

PRINT MEDIA ANALYSIS

FACT SHEET - October 2021



Introduction

Since 2005, ADIC conducts daily surveillance on print media and produce a monthly analysis of references regarding alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, heroin and other drugs (ATOD) occurring in selected print media in the three mediums – Sinhala, Tamil and English. This “Print Media Analysis” leads to monitoring and identifying the prevailing/ current trends and patterns related to alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, heroin and other drug reporting. It also identifies the current attitudes and the behavior of the media and media personnel with regard to ATOD.

Weekly Newspapers

Monday to Saturday		Sunday
05	Sinhala	03
04	English	03
03	Tamil	03

The identified content are categorized as follows:

Prevention – Improve correct knowledge on ATOD, its industries and effective prevention.

Promotion - Glamorizing the substance, industry image building, surrogate advertising, social beliefs, unfair privileges and promotion through prevention.

Positive policy – Supporting implementation and formulation, of ATOD control policies.

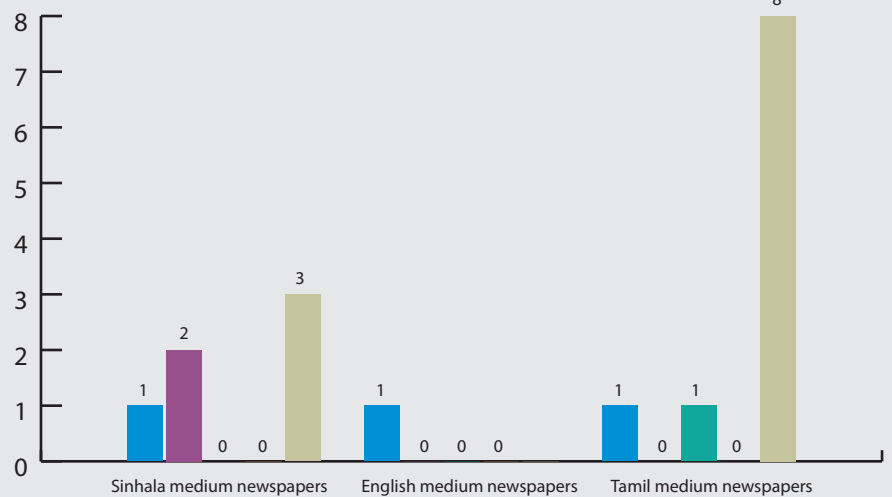
Negative policy – Undermining formulation & implementation of ATOD control policies.

Law enforcement- Legal actions taken by the authorities when ATOD related laws & regulations are violated.

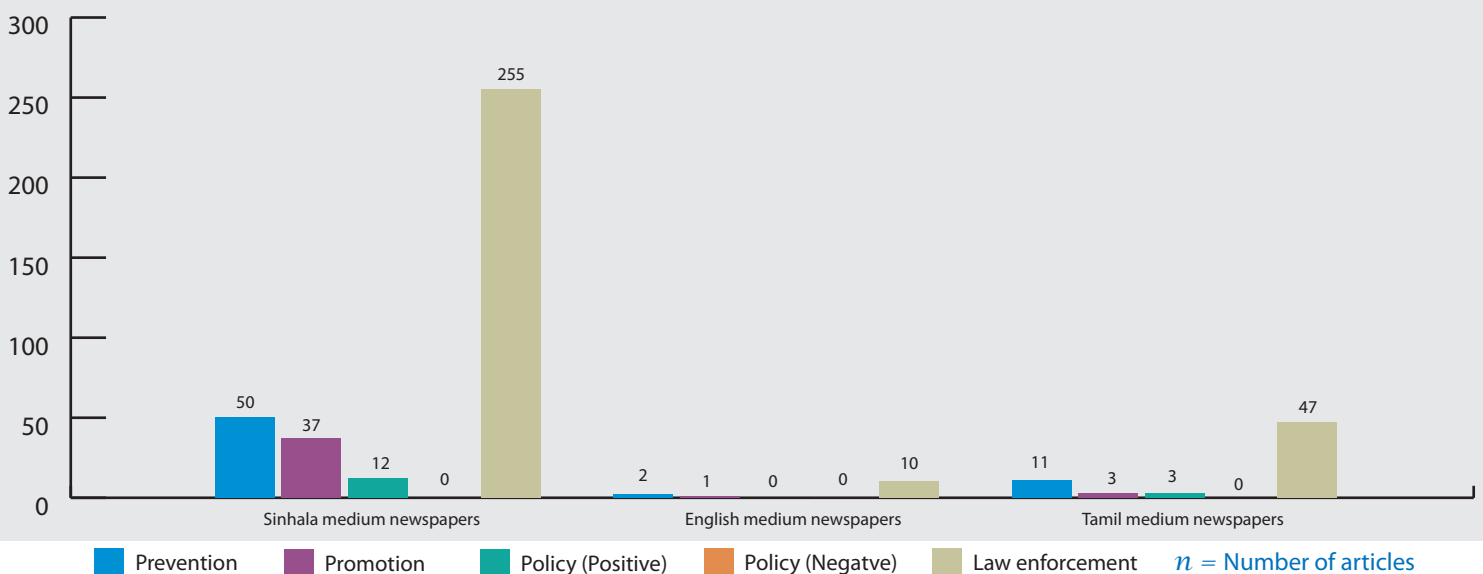
Non Category –Specifically does not include policy, prevention or promotion of any drug but it provides information on ATOD through words or pictures.

Classification according to Promotion, Prevention, Policy, Law Enforcement & Non Category

Sunday

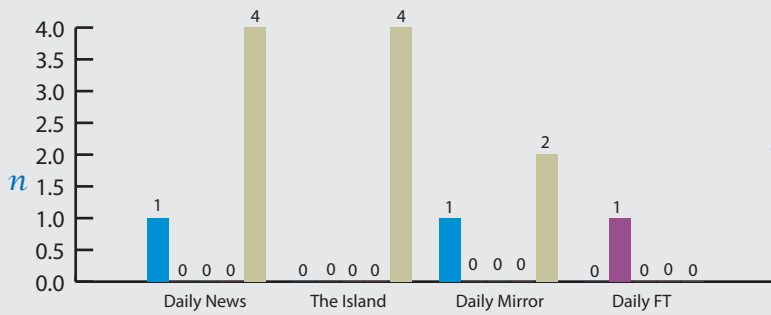


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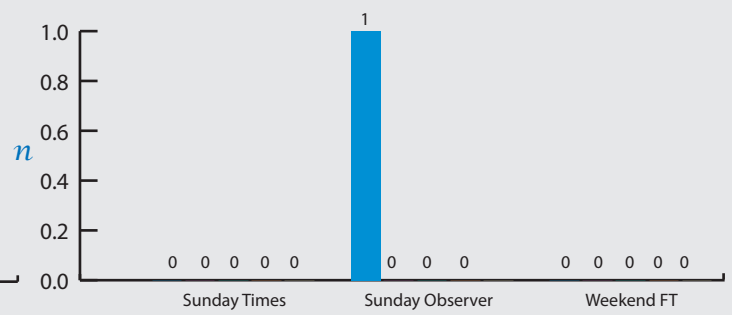
Classification according to Newspapers

Monday to Saturday English Newspapers



In Monday to Saturday English newspapers, The DailyNews and Daily Mirror published 01 prevention content and 01 promotion content published in the Daily FT. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in all four newspapers.

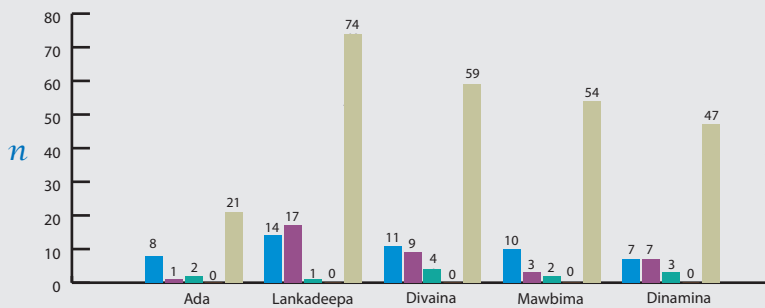
Sunday English Newspapers



01 prevention content published in in Sunday Observer.

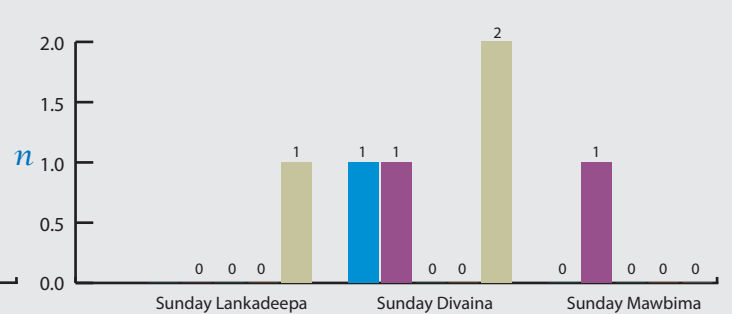
Prevention Promotion Policy (Positive) Policy (Negative) Law enforcement *n* = Number of articles

Monday to Saturday Sinhala Newspapers



In Monday to Saturday Sinhala newspapers, ATOD promotion was published the most in Lankadeepa. ATOD prevention also published the most in Lankadeepa newspapers. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in all five newspapers.

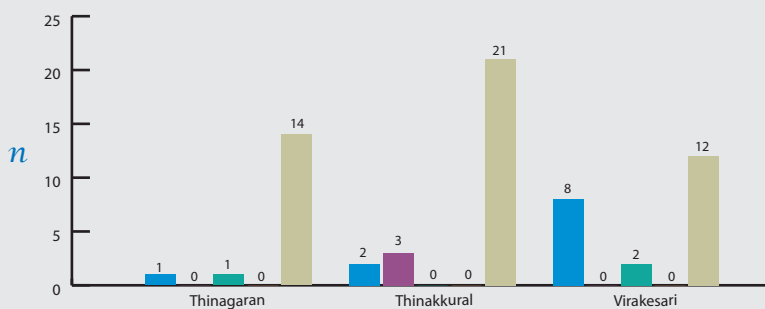
Sunday Sinhala Newspapers



01 promotion content published in Sunday Mavubima and Sunday Divaina, 01 prevention content published in Sunday Divaina.

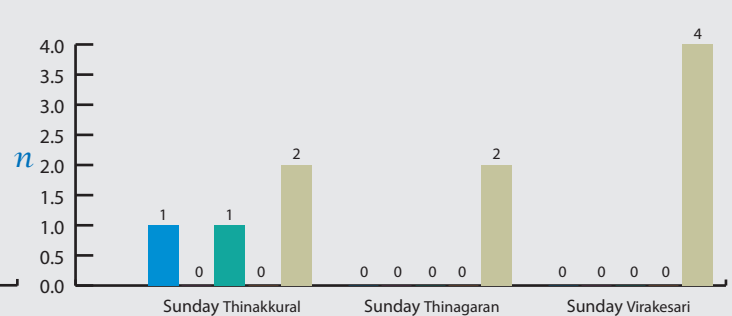
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Monday to Saturday Tamil Newspapers



ATOD promotion was published the most in Thinakkural, prevention was published the most in Virakesari . Enforcement was the overall most published category in all three newspapers.

Sunday Tamil Newspapers



01 prevention contents published in Sunday Thinakkural, did not publish promotion contents in selected 03 Tamil Sunday newspapers during October 2021. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in all three newspapers in Tamil medium Sunday newspapers.

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