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## Football Fans Violence in the Greek Daily Press (1920-2010).

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### ABSTRACT

This article attempts a critical review of indicative research material from journalistic presentations of violent incidents during football matches in the Greek daily press from the 1920s to the late 2000s. This longitudinal study essentially poses two research questions. The first issue concerns how these incidents are presented in the daily press of each period, while the second concerns the degree of correlation of these journalistic practices with socio-cultural and political conditions. The study detects an over-presence of impression elements in the journalistic narrative and projection of tensions between fans during sports meetings. At the same time, it highlights the correlation between the journalistic rhetoric and the interpretation of the violent behavior of the fans, as extreme and deviant, with its historical context. In particular, it seems that this follows periods of recession and boom, which is associated with periods of political and economic tension.

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