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“The purpose of the study was twofold: (1) the identification of qualitative and quantitative differences in the use of impersonalization strategies between the two languages, i.e. whether the same type of strategies are used in the two languages and the extent to which they are used and (2) the correlation between the use of strategies and the degree of implication of the country, and consequently of the news producer, in the event reported. We thus established a gradient, from those news reports depicting a situation where neither Britain nor Spain is alluded to or implicated, to a situation where each country is both mentioned and implicated in the event. The texts were selected from the National and International sections of The Guardian and The Times in English, and from El País, ABC and La Vanguardia in Spanish over the period from January 2000 to April 2002. The corpus consists of a total of 94 texts in English (62,782 words), and 93 texts in Spanish (63,594 words).” (from the editor’s introduction)

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