial La Sexta Noticias</i>	0:35:37

We will now turn to analysing the news coverage on each channel in their special schedule for 1/O as well as their news programmes.

Special reports on 1/O

The formats and the duration of information on 1/O varied significantly, which has an impact on the inclusion and amount of intervention types that are analysed in this section: debates, interviews, institutional statements, press conferences and others.

Debates and interviews

TV3 (and 3/24 broadcast simultaneously), Canal 24 H and La Sexta are the three channels that included interviews. TV3 and 3/24 aired 8 interviews with politicians and representatives of entities; Canal 24 H aired 6, and La Sexta aired 13.

When it comes to politicians, TV3 (and 3/24) conducted interviews with 5 from differing parties; Canal 24 H also aired 5 and La Sexta aired 8.

In addition, the three channels interviewed other individuals: TV3 interviewed the chairs of ANC and Òmnium Cultural and one member of the international observation mission; Canal 24 H interviewed the chair of Societat Civil Catalana; La Sexta interviewed the chair of the ANC and an international observer.

TV3 (and 3/24) also broadcast a debate between representatives of political parties with seats in parliament. According to the presenter of the programme, PPC and C's declined the invitation to take part in the debate and were interviewed during the same programme.

Table 2. Interviews and debates

Channel	Interviews	Discussions
TV3 and 3/24	Government of Catalonia Government of Barcelona City Council Ciutadans PDECAT PPC ANC Òmnium Cultural	CAT EN COMÚ CUP ERC PDECAT PSC
Canal 24 H	Government of Spain Ciudadanos PPC PSC Unidos Podemos-En Comú Podem- En Marea Catalan Civil Society	
La Sexta	Government of Catalan local authorities (3) Government of Barcelona City Council Government of Spain PPC+ PP (2) Ciutadans CUP ERC PDECAT ANC International electoral observer	

Broadcasting of institutional statements

TV3 is the only channel analysed that broadcast the four institutional statements delivered on 1 October (one recorded statement from Carles Puigdemont and three live: Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría, Mariano Rajoy and Carles Puigdemont). La Sexta broadcast the three live statements made. La1 and Canal 24 Hores broadcast only the statements made by representatives of the Spanish government, while Telecinco and Antena 3 TV broadcast only the president of the Spanish government's statement.

Table 3. List of institutional statements broadcast on 1 October²

Time	Person	Group	TV3	La1	Canal 24 Horas	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
Morning	Puigdemont, Carlos	Government of Catalonia	Recorded (aired on two occasions)					
2.15pm	Sáenz de Santamaría, Soraya	Government of Spain	Live	Live	Live			Live
8.21pm	Rajoy, Mariano	Government of Spain	Live	Live	Live	Live	Live	Live
10.30pm	Puigdemont, Carlos	Government of Catalonia	Live					Live

Press conferences

TV3, Canal 24 H and La Sexta systematically broadcast press conferences with governments and political parties, mainly in their news specials and either live or deferred.

As for the other channels, La1 aired two press conferences in the form of news summaries whereas Telecinco and Antena 3 TV broadcast none.

Table 4. List of press conferences with government representatives aired on October 1⁹

Time	Person	Group	TV3	La1	Canal 24 Horas	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
8am	Turull, Jordi	Government of Catalonia	Live		Live			
	Romeva, Raül		Live		Live			Live
9.14am	Millo, Enric	Government of Spain			Live			
10.50am	Turull, Jordi	Government of Catalonia	Live		Live			Live
12.24pm	Millo, Enric	Government of Spain			Live			Live
2.35pm	Turull, Jordi	Government of Catalonia	Live		Live			
	Romeva, Raül				Live			
6.42pm	Turull, Jordi	Government of Catalonia	Live		Live			
12.23am	Turull, Jordi	Government of Catalonia	Live					Live
	Romeva, Raül		Live					Live
	Junqueras, Oriol		Live					Live

² The cells in grey show statements that were broadcast during the news programme.

Table 5. List of press conferences with representatives of political parties aired on 1 October

Group	Person	TV3	La1	Canal 24 Hores	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
CAT en COMÚ	Domènech, Xavier	X					
Ciudadanos	Rivera, Albert	X	X	X			X
CUP	Arrufat, Quim	X					
	Gabriel, Anna						X
ERC	Tardà, Joan	X					
PDECAT	Pascal, Marta	X					
PSC	Iceta, Miquel			X			
PSOE	Ábalos, José Luis			X			
	Sánchez, Pedro	X	X	X			X
PPC	García Albiol, Xavier			X			
PP	Martínez Maíllo, Fernando			X			
PODEMOS	Iglesias, Pablo	X		X			X
	Mayoral, Rafael			X			X

Other interventions

Other types of intervention primarily cover live or deferred links and inserts or fragments of press conferences, institutional statements and statements to the media by political parties, governments and associations, among other types of appearance.

Televisions with special news reports (TV3 and 3/24, Canal 24 H and La Sexta) included these interventions in those programmes. La1, Telecinco and Antena 3 TV broadcast them as part of their news summaries.

Table 6. List of other types of intervention aired on 1 October

Group	TV3	La1	Canal 24 Hores	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
Administration of the Spanish State				6		
Administration of the Regional Government of Catalonia				6		
ANC	1					
Ciudadanos			1			
CUP	1					1
ERC						1
Government of Catalonia	3	1	4	10	4	10
Government of Barcelona City Council	1		1			2
Government of Catalan local authorities	2			1		1
Government of Spain	5	1	8	7	2	3
Òmnium Cultural	2					
Parliament of Catalonia	1					
Podemos			1	1		1
PP			1			
PPC	1		1			
PSC	1		1	1		1
PSOE			1	2		1
Total	18	2	19	34	6	21

Panel formats

TV3 and 3/24 broadcast six talks on various aspects related to 1/O: in four of them there were three guests and in two there were six.

In the Canal 24 H schedule analysed, there were five talk formats. Of these, four involved four guests and one involved five people. La 1 broadcast part of one of the talks involving three guests during its joint broadcasting slot with Canal 24 H.

Lastly, La Sexta included three talk formats which all involved more guests (between ten and thirteen).

Table 7. TV3 and 3/24. List of people who took part in talk shows aired on October 1

Identification	Activity	Freq.
Pons, Jordi	TV3 Political editor	2
Barnils, Andreu	Journalist for <i>Vilaweb</i>	1
Barrio, Astrid	Political pundit, lecturer in political science at the University of Valencia and contributor to daily newspaper <i>El Periódico</i>	1
Benach, Ernest	Former President of the Catalan Parliament	1
Casas, Ferran	Deputy editor of <i>Nació Digital</i>	1
Clavaguera, Joan Maria	Journalist, former director of ACN and lecturer at Ramon Llull University	1
Colomé, Gabriel	Lecturer in political science at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, former director of CEO	1
Cot, Salvador	Editor of daily digital newspaper <i>El Món</i>	1
De Gispert, Núria	Former President of the Catalan Parliament	1
Espada, Ferran	Journalist, edition coordinator for daily newspaper <i>El Punt Avui</i> and deputy editor of <i>L'Esportiu</i>	1
Hernández, Enric	Editor of daily newspaper <i>El Periódico de Catalunya</i>	1
León, Sandra	Political pundit	1
Manchón, Manel	Editor of <i>Economía Digital</i>	1
Muñoz, Jordi	Political pundit	1
Nebrera, Montserrat	Lawyer and lecturer in constitutional law at the International University of Catalonia (UIC)	1
Oranich, Magda	Lawyer	1
Pérez Oliva, Milagros	Journalist for daily newspaper <i>El País</i>	1
Puig, Miquel	Economist	1
Rífol, Joan	Former President of the Catalan Parliament	1
Soler, Toni	Director of production company <i>Minoría Absoluta</i>	1
Tresserras, Joan Manuel	Lecturer in communications at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), former regional minister for culture and former board member of the CAC	1
Ubasart, Gemma	Political pundit and former secretary general of Podem	1
Vera, Esther	Editor of daily newspaper <i>Ara</i>	1

Table 8. La 1. List of people who took part in panels aired on October 1

Identification	Activity	Frequency
Encinas, Carmelo	Head of opinion for daily newspaper <i>20 minutos</i>	1
Gómez Montero, Marta	Journalist for weekly <i>El Semanal digital</i>	1
Mayor, Leonor	Journalist for daily newspaper <i>La Vanguardia</i>	1

Table 9. Canal 24 H. List of people who took part in panels aired on October 1

Identification	Activity	Freq.
Arza, Juan	Founding member of <i>Societat Civil Catalana</i>	2
Brunet, Josep Maria	Journalist for daily newspaper <i>La Vanguardia</i>	1
Casado, Antonio	Journalist for <i>Elconfidencial.com</i>	1
Encinas, Carmelo	Head of opinion for daily newspaper <i>20 minutos</i>	1
Esteban, Esther	Journalist for <i>Diario Siglo XXI</i> and <i>El Mundo</i>	1
Gómez Montero, Marta	Journalist for weekly <i>El Semanal digital</i>	1
González Ferrari, Javier	Political analyst	1
Iglesias, Fatima	Chief editor for <i>Vózpouli</i>	1
Jaén, Esther	Deputy director of Cuarto Poder	1
Lafora, Victoria	Political analyst	1
Marín, Manuel	Deputy editor of <i>ABC</i>	1
Mayor, Leonor	Journalist for daily newspaper <i>La Vanguardia</i>	1
Morodo, Carmen	Deputy editor of <i>La Razón</i>	1
Oneto, José	Journalist and editorial advisor for <i>Republica.com</i>	1
Pérez Herrero, Julio César	Director of the Centro de Estudios Superiores en Comunicación y Marketing Político (Centre for Advanced Studies in Communications and Political Marketing)	1
Pozas, Alberto	Editor of <i>Interviú</i>	1
Remírez Gamuza, Carmen	Journalist for <i>El Mundo</i>	1
Roig, José Luis	Journalist for <i>Lainformación.com</i>	1
Sánchez, Inmaculada	Editor of <i>El Siglo</i>	1
Tomás, Carmen	TVE expert commentator on economic affairs	1

Table 10. La Sexta. List of people who took part in panels aired on October 1

Identification	Activity	Freq.
Casas, Ferran	Deputy editor of <i>Nació Digital</i>	2
de Déu, Bernat	Philosopher and contributor to <i>Elnacional.cat</i>	2
Oriols, Lluís	Lecturer in political science at Carlos III University in Madrid	2
Ramoneda, Josep	Philosopher and political analyst	2
Rusiñol, Pere	Journalist for <i>Eldiario.es</i> and <i>Alternativas económicas</i>	2
Sardà, Xavier	Columnist for <i>El Periódico de Catalunya</i>	2
Simón, Pablo	Editor of <i>El Político</i>	2
Berlín, Fernando	Director of Radiocable.com	1
Casas, Jordi	Former CiU MP	1
Cuní, Josep	Journalist and director of production company Broadcaster	1
Fernández Dios, Ricart	Journalist, lawyer and former PP MP at the Parliament of Catalonia	1
Forn, Iu	Journalist for <i>Elnacional.cat</i>	1
Garcia, Esperanza	PPC MP at the Parliament of Catalonia	1
Herrera, Joan	Lawyer and former coordinator for ICV	1
López Alegre, Joan	Lecturer UAO and former MP in Parliament for PPC	1
Marín, Núria	Mayor of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	1
Minder, Raphael	New York Times correspondent for Spain and Portugal	1
Monegal, Ferran	Television critic	1
Montserrat, Dolors	Regional Minister for Health	1
Pedret, Ferran	Deputy spokesperson of PSC at the Parliament of Catalonia	1
Ramos, Àlex	Vice-chair of Societat Civil Catalana	1
Rubio, Angélica	Editor of <i>EIPlural.com</i>	1
Soto Ivars, Juan	Journalist for <i>El Confidencial</i>	1
Tomás, Neus	Deputy editor of <i>Eldiario.es</i>	1
Urtasun, Ernest	MEP and spokesperson of ICV	1
Vila, Enric	Journalist for <i>El Punt Avui</i>	1

Information about 1/O in news programmes

On the **TV3** news programmes analysed, two overarching areas of information were presented: violence from the National Police and Civil Guard against the people (31.3%), and reports of voting taking place despite the actions of state law enforcement and security forces (23.1%). Thirdly, with a far lower relative proportion (10.4%), information on the impact of 1/O internationally was provided.

These same areas of information were presented on **La Sexta**, but in reverse order: information on voting despite the actions of state law enforcement and security forces represented 32.2% of the total report and violence from the National Police and Civil Guard accounted for 29.3%. This is followed in almost identical proportions by the positions of the Catalan (13.6%) and state executives (13.5%).

The structure of information about 1/O presented on La1, Telecinco and Antena 3 TV show some similarities.

La1 addressed the impact of 1/O on the FC Barcelona match, which was top in terms of news time (13.7%). In addition, it focused on aspects presented as voting anomalies (12.1%), on the position of the Spanish government (11.8%), and on the "passivity" of the Mossos d'Esquadra in complying with the judicial requirement to close polling stations (11.5%).

On **Telecinco** the item allocated most news time was the "lack of action" of the Mossos d'Esquadra in shutting down polling stations (19.8%). This was followed by other of 1/O that were described as illegal and/or irregular (12.8%), and thirdly by the position of the state executive (10.9%).

On **Antenna 3 TV**, news items about the illegal nature and anomalies in the voting on 1/O accounted for 18.5% of the news time. References to the "passivity" of the Mossos d'Esquadra in complying with judicial requirements were the second main item (16.7%). This channel was the only to report on public violence towards the National Police Force and Civil Guard as one of the main news items (10.8%). In keeping with this discourse and with similar percentages, there were items on the action of the National Police and Civil Guard and their compliance with judicial requirements (9.1%), and items describing the positions of the Spanish government (8.9%).

On **TVE Catalunya** the reporting on 1/O focused primarily on the position of the Spanish government (40.7% of news time, although most corresponds to a live appearance), and the actions of the National Police and Civil Guard in compliance with judicial requirements (27%).

Table 11. TV3. Distribution of information

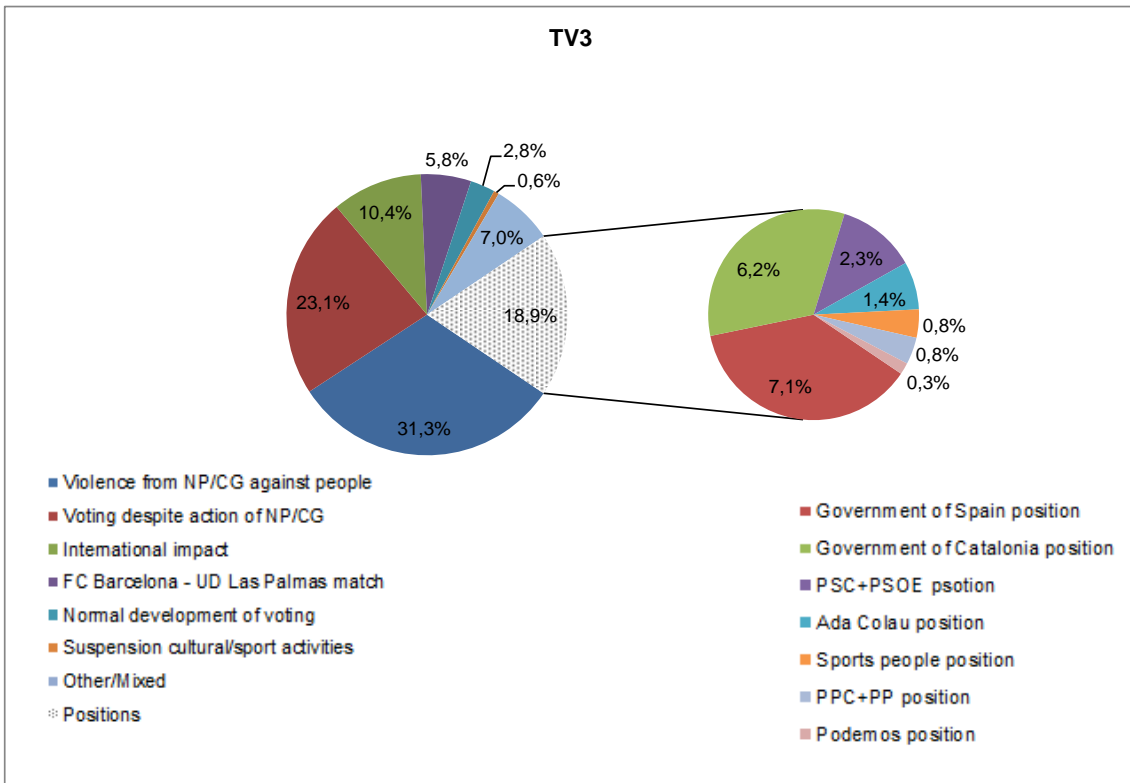


Table 12. TVE Catalunya. Distribution of information

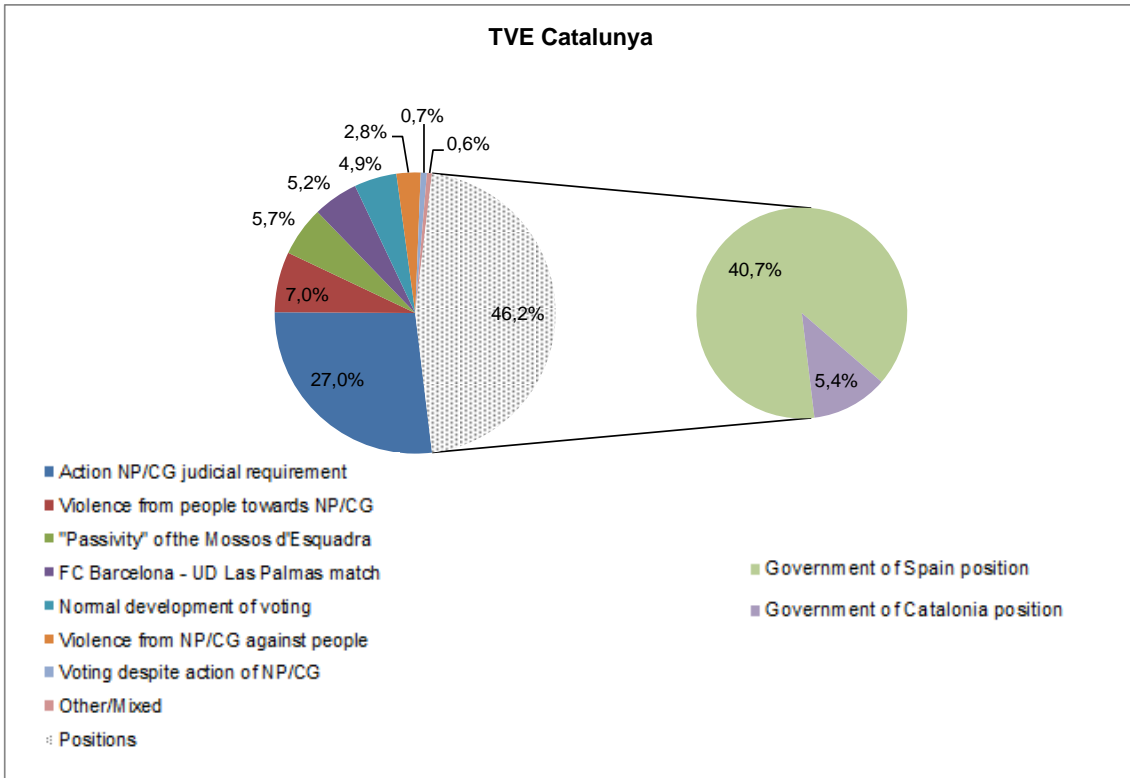


Table 13. La1. Distribution of information

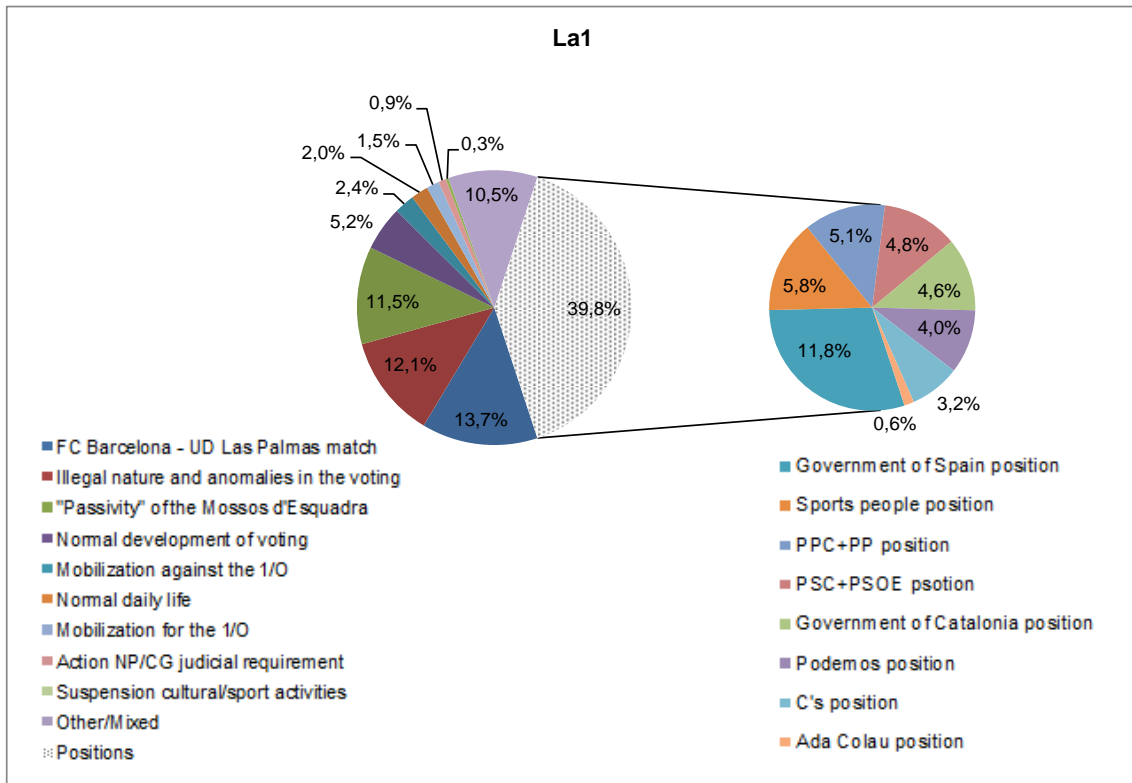


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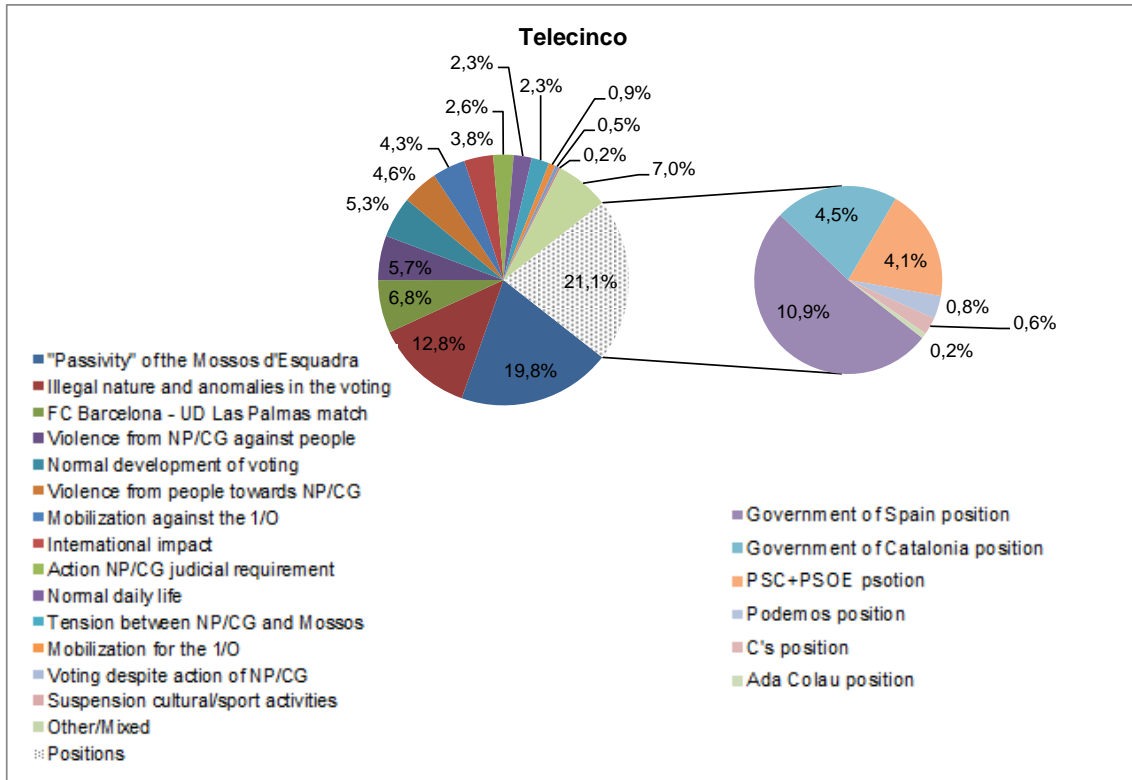


Table 15. Antena 3 TV. Distribution of information

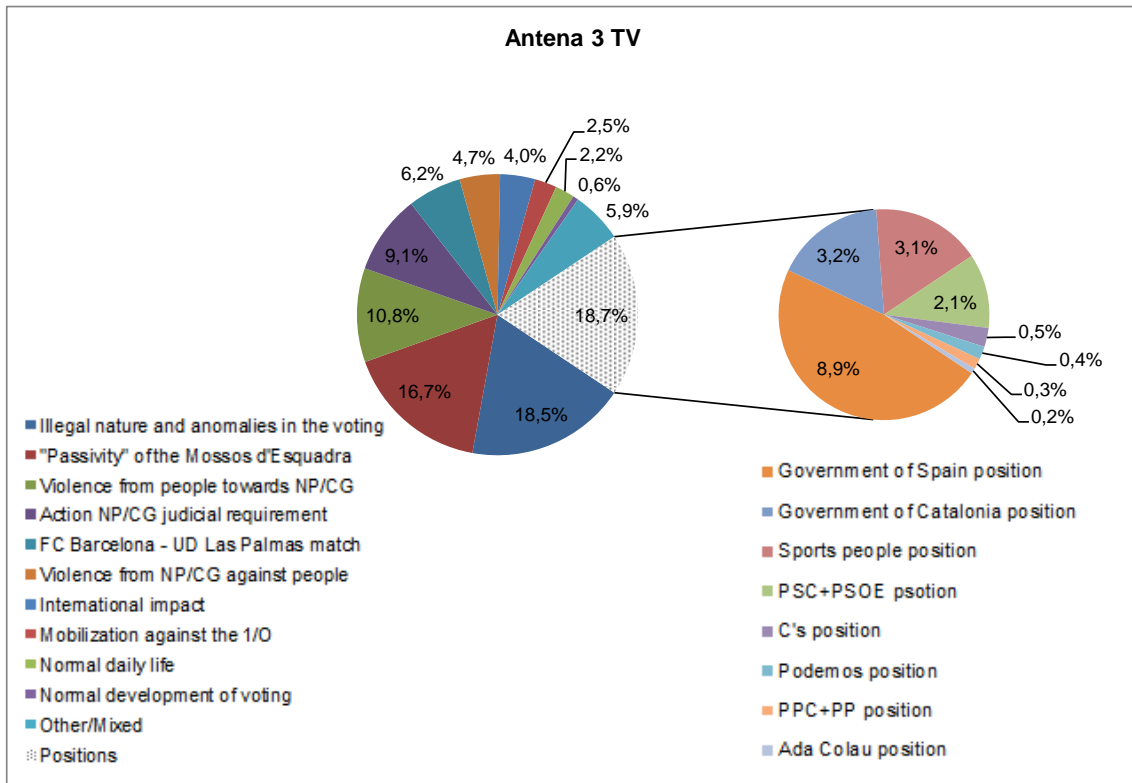
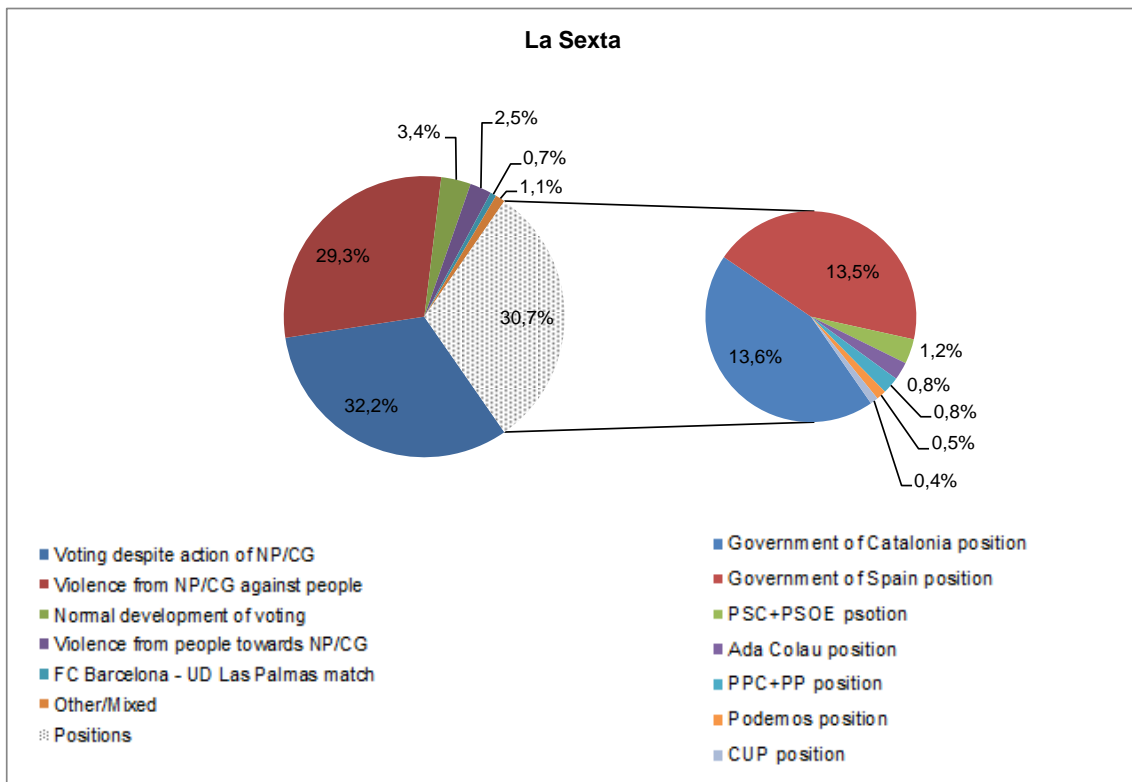


Table 16. La Sexta. Distribution of information



News tickers

The news programmes broadcast on the day analysed all included a headline that framed or preceded many of the news tickers used. On TV3 the headline was "1/O: Catalonia votes against repression", which is consistent with the relative importance allocated in its news to the fact that people were voting despite the actions of the state security forces.

Three channels partially coincided in their main headlines with the word "challenge": La1 used "Challenge to Law" and Telecinco and Antena 3 TV, "Challenge to the State". These headlines were also in keeping with the news discourse presented on those channels, which devoted most news time to what they presented as the illegal nature and voting anomalies on 1/O and the "passivity" of the Mossos d'Esquadra during the day.

La Sexta chose "Catalonia: 1/O, the hardest day", and the TVE Catalunya news programme was simply "1 October".

Images used in news programmes

We shall now look at the images that were used to illustrate the main topics of news surrounding 1/O broadcast on the channels analysed: the police violence, the actions of the Mossos d'Esquadra, whether voting was presented as normal or anomalous, and the role of the public.

With regard to **the use of violence by law enforcement forces**, significant differences were observed according to channel in the attention paid to scenes where the Civil Guard or the National Police Force can be seen acting violently towards would-be voters. Whereas TV3 devoted over a third of its total images to this (36.5%), the proportion was a fifth on Antena3 TV (19.1%) and La1 (20.9%). The latter two channels also showed a higher proportion of images of violence from the public towards the state law enforcement: 4.4% and 6.1%, respectively.

If we look at the **role of the Mossos d'Esquadra**, the proportion of images showing interactions between this police force and the people without violence varies considerably according to channel. On La1, Antena3 TV and Telecinco this was 10.2%,

9.6% and 7.1% respectively, while on the other three channels the proportion was below 3%.

In addition, Telecinco and Antena3 TV were the two channels that showed the highest proportion of scenes of tension between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the Mossos d'Esquadra: 4.8% and 4.4%, respectively, while on the other channels this was never above 1%.

With regard to images of the **voting process**, we found that all channels showed numerous scenes of "normal" voting, ranging from 21.4% of the total images on TV3 to 30.4% on La Sexta. These scenes of voting as normal also included images of politicians exercising their right to vote on all of the channels analysed.

When it comes to "anomalies" in the voting, differences were found according to channel: La1, Antena3 TV and Telecinco had similar percentages of this type of image (4.6%, 4.4% and 4.0%, respectively) while on other channels there were either no such images (TVE Catalunya) or the percentage was lower (0.9% on TV3 and 2.4% on La Sexta).

As for images showing **people voting**, which included scenes of support (people chanting, applauding, cheering as ballot boxes were brought, etc.), large crowds outside polling stations, and people protecting the polling stations to avoid the police entering (with security cordons, barricades and so on), TV3 broadcast the most with 10.2%, followed by TVE Catalunya (8.3%) and La Sexta (7.1%). At the other end of the spectrum were Telecinco (3.3%), La1 (4.6%) and Antena 3 TV (5.9%).

Table 17. News programmes. Types of image per channel (% of total)

Image classification	Image type	TV3	TVE Catalunya	La1	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
Violence between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the public	Scenes showing violence from the Civil Guard or the National Police Force against the public	36.5	30.3	20.9	31.7	19.1	26.4
	Scenes showing public violence against the Civil Guard or the National Police Force	3.6	3.7	6.1	2.5	4.4	3.0
	Scenes showing mutual violence between the public and Civil Guard or the National Police Force	1.4	0.9	1.5	5.3	2.0	2.7
Violence between the Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan Police Force) and the public	Scenes showing violence from the Mossos d'Esquadra against the public	--	--	--	1.5	0.2	--
	Scenes showing violence from the public against the Mossos d'Esquadra	--	--	--	--	0.5	--
Non-explicit violence between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the public	Groups of Civil Guard or National Police Force agents and the public face-to-face without explicit physical confrontation	0.9	--	1.5	0.3	2.2	3.4
	The public making the Civil Guard or National Police Force retreat without explicit physical confrontation	0.9	1.8	--	2.8	1.7	1.0
	Civil Guard or National Police Force agents taking away ballot boxes	3.4	1.8	2.0	2.8	1.2	3.4
Non-explicit violence between the Mossos d'Esquadra and the public	Groups of Mossos d'Esquadra and the public face-to-face without explicit physical confrontation	0.5	--	--	--	--	--
Tension between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the Mossos d'Esquadra	Scenes showing tension between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the Mossos d'Esquadra	0.2	--	1.0	4.8	4.4	--
Interaction between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the public without violence being used	Scenes without violence being used between the Civil Guard or the National Police Force and the public	9.0	15.6	7.1	4.0	6.1	8.4
	Scenes showing the Civil Guard or the National Police Force protecting the public	0.9	--	2.0	0.5	0.7	1.4
Interaction between the Mossos	Scenes between the Mossos d'Esquadra and	2.0	2.8	10.2	7.1	9.6	0.7

Image classification	Image type	TV3	TVE Catalunya	La1	Telecinco	Antena 3 TV	La Sexta
d'Esquadra and the public without violence being used	the public without violence being used						
Voting	The public during the voting process	21.4	29.4	26.0	22.2	24.3	30.4
	Politicians during the voting process	4.1	3.7	8.2	5.3	10.8	8.1
	Images of anomalies in the voting process	0.9	--	4.6	4.0	4.4	2.4
	Politicians going to their own polling stations	2.7	--	--	0.5	0.2	1.4
Role of the public	Scenes showing public involvement in the voting process	6.3	8.3	3.1	2.3	2.7	3.4
	Efforts made by the public to prevent the police from accessing polling stations	0.7	--	1.5	0.5	2.5	3.7
	Crowds around polling stations	3.2	--	--	0.5	0.7	--
Other images	Other images	1.4	1.8	4.1	1.5	2.2	0.3

The presence of politicians on news programmes

Due to the central role of the Catalan and Spanish governments on 1/O, the speaking time allocated to the governments on 1 October was higher than that given to political parties on all of the channels examined³.

The Spanish governments was given the longest speaking time on all channels except TVE, which allocated the most to the government of Catalonia. The difference between the proportion of speaking time given to the two governments was highest on Antena 3 TV and La1, with a difference of 38.2 and 33.1 percentage points, respectively, and less accentuated on La Sexta (23 points) and Telecinco (10.3 points)⁴. On TV3, the percentage difference between the two governments was 17.4 percentage points, in this case with the Catalan government having the greater time.

When it comes to political groupings, PSC+PSOE and PPC+PP (in differing orders) had the highest presence on all channels.

Looking at diversity of opinion in the news programmes analysed, TV3 showed the greatest plurality, with 7 different political groupings (PSC+PSOE, PPC+PP, Podem+Podemos, ERC, CUP, CAT EN COMÚ and PDECAT). La Sexta allocated time to 6 groupings (PPC+PP, PSC+PSOE, Podem+Podemos, CUP, Demòcrates de Catalunya and PDECAT), Antena 3 TV to 5 (PSC+PSOE, PPC+PP, C's, Podem+Podemos and PDECAT), La1 to 4 (PPC+PP, PSC+PSOE, Podem+Podemos and C's) and Telecinco also to 4 (PSC+PSOE, PPC+PP, C's and Podem+Podemos).

Therefore, representatives of PSC+PSOE, PPC+PP and Podem+Podemos spoke on the news programmes of all the channels analysed. Representatives of C's spoke on La1, Telecinco and Antena 3 TV. Members of PDECAT were given speaking time on TV3, Antena 3 TV and La Sexta. The CUP's point of view was heard in the news programmes on TV3 and La Sexta; that of ERC and CAT EN COMMU on TV3 only; and the Demòcrates de Catalunya on La Sexta only.

³TVE Catalunya was unique in that no politicians not in government were given speaking time. On that channel the government of Spain accounted for more than 88% of speaking time, which was almost entirely taken up by a live appearance from Vice President Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría (more than 9 minutes). For this reason it is not discussed further with the other news programmes.

In addition, TV3 also gave speaking time to the president of the Parliament of Catalonia (12 seconds, accounting for 0.6% of the total speaking time), and to representatives of the ANC (44 seconds, 2.4% of the total) and Òmnium Cultural (12 seconds, 0.6%).

Table 18. TV3. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:17:13	84.4
• Government of Catalonia	0:09:48	48.0
• Government of Spain	0:06:15	30.6
• Government of Catalan local authorities	0:00:47	3.8
• Government of Barcelona City Council	0:00:23	1.9
Political parties	0:03:11	15.6
• PSC + PSOE	0:01:15	6.1
• PPC + PP	0:00:51	4.2
• Podem + Podemos	0:00:28	2.3
• ERC	0:00:10	0.8
• CUP	0:00:10	0.8
• CAT EN COMÚ	0:00:09	0.7
• PDECAT	0:00:08	0.7
Total	0:20:24	100

Table 19. TVE Catalunya. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:10:55	100
• Government of Spain	0:09:39 ⁵	88.4
• Government of Catalonia	0:00:51	7.8
• Government of Catalan local authorities	0:00:25	3.8
Political parties	--	--
Total	0:10:55	100

Table 20. La1. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:06:49	65.9
• Government of Spain	0:05:02	48.6
• Government of Catalonia	0:01:36	15.5
• Government of Barcelona City Council	0:00:11	1.8
Political parties	0:03:32	34.1
• PPC + PP	0:01:25	13.7
• PSC + PSOE	0:01:10	11.3
• Podemos	0:00:35	5.6
• Ciudadanos	0:00:22	3.5
Total	0:10:21	100

⁵ The Spanish government speaking time almost solely comprises one live appearance from Vice President Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría (more than 9 minutes).

Table 21. Telecinco. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:06:37	79.9
• Government of Spain	0:03:34	43.1
• Government of Catalonia	0:02:40	32.2
• Government of Catalan local authorities	0:00:18	3.6
• Government of Barcelona City Council	0:00:05	1.0
Political parties	0:01:40	20.1
• PSC + PSOE	0:00:43	8.7
• PPC	0:00:24	4.8
• Ciudadanos	0:00:17	3.4
• Podemos	0:00:16	3.2
Total	0:08:17	100

Table 22. Antena 3 TV. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:04:06	72.1
• Government of Spain	0:03:04	54.0
• Government of Catalonia	0:00:54	15.8
• Government of Barcelona City Council	0:00:05	1.5
• Government of Catalan local authorities	0:00:03	0.9
Political parties	0:01:35	27.9
• PSC + PSOE	0:00:41	12.0
• PP	0:00:21	6.2
• Ciudadanos	0:00:15	4.4
• Podemos	0:00:09	2.6
• PDECAT	0:00:09	2.6
Total	0:05:41	100

Table 23. La Sexta. Speaking time given to governments and political powers on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Governments	0:03:28	82.5
• Government of Spain	0:02:09	51.2
• Government of Catalonia	0:01:11	28.2
• Government of Barcelona City Council	0:00:08	3.2
Political parties	0:00:44	17.5
• PP	0:00:10	4.0
• PSOE	0:00:09	3.6
• Podemos	0:00:09	3.6
• CUP	0:00:06	2.4
• Demòcrates de Catalunya	0:00:06	2.4
• PDECAT	0:00:04	1.6
Total	0:04:12	100

Speaking time given to the public

The news coverage of 1/O included individuals of a non-political nature. This applies to all channels except TVE Catalunya, which gave speaking time only to government representatives.

More than half of the speaking time given to the public on TV3 corresponded to victims and witnesses of police violence, who were not heard on any of the other channels. TV3 was also the only channel to give speaking time to representatives of the international observers of 1/O.

On other channels, the attention focused on other groups of people. On La1, the group with the highest speaking time were people affected by FC Barcelona's decision to play its match behind closed doors, while on Telecinco it was pro-Spanish unity demonstrators. It is also worth noting that this channel also interviewed pro-vote demonstrators.

The news programmes on all five channels (TV3, La1, Telecinco, Antena 3 TV and La Sexta) interviewed people taking part in 1/O, either as voters (on all channels), poll workers (TV3, Telecinco, Antena 3 TV and La Sexta) or people organising the polling at a given station (TV3, La1, Telecinco and La Sexta). In addition, people who stated that they did not want to vote were heard on La1, Telecinco and Antena 3 TV.

Table 24. TV3. Speaking time given to others on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Victim of police violence	0:02:42	28.8
Witness of police violence	0:02:29	26.5
International observer	0:01:31	16.2
Voter	0:01:13	13.0
Poll worker	0:00:37	6.6
Experts	0:00:25	4.4
Health professionals	0:00:15	2.7
Member of 1/O organisation	0:00:07	1.2
Sports people	0:00:04	0.7
Total	0:09:23	100

Table 25. La1. Speaking time given to others on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Sports people	0:02:51	63.3
Football fan affected by 1/O	0:00:37	13.7
Voter	0:00:23	8.5
Tourist	0:00:14	5.2
Individual who did not want to vote	0:00:10	3.7
Member of 1/O organisation	0:00:09	3.3
Mossos d'Esquadra Police Force	0:00:06	2.2
Total	0:04:30	100

Table 26. Telecinco. Speaking time given to others on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Pro-Spanish unity demonstrator	0:00:43	27.9
Voter	0:00:25	16.2
Sports people	0:00:22	14.3
Mossos d'Esquadra Police Force	0:00:16	10.4
Individual who did not want to vote	0:00:13	8.4
Pro 'right to decide' demonstrator	0:00:09	5.8
Poll worker	0:00:08	5.2
Football fan affected by 1/O	0:00:07	4.5
National Police Force	0:00:05	3.2
Civil Guard	0:00:04	2.6
Member of 1/O organisation	0:00:02	1.3
Total	0:02:34	100

Table 27. Antena 3 TV. Speaking time given to others on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Sports people	0:00:57	41.3
Voter	0:00:17	12.3
Mossos d'Esquadra Police Force	0:00:16	11.6
Football fan affected by 1/O	0:00:11	8.0
Pro-Spanish unity demonstrator	0:00:10	7.2
National Police Force	0:00:09	6.5
Individual who did not want to vote	0:00:07	5.1
Poll worker	0:00:04	2.9
Other	0:00:07	5.1
Total	0:02:18	100

Table 28. La Sexta. Speaking time given to others on 1 October

Group	1 October	
	Speaking time	% of total speaking time
Voter	0:00:49	55.7
Poll worker	0:00:32	36.4
Experts	0:00:04	4.5
Civil Guard	0:00:02	2.3
Member of 1/O organisation	0:00:01	1.1
Total	0:01:28	100

The news discourse

The overall analysis of the time that each channel devoted to the various matters, the news tickers used on regular news programmes and special reports, the type of images used to illustrate the news, and the people who were given speaking time, reveal different models of discourse on the events of 1/O.

In their news programmes, **TV3 and 3/24** focused on showing that people were voting despite significant violence: a large proportion of the images aired showed on the one hand police aggression towards the public and, on the other, members of the public supporting 1/O. Likewise, TV3 was the only broadcaster to interview victims and witnesses of the violence on its news programmes. The sentence that was repeated on the news tickers, 'Catalonia votes against repression', illustrates this focus. Representatives of the main political powers in Catalonia and Spain (governments and parties), as well as the ANC and Òmnium Cultural were involved in the news specials and programmes in differing formats.

There were similarities between **La1** and **Antenna 3 TV** when it comes to the themes and images they broadcast. The news programmes on these channels focused on information describing the "passive" attitude of the Mossos d'Esquadra and the alleged illegal nature of the vote and anomalies in 1/O. This discourse is reflected with continuous tickers describing the day as a "challenge" to the law (on La 1) and to the state (on Antena 3 TV), and with a quantitatively significant number of images of the Mossos d'Esquadra displaying peaceful relations with the public and situations presented as irregularities in the voting process. These two channels did show a significant number of images of police violence towards the public, albeit less than the other channels. Conversely, images of violence enacted by the people against the state police forces occupied more time comparatively. Both channels allocated speaking time to both governments (Catalan and Spanish). When it comes to political groups, the vast majority of time was given to nationwide groups.

The **Telecinco** discourse was partly similar to La1 and Antena 3 TV, although in relative terms it aired more images of situations of violence and tension between the state police forces and the Mossos d'Esquadra. Its news ticker was the same as Antena 3 TV's ("Challenge to the state") and the people allocated speaking time in reports on 1/O were, apart from representatives of the Catalan and Spanish governments, almost exclusively from nationwide political parties.

The new discourse on **La Sexta** regarding 1/O was that people were voting despite violence towards voters from the Civil Guard and the National Police Force. This discourse was illustrated by images of people voting and others of police violence. The news ticker that was repeated on the news programmes described the situation as complex: "1/O The hardest day". In their news specials and programmes, this discourse was complemented in varying formats with the presence of the main political powers (governments and parties) in both Catalonia and Spain.