

TABLE 2-1

**Mass-Media Coverage of Worthy and Unworthy Victims (1):  
A Murdered Polish Priest versus One Hundred Murdered  
Religious in Latin America**

	NEW YORK TIMES								TIME and NEWSWEEK				CBS NEWS			
	Articles <sup>1</sup>		Column inches		Front-page articles		Editorials <sup>1</sup>		Articles <sup>1</sup>		Column inches		No. of news programs <sup>1</sup>		No. of evening news programs	
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<b>Victims</b>																
1. Jerzy Popieluszko, murdered on Oct. 19, 1984	78	(100)	1183.0	(100)	10	(100)	3	(100)	16	(100)	313.0	(100)	46	(100)	23	(100)
2. 72 religious victims in Latin America, 1964-78 <sup>2</sup>	8	(10.3)	117.5	(9.9)	1	(10)	—	—	—	—	16	(5.1)	— <sup>3</sup>	—	—	—
3. 23 religious, murdered in Guatemala Jan. 1980-Feb. 1985 <sup>4</sup>	7	(9.0)	66.5	(5.6)	—	—	—	—	2	(12.5)	34.0	(10.9)	2	(4.3)	2	(8.7)
4. Oscar Romero, murdered Mar. 18, 1980	16	(20.5)	219.0	(18.5)	4	(40)	—	—	3	(18.8)	86.5	(27.6)	13	(28.3)	4	(17.4)
5. 4 U.S. religious women, murdered in El Salvador, Dec. 2, 1980	26	(33.3)	201.5	(17.0)	3	(30)	—	—	5	(31.2)	111.0	(35.5)	22	(47.8)	10	(43.5)
6. Total of lines 2-5	57	(73.1)	604.5	(51.1)	8	(80)	—	—	10	(62.5)	247.5	(79.1)	37	(80.4)	16	(69.6)

1. The media coverage is for an 18-month period from the time of the first report of the victim's disappearance or murder.

2. Listed in Penny Lernoux, *Cry of the People* (New York: Doubleday, 1980), pp. 464-65. We have omitted the names of seven martyrs who had joined the guerrillas. Lernoux points out that her list is far from complete, and is composed of only the better-known victims.

3. The CBS News Index begins in 1975; our blank figure for this category does not cover earlier years.

4. This is a partial listing only, taken from tabulations of "Religious Killed or 'Disappeared' in Guatemala," put out periodically by CONFREGUA: *Conferencia de Religiosos de Guatemala*.