

Appendix A: case election data

Pandemic Backsliding Scores

- Lowest scores
 - Bolivia: 0
 - Dominican Republic: 0
 - Chile: 0.04
 - Colombia: 0.06
 - Peru: 0.06
- Highest scores
 - Argentina: 0.43
 - Mexico: 0.32
 - Brazil: 0.31
 - Guatemala: 0.27
 - Paraguay: 0.27

PAHO Vaccination Index per manufacturer

- Bolivia: N/A
- Dominican Republic: N/A
- Chile:
 - SinoVac: 62%
 - 22,162,275 doses
 - Pfizer: 28%
 - 10,032,527 doses
 - Astra Zeneca: 8%
 - 2,863,568 doses
 - CanSino: 2%
 - 570,977 doses
- Colombia:
 - 91% N/A
 - 42,214,129 doses
 - Janssen: 9%
 - 4,008,436 doses
- Peru:
 - Pfizer: 52%
 - 17,724,023 doses
 - Beijing CNBG: 42%
 - 14,471,645 doses
 - Astra Zeneca: 6%
 - 2,040,642 doses
- Argentina:
 - Beijing CNBG: 32%
 - 18,957,760 doses
 - Astra Zeneca: 30%
 - 18,957,760 doses
 - Gamaleya: 28%
 - 16,749,878 doses
 - Moderna: 5%

- 3,291,257
 - Pfizer: 3%
 - 1,885,121 doses
 - SII Covishield: 2%
 - 653,627 doses
 - CanSino: <1%
 - 106,307 doses
- Mexico:
 - Astra Zeneca
 - 79,500,000 doses
 - CanSino
 - 35,000,000 doses
 - Pfizer
 - 34,400,000 doses
 - Gamaleya
 - 24,000,000 doses
 - SinoVac
 - 20,000,000 doses
 - Sinopharm
 - 12,000,000 doses
- Brazil:
 - 42% N/A
 - 109,862,463 doses
 - SinoVac: 30%
 - 79,798,303 doses
 - Pfizer: 26%
 - 69,300,994 doses
 - Janssen: 2%
 - 4,815,770 doses
- Guatemala:
 - Moderna: 49%
 - 4,183,539 doses
 - Astra Zeneca: 25%
 - 2,120,120 doses
 - Gamaleya: 21%
 - 1,773,724 doses
 - Pfizer: 5%
 - 392,171 doses
- Paraguay:
 - Pfizer: 48%
 - 2,560,321 doses
 - Astra Zeneca: 20%
 - 1,034,980 doses
 - Gamaleya: 16%
 - 827,345
 - Moderna: 7%
 - 382,046 doses
 - Sinopharm: 5%
 - 251,394 doses
 - Bharat: 4%

- 194,430 doses

Mask Diplomacy tracker

- Chile:
 - 3,721,650 masks
 - 3500 test kits
 - 571 ventilators
 - PPE
 - 16000 protective suits
 - 10600 face shields
 - 265000 gloves
 - 2800 goggles
- Argentina:
 - 445520 masks
 - 25000 test kits
 - 21 ventilators
 - PPE
 - 235450 protective suits
 - 1600 face shields
 - 50000 gloves
 - 105700 goggles
 - One field hospital
- Mexico:
 - 947700 masks
 - 50000 test kits
 - 25 ventilators
 - PPE
 - 50100 protective suits
 - 20000 face shields
 - 10000 goggles
- Brazil:
 - 3712236 masks
 - 29600 test kits
 - 201 ventilators
 - PPE
 - 12000 protective suits
 - 3100 face shields
 - 81000 gloves
 - 10000 goggles
 - 13400 unspecified PPE
 - 6000 surgical gowns

Appendix B: notes on newspaper articles

Argentina

Momentous exchange 1

- **La efectividad de la cuarentena impuesta por Pekín ya es objeto de polémica**
 - 28/01/2020
 - Chris Buckley and Raymond Zhong, translated by Jaime Arrambide
 - Informative on whether the measures in China have grounds for success or failure
 - Starts off with the positives, finishes with the negatives – all based on several expert opinions
 - Would suggest that finishing on the negative without another conclusion could highlight the negatives as rebuttals to the positives.
 - However: logistic capabilities praised
 - "Desde el punto de vista logístico, es asombroso por su escala y por la rapidez con que fue implementado"
- **Se extienden en China las críticas al régimen por la gestión de la epidemia viral**
 - 28/01/2020
 - The Trust Project
 - Relatively positive towards both China and the US
 - Praises China's efforts but does extend the grounds for unprecedented criticism
 - "lucha a capa y espada contra el coronavirus" (hero rhetoric)
 - "las redes sociales se hicieron eco del descontento... Los comentarios sorprendieron, ya que China suele ejercer una rígida censura en internet."
 - Puts forward that Trump has offered to help Xi Jinping, despite the tensions that has grown to characterize his administration in regards to China
- **Ginés González García: "Hoy el riesgo en Argentina es lejano"**
 - 28/01/2020
 - Santiago Filipuzzi
 - Informative on the health minister's point of view in regards to the virus spread and what it meant for Argentina
 - Nothing to worry about on the territory yet, and risk distant – with risk being China-centric.
 - "Veo el riesgo por hoy, lejano".
 - "todos los casos son autóctonos de China"
- **"Estoy encerrada hace ocho días": cómo conviven con el virus los argentinos en China**
 - 29/01/2020
 - Julia D'Arrisso y Maximiliano Buss
 - Documents the experiences of 4 Argentinian nationals stuck in China
 - Highlighting abidance to the measures by the Chinese population
 - "todos usan barbijo"
 - "no se ve casi nadie en la calle"
 - "atento a las indicaciones oficiales"

- Interestingly, three of the cases discussed are of exemplary cases of talent exchange Chile-China
- Belief on the measures expressed
 - “Tengo esperanza porque sé que están los recursos”
- **Pekín intenta evitar que el brote sea el Chernobyl de Xi**
 - 30/01/2021
 - James T. Areddy, translated by Jaime Arrambide
 - Negative tone on china’s tactics to shape public opinion
 - “La opinión pública se hace la idea que la maquinaria de propaganda le venda, y en este momento esa maquina de propaganda está totalmente abocada a proteger la reputación de Xi”
 - Reports on the many examples of public backlash online in China
 - “Muchos compararon la actual ineptitud oficial de China con la Unión Soviética de sus últimos años”
 - Emphasis on “ineptitud” as this is not a quote referring back to the posts online, but the words of the reporter
- **Coronavirus: La ira y la ansiedad se apoderan de Wuhan**
 - 01/02/2020
 - La Nacion – Bienestar
 - Posted back from The New York Times
 - Informative in nature about the citizen’s concerns in Wuhan around the situation.
 - Not necessarily negative, but highlighting this could serve a negative purpose.
- **Fernández hizo equilibrio entre China y EE.UU. para conseguir ayuda para la Argentina**
 - 01/02/2020
 - Gabriel Sued
 - Relative negative tone when referring to the US’ stand against China
 - “hacer equilibrio en la guerra comercial que enfrenta a China con los Estados Unidos.”
 - China as the victim of the US in this phrasing
 - Positive tone on extending relations if it means tackling hunger in Argentina
 - "Compartimos la decisión de dejar de hablar y ponernos a resolver problemas" – in reference to the Argentinian president’s talk with Qu Dongyu, the director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization.
 - Similar positive note on talks with David Beasley, director of the World Food Program
 - However the newspaper notes that meeting him was mostly done as to not cause speculation, and noted the alignment of that organisation to Washington.
 - “...para evitar suspicacias, el Presidente se reunió anteayer con el estadounidense David Beasley, director ejecutivo del Programa Mundial de Alimentos, una iniciativa de la FAO que ganó autonomía en los últimos años, a instancias de Washington.”
 - More time spent on discussing the FAO’s work with Argentina than the WFP.
- **Coronavirus: desde la Argentina enviarán barbijos a China para ayudar en las zonas afectadas**

- 01/02/2020
- Tomas Cuesta
- Points at the efforts from Chinese wholesalers located in Argentina, together with the Chinese embassy, to send supplies back.
- Purely informative. No mention of the Argentinian government playing a role in this.
- **Así construyó China en diez días un hospital para tratar el coronavirus**
 - 02/02/2020
 - DPA
 - Praising China's success in building a hospital to treat covid in ten days, very positive language used
 - “Las autoridades de China prometieron y cumplieron”
 - Reports on how the situation in China is improving and in the meantime other countries have begun bracing themselves for spread
 - It credits the WHO's communications on this rather than China's initial management
- **Coronavirus. Cómo podría afectar a la exportación de carne a China**
 - 03/02/2020
 - Belkis Martinez
 - Overall, proof of economic concerns from Argentina's side being present when it comes to industries that are growing because of increased exports to China.
 - BUT there are options: in this case, Russia
 - “muchos de los frigoríficos ya se enfocaron en el mercado ruso para recuperar la baja en el precio sufrido en el último período.”
 - Moreover, it suggests that any changes can be incurred because of Argentina, not China
 - "Puede que caigan las exportaciones pero por la producción de carne en la Argentina.”
- **Coronavirus: el médico de China que intentó alertar sobre el virus (y que fue obligado a retractarse por las autoridades)**
 - 04/02/2020
 - Reposted from BBC Mundo
 - Discussing the silencing of doctors in Wuhan early in the pandemic, especially Li Wenliang – narrates his experience, informatively, no comments on it.
 - Negative language used around the role of Chinese authorities
 - “Lo que le ocurrió a este doctor revela la respuesta fallida de las autoridades locales de Wuhan en las primeras semanas del brote de coronavirus.”
 - But does not make more criticisms

Momentous exchange 2

- **Guy Sorman: "El gran perdedor con esta pandemia va a ser China"**
 - 06/04/2020
 - Cristian Pizarro Allard
 - Interview with renowned politics scholar that is very critical of China
 - Blames China for the pandemic, namely the regime and its ideology

- “tiene que ver con la estructura e ideología del regimen” – posing questions on ideological clashes
 - Outlines China’s vulnerabilities when it comes to health hazards
 - “es muy extraño que todas las pandemias comiencen en China, como la neumonía SARS en 2003. Esto deja en evidencia que hay un problema con el mercado de alimentos y la cadena de suministros en China. Es un mercado totalmente desregulado en términos de higiene. No es un accidente que el virus se haya originado allí.”
 - Overall, could point at the newspaper wanting to highlight critical voices.
- **Comienza la exportación de arvejas argentinas a China**
 - 07/04/2020
 - Marcelo Manera
 - Positive about the new development that is exporting chickpeas to China
 - "La Argentina se ubica dentro de los pocos países que tienen implementado un protocolo fitosanitario de importación con el principal consumidor mundial de esta legumbre.”
 - “una gran oportunidad para el país”
 - Result of 7 years of negotiations finally
- **Coronavirus: Wuhan, el epicentro de la pandemia en China, levanta la cuarentena**
 - Article taken from AP / Agencia AP
 - 07/04/2020
 - Reports on lockdown ending in Wuhan after 11 weeks and no new cases being reported in the official counts
 - Hinting at a negative with the use of “Si bien la veracidad del recuento chino está en duda, la cuarentena sin precedentes en Wuhan y su provincia, Hubei, resultó lo suficientemente eficaz.”
 - Puts into question the credibility of the Chinese authorities BUT praises their logistical aptitude
- **Coronavirus en China: un magnate que cuestionó a Xi Jinping por el manejo del brote está desaparecido y el gobierno admitió que lo investiga**
 - 08/04/2020
 - La Nacion Editorial
 - Reporting on the disappearance of Ren Zhiqiang: informative in tone, presenting all of the facts about the criticisms he voiced that caused him to be targeted by the Chinese regime.
 - Despite it being informative in tone, this is yet another report on a critical figure against the Chinese regime, which could be interpreted as amplifying that point of view in Argentinian press.
- **Coronavirus: Wuhan y su primer día de libertad condicional**
 - 08/04/2020
 - Macarena Vidal
 - Reporting on the various examples of going back to day-to-day life after lockdown in Wuhan
 - Negative tone based on type of language used when referring to the lockdown
 - “Libertad condicional” used to describe citizens being able to go out – term that would usually be used to refer to someone being on parole, inferences on policing.

- However, they note that the locals seem to have a positive opinion on the lockdown and how this is a good thing vis-à-vis the rest of the world
 - “las semanas de confinamiento estricto han merecido la pena”
 - “Al principio, otros países no se tomaron en serio el virus. Ahora que ven la gravedad de la pandemia, tomarán medidas como las nuestras.”
 - “Veo las noticias que llegan de fuera y me da la impresión de que otros países tienen un problema peor que el nuestro, porque no han tomado medidas tan drásticas como nosotros.”
- Overall, while the reporter puts the measures under a negative light from their perspective when describing what was happening, the fact that they included the local perspectives makes the article more balanced.
- **China avanza raudamente hacia la hegemonía económica, en todos los frentes**
 - 09/04/2020
 - Emilio Cardenas
 - Opinion piece from an Argentinian ex-ambassador to the UN
 - Very positive tone about China’s trajectory and development, particularly around technological advancement, measured by patent outputs
 - “el país más innovador del mundo”
 - “La innovación no se detiene sino que se acelera.”
 - “El proceso de desarrollo chino es explosivo según queda visto y se ha acelerado de modo realmente vertiginoso, confirmando el muy rápido ascenso chino en materia económica.”
 - Implying that economic growth and technological advancement reinforce and will continue to reinforce each other, for positives for China.
- **El coronavirus diseña el mundo del future**
 - 09/04/2020
 - Santiago Canton
 - Comments on how the global situation prior to 2020 was already precarious because of China-US tensions and seeks to make inferences on the outlook for global affairs in the context of the pandemic
 - Critical of many of the measures put in place
 - ¿Si hoy Big Brother está usando nuestra información para protegernos, qué le va a impedir usarla mañana para perseguirnos?
 - Points out that this is a concern for all regime types.
 - “Ya se trate de gobiernos dictatoriales, autoritarios o democráticos, la tentación será irresistible.”
 - Reinstates Argentina’s belief and commitment to multilateralism despite growing trends at the international level pushing otherwise
 - Comments on how the pandemic has been helping to shift power from the US/Europe to China
 - “Mientras Estados Unidos y Europa continúan combatiendo el virus, China movilizó su diplomacia para aumentar su presencia en todo el mundo.”
 - Describes instances of positives garnered by mask diplomacy in southern Europe and Africa – does not comment on LAC.
 - But does suggest that there is ground for more change.
 - “La política internacional de China para recuperar el liderazgo mundial perdido hace poco más de dos siglos

puede recibir un impulso significativo en el mundo pos pandemia.”

- Concludes by saying that as humans we are capable of shaping our own destiny, and uses the creation of the liberal international order as an example.
 - “... la arquitectura universal más importante de la historia, con un enfoque en la libertad, la paz y los derechos humanos. No hay nada que nos impida diseñar un mundo mejor.”
 - The better future in this case, still along the lines of freedom, peace, and human rights.
 - Could suggest these are values that the newspaper seeks to highlight by publishing the piece.
- **Mundo pospandemia. China vuelve al trabajo, pero no a la normalidad**
 - 11/04/2020
 - La Nacion – Economía
 - Puts into question Beijing’s triumphalist claims about having left the health crisis by having seen the worst of it and being able to focus once more on economic growth.
 - Describes the many scenarios in which the pandemic can still be felt despite the claims and points out the shortcomings of the approach.
 - Critical of starting by increasing production when there is no consumption – brings in Marxist theory
 - “Los funcionarios educados en la teoría marxista, que pone el énfasis en la producción antes que en el consumo, naturalmente se han concentrado en la primera, es decir, asegurarse de que se produzcan los bienes.”
 - Argues against Beijing’s claims that most enterprises are back to running normally
 - Manipulation of official numbers mentioned
 - "la tasa de reasunción del trabajo invita a manipular las cifras”
 - “adornen los datos de su recuperación”
 - States that health measures in place to curve contagion, while useful, hinder recovery
 - “Tales medidas son necesarias, pero complican”
 - Reports that for things to improve people need to have trust – which reinforces many of the hindrances
 - Again, could be seen as critical of the health measures
- **Coronavirus: el documental que asegura que el PC chino ocultó su verdadero origen**
 - 13/04/2020
 - La Nacion – Sociedad
 - Reports on the claims of a documentary that the theory of the coronavirus being of animal origin is extremely unlikely but that it was in fact lab-made
 - Article immediately argues against the Chinese government with the claim + invoking emotional language to amplify culpability.
 - “es altamente improbable que la causa de esta pandemia, por la que murieron más de 110.000 personas en todo el mundo, sea de origen animal, tal como insistió desde el primer día el gobierno de China.”

- The article is in reference to a documentary by The Epoch Times – a far right media company affiliated with the Falun Gong, known for anti-China, pro-Trump media.
 - The newspaper article then suggests that this means there are alternatives and room to question China’s official narrative
 - “deja an evidencia un camino alternativo a la voz oficial china al respecto”
- Article does acknowledge that there are links of the documentary to the Falun Gong, but does not put this under a negative light. It states that it is banned in continental China but places it in the context of it being founded by Chinese-Americans,
 - This would hint at US > China rhetoric
- Proceeds to explain all of the theory presented by the documentary and points at this being supported by various scholars and researchers from various institutions – most of these American.
 - Again, hinting at US > China rhetoric
- Highlights the fact that China concealed information for six weeks and once the virus was acknowledged, they promptly began a censorship and disinformation campaign
- Refers of Judy Mikovits to back the claims
 - Known for conspiracy theories
- Last remark is that none of these affirmations have been scientifically corroborated – but does not expand on it, remaining informative about the documentary’s affirmations.
 - Reporting on it as facts before disclaimer
- **Coronavirus: lecciones de Wuhan: empezar una cuarentena es difícil; terminarla, más aún**
 - 13/04/2020
 - Macarena Vidal
 - Purely informative on all the measures in place in Wuhan to contain potential for spread and avoid going back to lockdown. No opinion.
 - More emphasis on civilians abiding to instated measures rather than the regime’s role in this.
 - Could point at sternness from Argentinian media being directed at the regime, not the people nor the situation unless the regime is involved in the conversation.
- **Coronavirus: 5 efectos devastadores que la pandemia tendrá en las economías de América Latina (y 1 motivo para la esperanza)**
 - 13/04/2020
 - Cecilia Barria
 - Outlines the effects the pandemic will have in LAC economies.
 - Informative tone. Not opinionated.
 - When mentioning the role of China and the US, fears are more heightened with China facing economic downturn than the US as it would affect more countries.
 - But also fears about no influx of US dollars in the region
 - Does note that the pandemic would put into question the globalization model and have things move in a more positive direction in which the local public sector should play a bigger role.

- Pointing at regionalism rather than grander scheme at the international level.
- **Coronavirus: las estrictas medidas de Pekín por temor a un rebrote en China**
 - 14/04/2020
 - Nicolas Asfour
 - Informative about the spike in cases around China
 - BUT critical about China's efforts to protect Beijing, since measures were tightened because of two upcoming meetings of the CCP
 - “la decisión de la capital apunta primariamente a proteger del virus a la élite del Partido Comunista, en el poder en China.”
 - Protecting the elites as the priority
 - Again, pointing at press targeting the regime when it comes to any negatives.
- **Coronavirus: el FMI prevé en la Argentina la peor recesión desde 2009, con una caída del 5,7%**
 - 14/04/2020
 - Rafael Mathus
 - Informative about the economic downturn in the whole of LAC, emphasizing that it will be worst in Argentina, Ecuador and Venezuela out of the region.
 - Says in the Argentina case it will be because of the economic troubles in 2018
 - Puts in context the economic troubles being faced by all its major economic partners. China as its biggest partner means uncertainty.
 - “extrema incertidumbre”
 - Notes Argentina's inability to secure foreign investment that could make public expenditure possible.
- **La pandemia pone en peligro la vida y la economía a la vez**
 - 15/04/2020
 - Alieto Guadagni
 - Talks about the effect of the pandemic on the economy and how that in turn has actually decreased pollution – having effects on the outlook for the pandemic.
 - Purely informative. Mentions that in LAC region this has a negative impact on the economy but on the other hand, it will help in reducing health complications and premature deaths due to pollution.
 - Outlines the need for policy changes that secure benefits long term
- **Seis días claves: la falta de advertencia de China sobre una probable pandemia de un nuevo coronavirus**
 - 15/04/2020
 - Europa Press
 - Reports on the delay to address the epidemiological situation in China, however, it has a less negative, critical tone than before.
 - Notes how it is not the only one, nor the worst, when it comes to failing to address.
 - “La demora entre el 14 y el 20 de enero no fue el primer error cometido en la gestión del brote por autoridades de China de todos los niveles, ni tampoco fue el retraso más grande, ya que gobiernos de todo el mundo tardaron semanas e incluso meses en responder al virus.”

- Does highlight the initial error as a crucial one – and that the Chinese regime could not have known.
 - “...podría haber sido difícil de determinar. Si las autoridades sanitarias dan la alarma demasiado pronto... pueden dañar su credibilidad al entenderse que han reaccionado de forma exagerada, mermando su capacidad de movilizar a la gente.”
- Does report on the fact that the authorities knew the situation could develop into a serious health crisis several days before they acknowledged it, which the newspaper refers to as a transparency issue.
- Does reprove of the regime for only reacting after they knew it had spread abroad, to Thailand, all while still downplaying the threat in public communications.
 - Says that these are grounds to back Trump’s accusations against the Chinese government.
 - “Esta demora podría impulsar las acusaciones del presidente norteamericano, Donald Trump, sobre que el secretismo del gobierno chino retrasó la respuesta global al virus.”
- However, the newspaper, once again, notes that even with the information, the US failed to address promptly.
 - “un tiempo que Estados Unidos desperdició.”
- States the statistics of how much the risk of spread could have been diminished if action had been taken more promptly but does not comment on it.
- Overall, less critical of the Chinese government than previous articles. More moderate approach.

Momentous exchange 3

- **Coronavirus: parte el primer vuelo a China en búsqueda de un millón de vacunas de la empresa Sinopharm**
 - 23/02/2021
 - Carla Vizzotti
 - Reports on the flight leaving Argentina to pick up Sinopharm vaccines in Beijing
 - Informative, relatively positive about the situation. Positive outlook on Chinese-made vaccines, not questioning anything about them.
 - Offers expert opinion on this to back the claims
 - "Es extremadamente segura, en los ensayos no hemos registrado eventos adversos serios, así que desde el punto de vista de la seguridad le puedo dar garantía".
- **Coronavirus: aterrizó en Beijing el vuelo de Aerolíneas que traerá un millón de vacunas de la empresa Sinopharm**
 - 24/02/2021
 - La Nacion – Política
 - Reports on the journey of an Aerolíneas Argentinas flight to Beijing to pick up the vaccines.
 - Hints at friendliness from Argentinian authorities’ part to China
 - The plane commemorated the Chinese New Year
 - “...especialmente planteado con un mensaje por el Año Nuevo chino.”

- Overall, just informative on the situation. No emotive language nor reference to either the Argentinian or Chinese government.
- **El Gobierno anunció el comienzo de la vacunación de los docentes**
 - 24/02/2021
 - Santiago Dapelo
 - Documenting the government's decision to extend vaccination to teaching staff as one of the first groups, after the scandal of only placing higher authorities as an initial group for vaccination.
 - Positive tone about the reception of Sinopharm vaccines, as it will help that purpose and bring recovery and normality.
 - “El 2020 fue un año excepcional y esta vacuna nos permitirá ir recuperando la normalidad que nos arrebató la pandemia.”
 - There was only one week between the authorization for use and the reception of vaccines.
 - Overall, more attention paid to the scandal of unfair vaccination schemes rather than the actual administration of Sinopharm vaccines.
- **Llegó desde Beijing el vuelo que trajo un millón de dosis de la vacuna Sinopharm**
 - 25/02/2021
 - Fabian Marelli
 - Reports on the actual reception of vaccines in Argentina
 - Purely informative on the journey, no mention of any opinions by the people present nor by the reporter.
 - Neutral tone, no acknowledgement of either the Chinese or Argentinian government's perspective.
- **China: las dudas que despierta el anuncio sobre el fin de la pobreza extrema**
 - 26/02/2021
 - BBC Mundo
 - Informative tone about Xi Jinping declaring that China had eradicated extreme poverty
 - However, article puts into question the credibility of the Chinese regime when it comes to statistics, especially given different metrics.
 - Highlights that China does not follow the metric stipulated by the World Bank
 - Could hint at being critical of China's divergent norms.
 - Also puts into question transparency around certain of the achievements
 - Moreover, puts into question the motive behind China's claims
 - Refers to an expert to explain how this is the easiest of goals Xi could achieve for the sake of image.
 - “erradicar la pobreza no sólo era uno de los grandes objetivos de Xi, sino que es el más fácil de lograr.”
 - Discredits China's narrative of poverty being the product of happenings prior to communism
 - Expert points at the instatement of the market economy as the biggest factor behind the widening gap between rich and poor.
 - Even uses this argument to put into question real development in China.
 - “la aportación de China a la economía mundial pasó del 1,5 % al 15,4% actual.

Lo que cabe preguntarse es quién controla toda esa riqueza generada.”

- **Admiten retrasos y falta de datos en el registro del plan de vacunación**
 - 26/02/2021
 - Jose Maria Costa & Lucila Marin
 - Comments on the issues with reaching vaccination goals in Argentina, pointing at logistics being the primary issue at the domestic level but also because of delays with many vaccine manufacturers.
 - Finishes on a relative positive note in Sinopharm, stating that their arrival might help the situation. But does not appear too optimistic.
 - “Todavía no se llegó al millón de vacunados... el promedio de vacunados por mes está muy lejos del que el Gobierno deseaba.”

Momentous exchange 4

- **Condenan a 18 años de prisión en China a un empresario multimillonario crítico del régimen de Xi**
 - 28/07/2021
 - Noel Celis
 - Reporting on the sentencing of a Chinese magnate, Sun Dauwu, that was critical of Xi’s regime and was accused of several acts against the regime.
 - Overall, neutral in tone and not using inflammatory language to describe the Chinese regime, but still there are implicit criticisms.
 - However, several things highlighted in the article point at stark ideational differences
 - Accuses the Chinese regime of doing these persecutions because of grander political goals for which norms need to be followed to avoid them even though they are impossible.
 - “los esfuerzos más amplios del gobierno... amordazar a los líderes empresariales y dominar al sector privado.”
 - Imposition of: “una serie de normativas empresariales imposibles de cumplir.”
 - Also, proceeds to put the many good acts by Sun Dauwu, after reporting on the situation.
 - This could point at efforts to counter the regime’s claims.
- **¿Se podrá informar libremente durante juegos Beijing 2022?**
 - 02/08/2021
 - Stephen Wade, for AP
 - Questions the Olympic Committee’s claim that the Games can take place without politics coming into play. Presents all the various concerns journalists have about reporting there, including personal safety.
 - Gives various instances in which foreign journalists faced threats
 - Also questions the selection of Beijing as the host city in the midst of accusations over human rights violations
 - Explains the allegations and states the bodies backing them up and China’s negation of them.
 - Overall, points at concerns over freedom of speech and is very negative about the Chinese regime’s tactics to control narratives, both around the games and the situation in Xinjiang.

- **A medida que aumentan los vientos en contra, China evalúa apoyo fiscal para proteger el crecimiento**
 - 03/08/2021
 - Gabriela Donoso
 - Points at China's economy being able to grow despite many factors fostered by the pandemic and natural disasters making it difficult.
 - “La economía china ha recuperado los niveles de crecimiento anteriores a la pandemia, impulsada por la sorprendente fortaleza de las exportaciones.”
 - Overall, points at a positive outlook of China's economy. Once again, pointing at this being a less contentious thing than many other aspects.
- **Desconcertados inversores temen que no haya nada fuera de límites en ofensiva regulatoria china**
 - 03/08/2021
 - Carlos Serrano
 - Reports on the Big Tech Chinese giants fears of more state control over that sector.
 - Potential of increased regulation translated to uncertainty for these companies
 - Critical of the language used by the Chinese state news agency, Xinhua, for its historical insensitivity
 - Hinting at issues with the agency as well as Chinese narratives
- **Sinovac anuncia instalación de planta para vacunas en Chile**
 - 04/08/2021
 - Esteban Felix
 - Reports on the construction of a Sinovac factory for producing vaccines in Chile, for the Latin America region.
 - Notes on the close relationship between China and Chile and how they got closer given arrangements to receive vaccines from China.
 - “Ambos países firmaron en junio de 2020 un contrato que asegura al país sudamericano 20 millones de dosis anuales, por tres años, hasta completar 60 millones de vacunas.”
 - It also puts in contrast Chile's vaccination portfolio, between Chinese-made vaccines and Western ones.
 - It actually highlights the positives that Chile had from administering Chinese vaccines
 - One of the most inoculated countries in the world, sharp decrease in new infections.
 - However, they also note the lower efficacy rates of Sinovac and ends the article on that note
 - Points at this being still a point of contention in Argentina.
 - Overall, informative tone about the situation – but a negative opinion is certainly implied based on the final remarks, even if positives acknowledged prior. No explicit negative opinion put forward though.
- **China reporta cifra más alta de nuevos casos covid desde enero, en medio de avance de delta**
 - 04/08/2021
 - Roxanne Liu & Ryan Woo
 - Critical of the Chinese approach of zero-covid, pointing at it being ineffective and costly

- “el enfoque de tolerancia cero de China al virus se estaba volviendo cada vez más costoso.”
 - Reports on the status of infections in China being on the rise, and notes that the regime has mostly been vocal about imported cases.
 - Overall, puts into question the zero-covid approach – the fact that this was published, points at public sentiments locally being along those lines.
- **Variante delta del coronavirus desafía la estrategia china**
 - 05/08/2021
 - Mark Schiefelbein
 - Reporting on how China will have to change its approach because of the Delta variant
 - Negative about China’s approach, from a primarily economic perspective
 - Too costly, too high an impact – and therefore suggests China needs to learn to deal with it like other countries.
 - “China necesita aprender a controlar el virus sin cerrar repetidamente la economía y la sociedad.”
 - “El mundo necesita aprender a convivir con este virus”
 - “China debe cambiar para crear barreras a la infección dentro de las comunidades aumentando las vacunas y tratando rápidamente a las personas infectadas mientras permite que los negocios y los viajes sigan adelante.”
 - Overall, negative about the approach but not necessarily critical of the Chinese regime ideationally. Advocating for the economy.
- **Xi dice China quiere aportar 2.000 millones dosis de vacuna covid-19 al mundo en 2021**
 - 05/08/2021
 - Janisse Huambachano & Manuel Farias
 - Reports on Xi’s various goals to reach vaccination goals globally: donating more Chinese-made vaccines to more countries, as well as donating money for COVAX funding.
 - Notes that China provided more than 770 million doses to various countries
 - States that Sinovac has made various agreements with a handful of countries to produce more vaccines that can target new variants.
 - Overall, informative, no opinion on Xi’s goal nor the vaccines nor the agreements.

Momentous exchange 5

- **Xi Jinping felicita a Petro una semana después de su victoria y anticipa un "nuevo inicio" con Colombia**
 - 27/06/2022
 - Europa Press
 - Reports on Xi Jinping congratulating Gustavo Petro for winning the presidential elections in Colombia.
 - Notes that in Xi’s congratulatory message, wishes for reinvigorated bilateral relations were expressed
 - The actual report on that is quite short, and the remaining of the piece focuses on the importance China allocates to Colombia in the LAC context.
 - Also notes that this does not necessarily mean reciprocity from Colombia’s part in the long run, given that Petro has responded to

many world leaders and therefore no inferences can be made about allegiances yet.

- However, it is still worth noting the special emphasis that the newspaper placed on this particular communication of Xi Jinping.
 - Overall, informative tone. Implicit evidence of concern over China's reach in budding new governments in LAC and how that could impact regional politics. Choosing to publish this points in that direction at the national Argentinian level.
- **China acusa al G7 de "sembrar la división" tras críticas contra Pekín**
 - 29/06/2022
 - Agence France-Presse
 - Reports on China's response after the G7 leaders criticized China's market practices and announced the need to be less dependent on Beijing.
 - Points that China claimed that these sorts of remarks were creating divisions and confrontation, disregarding sense of responsibility and morality.
 - “deseosos de sembrar división y confrontación, sin ningún sentido de la responsabilidad o la moralidad.”
 - This is voicing the same message China has sought to amplify abroad – building the narrative of morality-based leadership.
 - The same can be said about some other remarks in response to the G7 which highlighted the need for promoting globalization in a critical moment for the international community.
 - “El G7 debería allanar la globalización en lugar de alentar la división "en un momento crítico para la comunidad internacional.”
 - Overall, informative, neutral tone on the incident. However, inferences can be made about Chinese tactics at play. The choice to publish this could be interpreted as a way to prove the growing hostility and hint at China threat rhetoric.
- **Xi viaja a Hong Kong para el 25 aniversario del "retorno" tras dos años sin salir de China continental**
 - 30/06/2022
 - Europa Press
 - Reports on Xi Jinping's first time out of continental China since the pandemic began to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong handover.
 - The article is informative about Xi's tour and speeches
 - Proceeds to describe the tensions Hong Kong has with continental China
 - Condemning Xi for expansionism with patriotic tones
 - “la reunificación de la "patria" china y los territorios que considera propios.”
 - Also makes inferences on Taiwan, calling Xi's aims in Taiwan continental aggression (“agresión continental”).
 - Highlights the losses in freedom of speech, civil liberties and the grip of the Hong Kong national security law over the population
 - Overall informative tone, but implicit criticisms based on the tensions as a result of Xi Jinping's goals. The emphasis on freedom of speech points at a trend in Argentinian press.
- **Avances de Rusia y China en África inquietan a la OTAN**

- 30/06/2022
- Agence France-Presse
- Reporting on the various concerns presented at a NATO summit in Madrid about China and Russia's growing presence in Africa
 - “Tanto Moscú como Pekín están utilizando la influencia económica, la coerción y los enfoques híbridos para promover sus intereses en la region.”
- The article focuses mostly on Russia's role in partaking in the instability of certain regions, China is not actually mentioned after the initial concern on rising influence.
- Overall, based on that, publishing this could be seen as an implicit criticism of growing Chinese influence overall, not necessarily just Africa. Especially as it is mentioned in the title and initial remarks but is not the focus.
- **Los servicios y la industria se reactivan en China tras relajar restricciones covid**
 - Agence France-Presse
 - Informative about the situation in the Chinese market as restrictions begin being lifted in Shanghai and Beijing in particular.
 - Mostly statistics without much comment
 - Points at the zero covid strategy still being abided to in China for the foreseeable future, even if it is the only major country still doing so, since it could mean unimaginable consequences.
 - No comment on the impact of this.
 - Overall, informative, neutral tone. Makes no references to effects of this outside of China.

Momentous circumstance 1

- **Los datos de la economía reflejan el precio que pagó China por su estrategia de “Covid Cero”**
 - 18/04/2022
 - Keith Bradsher, translated by Jaime Arrambide
 - Outlines the economic impact of the zero covid strategy for China's economy and what it could mean for its predictions and aims
 - Reports on the decreased production and consumption – no opinion just statistics.
 - States that all of this is bad news for the Chinese government, which had higher goals for economic growth this year
 - Notes the economic standstill all across local economies where the measures are strict
 - It does note how all of this can affect the global economy
 - Heighten the effects of inflation from disruption to supply chains that make production slower and results in less products available at a higher cost, especially due to long transit times from transport disruption.
 - China's economy not growing as much means less imports too, affecting export revenues.
 - It does not just focus on economic repercussions but also human ones for workers, such as all those trapped in different cities because of transit disruptions.

- Points at logistic problems the authorities are facing to actually run the quarantine procedures.
 - Overall, informative piece not critical of the government. However, despite being informative, by highlighting the negatives of the measures, it is possible to discern that there are negative sentiments around them, mostly because of economic repercussions. It is worth noting that while human costs were mentioned, they were not the focus, pointing at the economic side of things still being the most crucial.
- **China reporta las primeras muertes por Covid desde 2020 en la confinada Shanghái**
 - 19/04/2022
 - BBC Mundo
 - Reports on the Chinese government's announcement on the first reported deaths by covid since the start of the Shanghai lockdown
 - Describes the lockdown situation and all the measures in place to curve the spread
 - Notes that there were criticisms and discontent from the population in regards to how the restrictions were making food supplies scarce
 - Comments on how big a challenge the Shanghai lockdown is for China's zero covid strategy and contrasts it to the approach a vast majority of countries has adopted of living with the virus.
 - States that there are considerable doubts about the strategy being sustainable in the long run
 - Uses expert opinion to show how the deaths are something to be expected based on clinical evaluations and knowledge
 - Deaths were from people with underlying health conditions or not vaccinated
 - Puts into question whether this was the reason why the authorities made the deaths public – to motivate vaccination.
 - States that only half of the elderly population over 60 years old is vaccinated t
 - Puts into question the motivations to close the city, since zero covid is based on the virus being devastating for the population – and that if that really is not the case, then why close it?
 - “Porque hasta ahora este era un virus que las autoridades de Shanghái habían advertido que podría devastar a la población -¿por qué si no cerrarían la ciudad?”
 - Overall, points at criticism over the viability of zero covid and is implicitly critical of the Chinese government for not ensuring vaccination in risk populations. Moreover, it puts into question the whole narrative upon which zero covid rests – it being potentially devastating. Thus, it could be said that there is implicit suspicion of the Chinese government's motivations behind the strategy.
- **Lockdown de Shanghái por el Covid-19: personal de Carrefour duerme en el supermercado para mantener el abastecimiento**
 - 20/04/2022

- Hector Retamal
- Reports on that long working hours that Carrefour workers have because of it being one of the few shops open for the sale of goods
 - Details the extent of the work and the staff shortages that have prompted those actually in the store to be overworked.
 - However, article is not necessarily critical of this. It even points at positive opinions from the workers, who see their job as “social responsibility”
 - “a pesar de las largas horas, el personal se mantuvo optimista y vio su trabajo como una responsabilidad social.”
 - It also describes all the incentives and the good treatment Carrefour is offering
- Overall, informative and neutral, pointing at the negative but also the positive opinions. No criticisms expressed by the author of either measures or the government. Gives insight into the sentiments of workers.
- **El puerto de Shanghái sufre un enorme embotellamiento tras la dura cuarentena por Covid**
 - 22/04/2022
 - Cristina Orgaz
 - Reports on the many economic difficulties result of the strict measures in Shanghai and their impact on transport routes, both on land and sea shipments. The latter being the most impactful at a global scale.
 - Emphasizes Shanghai’s economic importance, but also how key its port is for supply chains worldwide
 - Notes on what all the economic consequences will be for Latin America
 - Despite demand for raw materials in China, it will not be possible to ship and meet it.
 - Shipment costs too high, difficulties securing containers, inflation...
 - Finishes on a relatively positive note on the fact the economic repercussions meant that the strict measures lasting long was unlikely.
 - Overall, neutral tone around the Chinese government and the measures themselves. Informative on the situation. However, concerns aplenty expressed about the economic impact of measures, pointing at a negative perspective on them because of their economic toll.
- **Shanghái promete mejorar suministro de alimentos y comercio**
 - 22/04/2022
 - Yu Bing
 - Reports on China’s efforts to loosen restrictions around particular elements in order to diminish negative impacts on supply chains (e.g. less controls for land transport drivers)
 - Also reports on the general state of virus propagation in the city. Neutral. Just statistics. No opinion.
 - Explains many of the economic measures the government is taking to alleviate economic concerns of business owners

- Overall, neutral and informative tone on the state of affairs. No comments nor opinions made on the measures nor the Chinese government.
- **Las dramáticas historias de los habitantes confinados de Shanghái que tratan de conseguir comida**
 - 26/04/2022
 - BBC Mundo
 - Reporting on the various things citizens in Shanghai have to do to be able to secure food and documenting their negative experiences
 - Negative tone used, even if primarily descriptive
 - “deben soportar” – “having to endure”
 - Notes the discontent from citizens, and the fact that messages had to be sent privately to the news outlet for fears of reprisals for criticizing the government
 - However they also note that there were submissions critical of the way Western news outlets were reporting on the situation
 - Reports on the physical barriers put in place to restrict freedom of movement and the buzz it created on Chinese social media
 - Notes that the presence of these to ensure hard lockdown could not be corroborated but proceed to use various personal accounts, highlighting the lack of transparency in the process.
 - Emotional language used because of personal feelings in descriptions of thoughts on the barriers.
 - “No creo que nadie en su sano juicio pueda sellar las casas de la gente” – “I don’t think anyone in their sane judgment could block off people’s homes.”
 - Finishes off on the fact that despite the measures initially keeping infection rates low, consequent closures struggled given that newer variants are more transmissible.
 - Overall, critical towards the Chinese government’s lack of transparency, poor respect for personal freedoms, and logistic failures to ensure food provisions. Emotional tone to emphasise the negatives used. Putting into question the viability and efficacy of the measures, pointing at disagreement on the zero covid strategy on the whole.
- **Nueva ola de Covid en China: la baja mortalidad genera dudas entre los especialistas (y qué podría explicarla)**
 - 26/04/2022
 - AP
 - Points at various expert opinions from different countries that put into question the official numbers reported by China about COVID mortality rate, minimising the situation in Shanghai
 - Draws comparisons to New Zealand, where the number is duplicated.
 - Notes that the indicators used by China are not adequate based on the policy they are following.
 - Cases detected would be more accurate to the zero covid strategy than number of deaths, which is what is being used.
 - Argues that the truer to reality comparisons point at China’s position being similar to that of many other countries, not as low as they claim.

- Overall, critical, negative tone about the Chinese government and raises concerns about transparency aplenty. Implicitly, this is a wider criticism around numbers throughout the whole of the pandemic, not just the Shanghai case, which points at general distrust sentiments.
- **Shangháí hace pruebas, busca erradicar el COVID**
 - 27/04/2022
 - AP
 - The article describes the actions in progress regarding the zero covid strategy in Shanghai, focusing on outlining the districts arrangement.
 - Highlights the lack of food and water in some areas and points at the impacts they are having in some areas already, as well as how they are leading to problems in other areas, such as panic buying.
 - Interestingly, it notes that this had a positive impact for local producers and yet it puts it under a negative light also given the difficulties it creates for the government to regulate supply distribution.
 - Final note is that the strategy worked well at the beginning of the pandemic, but that in the current situation the effectiveness of it is questionable.
 - Overall, it is mostly an informative piece. Even when discussing the negative impacts, it does not offer an opinion on the matter. However, it is worth noting that the negatives where opinions are expressed are actually towards the government and the strategy itself. Therefore, it is mildly negative, even if not overtly critical.
- **China y la tolerancia cero**
 - 27/04/2022
 - El Pais
 - The article starts fully supporting the measures taken back in 2020 in Wuhan that gave positive results at that time, pointing out that they were the only option feasible to flatten the infection curve.
 - However, it then focuses on the various new methods available that make strict lockdowns less necessary, with a special focus on vaccinations as well as the lower mortality rate from Omicron infections.
 - It actually defends vaccination as a strategy moving froward for China, pointing out that from a public health perspective, the zero covid strategy is not effective because of all the negative impacts.
 - It points at mostly health-based negatives, such as the lower availability of hospital resources for non-infectious diseases.
 - It does mention economic repercussions but they are not the focus.
 - And even when it does, it calls for a “self-inflicted recession” that Xi Jinping would be responsible for – it does not put it in global context.
 - “la tolerancia cero puede perjudicar al país hasta el extremo de que bien podría ponerlo al borde de una recesión autoinfligida.”
 - Overall, critical of the zero covid approach as well as Xi Jinping’s role in it. Moreover, it points at concerns resting mostly on the human cost of strict measures and their toll daily life, rather than putting emphasis on its impact on the world economy – economic concerns are treated as an isolated issue for China. This points at a larger ideational difference rather than an economic one.

- **Beijing endurece medidas COVID y ordena cierre de escuelas**
 - 28/04/2022
 - AP
 - It reports on the way the zero covid led to the closure of schools in Shanghai
 - focusing on the role of mass regular testing for all people as key to progress out of the pandemic
 - explains that the actions were taken by the government to reduce the infection curve and avoid saturation of the health system – no comment or opinion on this.
 - It then reports the general state of the lockdown in Shanghai and notes the lack of access to basic food items and water as well as inaccessibility to medical services for non-covid related diseases. It also notes the saturation of testing points.
 - Overall, informative. No comments nor opinions presented. Just descriptions of the general state of affairs.
- **China mantiene las restricciones fronterizas por la pandemia a medida que Pekín aumenta los controles**
 - 28/04/2022
 - Europa Press
 - It reports on the general state of measures and their impact on the population. Description of mass testing, online classes, and general lockdown rules that need to be abided to.
 - Does note that the measures being taken are not popular.
 - Notes that the measures are not just affecting locals but also people from abroad, as the restrictions to enter China got too demanding and as a result there was chaos in terms of flights out.
 - Overall, informative, and neutral article. The only remark that points at criticism is the fact that measures are not popular.

Momentous circumstance 2

- **Pekín, en "carrera contra el tiempo" para contener un feroz brote de covid**
 - 14/06/2022
 - Martin Quin Pollard & Ryan Woo
 - Reports on Beijing deciding to toughen measures shortly after relaxing them because of a spike in cases related to a bar – even if not at their strictest form, with a focus on mass testing.
 - Highlights that this causes concerns internationally because of China only starting to recover from the Shanghai lockdown and the hit that had on global supply chains
 - Reports on the criminal action the state took against the three people believed to have caused the spread by not following the stay at home rule, plus the bar getting its license revoked since it did not abide to all necessary health codes for operation.
 - Overall, informative and neutral tone. Does not express opinions on any of the events, nor criticizes the actions from the government. Economic concerns still pertinent based on this article though.
- **Xi asegura a Putin el apoyo de China en materia de "soberanía"**

- 15/06/2022
- Agence France-Presse
- Reports on Xi Jinping reassuring Vladimir Putin of supporting Russia in matters of sovereignty and security as well as other matters pertaining to fundamental interests and concerns during a phone call.
- Notes that there were no specifics around this claim from China's side, but Russia elaborated more in terms of economic repercussions due to Western sanctions.
 - Additionally, mentions that Moscow claimed that both heads of state discussed development of military relations and the construction of an international system that is truly multipolar and just.
 - “Xi y Putin también enfatizaron su intención de "construir un sistema de relaciones internacionales verdaderamente multipolar y justo”
- Points at this increased engagement being the result of China being the only country Russia could rely on.
 - Proceeds to explain that the previous phone call was just one day after the Russian invasion of Ukraine and notes that China has refused to refer to it as such and also blames the US and NATO for it.
- Argues that Chinese authorities seek to form an alliance to counter the US.
 - “Las autoridades chinas, cercanas al Kremlin con el que quiere formar un frente común contra Estados Unidos.”
 - Mentions that Xi Jinping has called for China and Russia to have closer ties for strategic coordination.
 - “Xi el miércoles... pidió una "coordinación estratégica más estrecha" entre Pekín y Moscú.”
- Finishes with a remark on Xi and Putin's friendship, and how they have met more than 30 times.
- Overall, informative on the topic, and critical of the motivations and actions of both countries, pointing at a negative opinion of both of them. Some mildly inflammatory claims used. Worth noting is the emphasis being placed on the common goals between both countries, and how that aligns with the narrative China has been pushing forward. There is also the mention of “fundamental interests”, which points at an ideational marker being in play. Implicitly, there are hints that there is reluctance to follow the front being fostered by China and Russia, given that their motivations were questioned.
- **Pekín declara victoria inicial ante el covid al aliviarse alza de casos ligada a bar**
 - 16/06/2022
 - Benjamín Mejías y Carlos Serrano
 - Reports on the Chinese authorities' claim of having won its first victory against the bar-related outbreak
 - Describes all the measures in place to deal with the Heaven Supermarket bar outbreak.
 - placing emphasis on the criminal repercussions for those that violated the stay at home order and tested positive afterwards.

- Also notes on the penalties faced by businesses not following proper health measures.
 - States that the lowering of infections is good for residents and the economy
 - “una bendición para los residentes y la economía de Pekín.”
 - Notes that going back to a prevention-focused approach in Beijing is a good sign and settles fears over economic uncertainty, like the Shanghai lockdown caused.
 - Emphasizes global fears of supply chain disruptions because of the measures
 - “han inquietado a los mercados mundiales y han avivado el temor a que se produzcan interrupciones en la cadena de suministro en China.”
 - Finishes noting that the Chinese economy has started to improve in various aspects after the general lockdowns April-June
 - Overall, informative. Not critical of the Chinese government, no negative language used to refer to the restrictions. Points at economic concerns being the primary ones. Positive language used to refer to the ease of restrictions – such as that being a “blessing” for the economy.
- **Conviviendo con la amenaza china en la primera línea de defensa de Taiwán**
 - 17/06/2022
 - Agence France-Presse
 - Describes the daily struggles of the Taiwanese inhabitants of the Penghu Islands – strategic land for defense, in case of aggression from the mainland.
 - Points out the way Mainland China thinks of Taiwan
 - States that aggression is more likely given the growing aggressiveness of China in the international sphere
 - “Su promesa de retomarla algún día, por la fuerza si fuera necesario, parece cada vez menos remota ante la creciente agresividad del gigante asiático en la escena internacional.”
 - However, notes that many locals are optimistic despite the frequent reminders of potential aggression – and in the case of it, they believe there is not much to do but accept it.
 - “Sus barcos rodearán las islas y ya estará. No hay nada que podamos hacer, sino aceptarlo”, dice un amigo de Chen, Wang Hsu-sheng.”
 - Adds expert opinions on the geopolitical importance and struggles of the island historically
 - Interestingly, adds a remark by a local that compares China to Russia – making invasion imminent
 - ““Los chinos son como los rusos. Lo que es tuyo es mío. Lo que es mío, sigue siendo mío”, asegura en referencia a la reciente invasión de Ucrania”.
 - Overall, negative of the Chinese government’s actions. Makes or refers to various inflammatory statements on their behaviour, painting aggression as an imminent truism. Opinion appears to be at wider state behaviour rather than Taiwan as an isolated situation.
- **China se enfrenta a una montaña de desechos médicos y sanitarios**

- 21/06/2022
- Agence France Presse
- Brief note on environmental impact of massive testing in China.
- Uses expert opinion to put massive testing under a negative light
 - “La cantidad de desechos médicos que es generada a diario es de una magnitud casi sin precedentes en la historia de la humanidad.”
- No positives of massive testing mentioned.
- Overall, negative tone around massive testing but not broader measures not the Chinese regime. Implicit criticism of it though, pointing at the testing being not only unnecessary, but very harmful – as no benefits are mentioned. Implicitly pointing at a potential change in opinion from fighting the virus to treating it as endemic and therefore negativizing anything approaches that suggest otherwise. Changing priorities at play.
- **Algunas ciudades chinas relajan mandatos de pruebas del covid**
 - 24/06/2022
 - Marion Giraldo
 - Reports on the changing approach to covid in China, with mass testing being replaced by regular preventative tests.
 - Points out that this is in response to the economic impact of strict measures through March into May
 - Notes the contentiousness of testing though, pointing at the financial burden of regular testing on several local governments – at the national level, higher health authorities have also called for regular testing being unnecessary in areas with no infections.
 - Overall, neutral tone, and informative on the situation. However, it shows the contentiousness of measures in China at various levels around testing, which could point at implicit negative opinions on mass testing, especially given the emphasis on the economic tolls of such extensive testing.
- **Shanghái registra cero contagios por primera vez desde el brote de covid**
 - 25/06/2022
 - Agence France Presse
 - Article on the situation in Shanghai, reporting that for the first time since March, there were no new domestic infections reported in the city and how that resulted in a further relaxation of measures.
 - Emphasis on how all of this plays into a return to normal
 - Using negative language to refer to the role of measures in that process.
 - “el retorno a la normalidad se vio entorpecido por la reinstauración de restricciones en algunos distritos.” – referred to as a “hindrance” or “obstruction” to return to normal.
 - It also gives insight into the situation in Beijing, focusing on the impact on schooling.
 - Overall, no negative opinions on the Chinese government nor their reasoning for the zero covid strategy. However, based on the negative language used around the role of measures, it is possible to conclude that the approach has shifted towards seeing them as a hindrance to going back to normal.
- **La jaula invisible. Cómo China extrema su vigilancia para intentar “predecir” el futuro**
 - 27/06/2022
 - Paul Mozur, Muye Xiao & John Liu

- Critical of all the methods the Chinese government can use for surveillance of its citizens because of technological advances.
 - Points at how this surveillance not only helps in the cause against actual crime, as the regime claims, but also endangers political dissidents, ethnic minorities, and even people with mental illness.
 - Also points at how all of this is a violation of privacy
 - “...sirven para justificar una vigilancia asfixiante y la violación de la privacidad.”
- Criticizes the role Xi Jinping has played in this, and puts surveillance as a problematic for the case of Xinjiang as well as the lockdowns because of covid.
 - “...aplicando políticas tecno- autoritarias para aplastar la agitación étnica en la región occidental de Xinjiang y encerrar al pueblo chino en una de las cuarentenas más severas del mundo.”
- Describes in detail the new security technologies being employed and outlines the new surveillance strategy
 - Points at impunity and transparency being a major issue
 - “la policía opera con total opacidad e impunidad.”
 - “La mayoría de las veces la gente no sabe que está siendo observada.”
 - No need for accountability in China, nor are warrants needed for employing personal information for criminal profiling.
 - Criminal profiles being born out of this surveillance are a reality
- Criticizes how the surveillance software is automating and furthering existing prejudices in Chinese society and result in wrong condemnations that channel those very prejudices.
- Overall, extremely negative and critical about the Chinese government given concerns over privacy and how the increased surveillance could lead to less civil liberties and less possibility for transparency. Critical of Xi Jinping’s state security goals as they pertain to this mass surveillance.
- **Actividad de las fábricas y los servicios de china en junio se expande por primera vez en cuatro meses**
 - 29/06/2022
 - Javier Leira
 - Reports on the reactivation of factories in China and its positive effects on the economy after the slowdown that lasted three months
 - Notes that despite signs of growth, there are still elements going against China’s recovery, namely the state of the Chinese real estate market, low consumer spending, and fears over what an increase in infections and repeat waves of infections could mean.
 - Also notes that Chinese manufacturers have faced high prices of raw materials, higher market competition abroad with foreign manufactories, and lower demand for Chinese-made goods worldwide because of all related delays.
 - Overall, informative, and neutral tone. No comments nor opinions on the government, the zero covid policy, nor the challenges themselves. However, it shows interest on the state of the Chinese economy. Implicitly, this could

mean that this interest is because of its role in the global economy, not necessarily domestic concerns being seen as too important.

- **"Tranquilizador" o "delirante", las reacciones de los hongkoneses al discurso del líder chino**

- 01/07/2022
- Reports on the reactions to Xi Jinping's visit to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong and his claims that democracy has improved after being under British rule.
 - Points to negative perspectives on this
 - All of the political instability of the past three years, protests against the Hong Kong national security law, dissidents fleeing because of fear of imprisonment.
 - “La insistencia de Xi de que la democracia ha florecido pese a los años de represión política es recibido con desdén por quienes se han visto afectados por el férreo control de Pekín.”
 - “...bajo dominio británico, la ciudad nunca tuvo una democracia completa, pero que ahora "hemos perdido tanto la democracia formal como su sustancia,”
 - But also notes on positive perspectives
 - Mostly from the pro-Beijing government.
 - Claims of supporting the “one country, two systems” arrangement – but questionable
 - Perspectives that there are shared interests between Beijing and Hong Kong
 - “comparte con el presidente chino que Hong Kong "no puede permitirse el lujo caer en el caos””
- Overall, informative and neutral tone, balanced argument showing both positive and negative perspectives. Based on the article, it is possible to discern that there are implicit concerns over China's claims, especially anti-imperial narratives that compare conditions to colonial times and placing China in a moral higher ground despite this not being the case.

Chile

Momentous exchange 1

- **Fuera de Hubei, epicentro de la epidemia: cae el numero de nuevos contagios por coronavirus en China**

- 10/02/2020
- Janina Marcano
- Informative overall, rather neutral tone on contagion statistics in Hubei, lower numbers. Statistics for other provinces mentioned, no comparison.
- Implied comparison of China with other countries in the success of efforts
 - “se reportaron menos casos nuevos en ese país, un posible indicio de que la expansión del virus podría estar remitiendo mientras varios países redoblaban sus esfuerzos por contenerlo”.
- Acknowledgement of the WHO communicating on China – neutral
- Reporting on China's communications on the believed efficacy of its containment efforts
 - Key words: “surtiendo efecto”, “gestion estricta”

- Mention of expert on the matter that it is too soon to claim a slowdown in the pandemic
 - Countering China’s communication, but done informatively.
- Second opinion of another expert claiming that downward trend could indeed be warranted to China’s efforts, but the trend moving forward was hard to predict.
- Both experts agreeing that proceeding with caution was the way forward. Balanced argument for putting forward both perspectives.
- American expert mentioned to make inferences on what could happen moving forward. Positive outlook but not credited to anything in particular.
- Overall informative and neutral
- **China: Otros frentes del coronavirus**
 - 10/02/2020
 - El Mercurio – Editorial
 - Opinion piece leaning positively towards China for its efforts while shedding light on the political and economic repercussions of the virus.
 - Key argument: “pocos países del mundo están realmente capacitados para gestionar el brote de una enfermedad infecciosa de estas características y a esta escala. Pero China ha demostrado un importante despliegue de recursos humanos y materiales.”
 - Comparison to others. China as better despite the costs of the approach.
 - Key words: “voluntad política”, “capacidad de gestión”, “intelecto”,
 - Key argument: China struggling means Chile struggling.
 - “Y aunque en general se apela al optimismo, aún no hay total certeza sobre las repercusiones que esto tendrá para nuestra economía.”
 - Implied disagreement on the entities that put into question China’s transparency
 - “el gobierno de Xi Jinping ha sido blanco de duras críticas por su manejo de la información y por —supuestamente— haber desestimado las primeras advertencias sobre la aparición del coronavirus.”
 - Key word: “supuestamente”
 - Final argument: Since the effects of the pandemic will affect everyone, it is important to support China
 - “en la medida que la enfermedad se siga extendiendo, también lo harán sus consecuencias. Por eso, es relevante que la comunidad internacional no deje sola a China en medio de esta crisis aún en desarrollo.”
- **Francisco Silva y la CPC: “Si me lo ofrecen, yo estoy dispuesto a considerarlo seriamente”**
 - 11/02/2020
 - Matías Berríos
 - Interview with the president of Grupo Security and the Chile-China Bilateral Business Council around the elections ahead of nominating the new leader of the *Confederación de la Producción y del Comercio*.
 - Informative on the economic toll of the pandemic
 - States that Chilean businesses were running efforts to produce and export masks and antibacterial gel to China in solidarity.

- Implied good relations with the country
- **Exportadores valoran reactivacion en puertos de China, pero autoridades piden cautela**
 - 11/02/2020
 - C. Undurraga, J.P. Silva, T. Vergara, & S. Henriquez
 - Businesspeople from various leading Chilean exporters hopeful for China's efforts to reactivate ports.
 - Positive about China's efforts
 - "creemos que cuando China se recupere sera rapido"
 - Calls for donating to China
 - Good relations stated
 - "siempre hemos tenido una buena relacion"
 - Caution still the priority
 - "cautos", "aun es pronto para hacer un balance de la situacion".
- **Restricciones sanitarias aplicadas por China amenazan la temporada de exportacion: 15 mil langostas para el mercado Chino estan retenidas en Juan Fernandez por coronavirus.**
 - 14/02/2020
 - Mauricio Silva
 - Relatively negative tone on the measures, as they are affecting the Chilean exports and therefore the economy
 - "amenaza la temporada"
 - Acknowledges value of China as a partner for communities and that there are not enough alternatives
 - "no hay suficientes mercados alternativos"
 - Urging Chilean authorities to facilitate export
 - "apoyar el proceso exportador de productos con dificultades de acceso a China"
- **Bolsas globales moderaron perdidas por temor a contagio**
 - 14/02/2020
 - Pablo Guarda
 - Discusses the negative impact of the risk of the pandemic spreading on the stock market
 - Neutral, informative.
- **La medicina ancestral china contra el coronavirus**
 - 15/02/2020
 - Sui-Lee Wee
 - Negative perspective on China's efforts to popularize Chinese traditional medicine as an alternative
 - Informative at first about China's plan
 - Then proceeds to question
 - "incertidumbre cientifica", "no queda claro como funciona la ciencia detras de estas medicinas",
 - Critical of Chinese traditional medicine's use of wildlife and how it could be more problematic in this context
 - References to the Wuhan wet market
 - Criticizes how it could drive demand for wild meats.
 - Critical of previous failures of Chinese traditional medicine
 - References to Nature journal and the renal failure induced by herbs taken by women to lose weight

- Compares to Hong Kong to mark another negative
 - Implied comparison with the use of “region semiautónoma de China” – implied openness to other ideas
 - “no están convencidos de que las medicinas tradicionales chinas puedan ayudar”.
- **Tensión entre China y EE.UU. lleva al gasto militar global a su mayor alza en una década**
 - 15/02/2020
 - Alberto Millán
 - Informative, highlights the China-US tensions and how that has led them to be the top spenders
 - However, most of the threat rhetoric centers around Russia, not China.
 - Describes the situation in LAC but places Chile only in regional context, not global.
- **Secretario de Defensa de EE.UU.: China es una “creciente amenaza” para el orden mundial.**
 - The Associated Press & Europa Press
 - 16/02/2020
 - Informative, highlights the China-US tensions from a relatively neutral standpoint
 - But, places US as the main instigator in tensions by starting the article on the inflammatory remarks made by Mark Esper
 - Then reports on Wang Yi’s response to Esper
 - Decided to highlight his remarks on international cooperation
- **Cancelación de vuelos en China afecta a Chilena**
 - 16/02/2020
 - Cedida
 - Discusses the situation of a Chilean student struggling to secure a way out.
 - Neutral. No mention of either government.
- **China evalúa suspender su principal reunión política del año por coronavirus**
 - 18/02/2020
 - Colomba Sistek
 - Informative, relative victimization of China when describing the importance of the meeting and how it might need to be cancelled
 - “el brote de coronavirus tiene una nueva víctima a la vista: la sesión anual del Congreso del Pueblo.”
- **Gobierno estima menores ingresos y caídas en precios para próximos envíos de fruta desde China**
 - 18/02/2020
 - Carolina Undurraga
 - Mildly positive. Discusses the drop in income but does not see it as a loss.
 - “gusta el término de hablar de menos ingresos, no de pérdida.”
 - Does point at the need to diversify the market, suggesting Southeast Asia as a potential market
 - But this is just a possibility
 - “a lo mejor”
 - Discussed the first technical roundtable of major guilds and government agencies to minimize the impact of the coronavirus on exports to China.

Momentous exchange 2

- **Denuncian desaparicion de criticos de la gestion China de la pandemia**
 - 07/05/2020
 - Lucas de la Cal
 - Detailed account of how many activists and citizens that had brought attention to the reality of poor management in early stages of the pandemic in Wuhan experienced forceful disappearances.
 - Neutral, informative tone – does not put forward an opinion on the matter.
- **China y Estados Unidos se esfuerzan para mejorar su imagen en medio de la pandemia**
 - 09/05/2020
 - Nicolás García de Val
 - Points out that both US and China were criticized for their epidemiological management, hinting at a neutral tone, and both were making efforts to minimize the hit on their reputations.
 - Both under scrutiny equally
 - Makes more inferences on Latin America in relation to China than to the US
 - For US:
 - “Trump Tambien ofrecio apoyo a paises como filipinas, El Salvador, y Honduras.”
 - For LAC:
 - [China] “se esforzo por... enviar ayuda a los paises mas afectados de Europa asi como a varias naciones de America Latina y Africa: la llamada diplomacia de las mascarillas”.
 - “la crisis economica que provocara la pandemia podria ocasionar que Beijing refuerce su influencia en partes de Africa, Europa oriental, America Latina, y el sudeste Asiatico.”
 - Puts forward an argument against China’s mask diplomacy efforts by a renowned China expert, Elizabeth Economy.
 - Only to then put forward a counterargument backed by two organisations that China will reinforce its influence abroad, where countries are less willing to make an enemy out of one of the world’s most powerful economies.
 - Overall, neutral tone and balanced argument. Informative in nature.
- **Naciones Unidas alerta sobre crecientes actos de discriminacion: “xenofovirus”, la ola de racismo que avanza junto a la pandemia**
 - 13/05/2020
 - Jean Palou Egoaguirre
 - Detailed reporting on the struggles of Asian and Asian-descent people in the US and Europe because of racist attacks sparked because of the pandemic
 - Focuses mostly on Trump’s role for enabling it in the US
 - Implied moderate criticism of those places for putting too much emphasis on that and then discussing instances on racism in Latin America but not towards Asian community
 - Stronger implication because of the use of “como el virus, el racismo tambien es altamente contagioso y tiene alcance global”
 - Not much time spent describing the situation in LAC or even Chile
 - “En America Latina... creciente estigmatizacion de los migrantes venezolanos”
 - “en Chile, miembros de la diaspora Haitiana han denunciado discriminacion en los controles sanitarios.”

- It does shed light on the fact that discrimination also arose in China, especially towards black people
 - However there is hesitancy implied by the use of the words “pero ni siquiera China esta al margen de esta pandemia del racismo”
 - Implying it is “al margen” in other aspects.
 - Moreover, even when discussing the racism situation in China, the article refers back to how Trump is still linked to this, using a comment by an American scholar, Gorgon Chang.
 - “Trump ha avivado los prejuicios raciales en EEUU, hacienda que sea acceptable para otros hacer lo mismo”
 - “otros paises se sienten con el derecho de actuar del mismo modo”.
- Overall, more critical of the US than of China in this respect. Even if not positive of China necessarily, it does not tackle the negatives with the same sternness as it does others.
- **“China debe asumir su responsabilidad por el encubrimiento inicial de la informacion”**
 - 14/05/2020
 - Hugo Alconada
 - Interview with dissident Ai Weiwei, originally with Argentinian La Nacion newspaper
 - Interesting given that he is not only critical of China’s response despite having criticized the regime aplenty on other examples of mismanagement. He is only critical of the West because of ongoing lack of transparency as well as own issues that it fails to address.
 - Critical of the health systems of the US and Britain
 - “El Sistema de salud debe ser mejorado en muchos lugares, como Estados Unidos y Gran Bretaña”
 - Directly asks opinion on China’s efforts to block information
 - He says that China must assume responsibility for the initial but does not blame China because each country has its own terms for control and management of information.
 - Says the similar struggles are in place in the US and UK
 - Proceeds to outline many examples in which truth was also concealed in the West
 - Finishes off on an overall criticism of systems, not of nations
 - Overall it could be said that the choice of publishing this interview is interesting, as it is critical of both sides, not just China at a time that other news outlets focused on the latter.
- **Trump lanza su mayor amenaza contra China y plantea romper relaciones bilaterales**
 - 15/05/2020
 - Nicolás García de Val
 - In reference to a Trump interview with Fox News
 - Informative about the state of US-China relations, relatively neutral tone
 - Accusations of the US towards China for its poor handling early in the pandemic
 - Soured economic relations
 - However when referencing back to Chile in this context, the Chinese perspective seems to be emphasized more

- Outlines the on-going tensions US-China because of the coronavirus and puts forward other inflammatory actions from US' part
 - Agreement with a Taiwanese tech firm, TSMC, to build a tech supply factory in Arizona, as Chinese firms get pushed out.
- Final message by referring to scholar Jessica Chen that the common good is at stake
 - “todas las acciones que los dos países tomen contra el otro tienen un peso doble por su relevancia mundial a futuro”

Momentous exchange 3

- **Uso de Pfizer solo en la tercera edad pone en riesgo meta de vacunacion y presiona a Sinovac**
 - 22/01/2021
 - Max Chávez & Judith Herrera
 - Documenting on the Ministry of Health's approach to the upcoming mass vaccination campaign
 - Despite Sinovac having been approved for use at all age ranges by the Instituto de Salud Publica, the health ministry would follow the recommendations by experts in the institute that there were not enough grounds for using them with the elderly.
 - This is seen as a negative by the newspaper as it could compromise the goal of mass vaccinating risk populations
 - “podria comprometer la meta de vacunar al 31 de marzo a los cerca de dos millones de adultos mayores que forman parte del Segundo grupo de riesgo prioritizado.”
 - Notes on Pfizer being unable to meet demand in Chile and stalling vaccination efforts
 - However this is not necessarily framed negatively for the Chilean context alone as they outline the situation being problematic, especially in the EU
 - Moreover, they do not pit it against China's efforts in supply.
 - Reports that the situation could change and the ministry might be persuaded to use Sinovac more because of the expected 4 million doses that could arrive to speed up vaccination efforts
 - Reports on ongoing trials to test the vaccine on that group at the most prestigious university in Chile, since the health authority emphasized the need for that
 - “a pedido de la autoridad sanitaria se ha puesto especial énfasis en analizar los efectos de Sinovac en adultos mayores”
- **Envios de cerezas sufren traspie en China traz versiones sobre hallazgos de trazas de covid-19**
 - 24/01/2021
 - Carolina Undurraga
 - Informative on the concern from the Chilean side, no reference to official Chinese sources as unconfirmed
 - But still, very worrisome – which points at market losses being a primary concern for Chile.
- **Exportadores reconocen frenazo ev ventas de cerezas en China y proyectan impacto en empleo del sector**
 - 25/01/2021

- Manuel Herrera
- Informative in Chile's concern about missing out on the best time of the year for cherry sales in China – urging for resolving the matter promptly at the Chile level though.
 - “en medio de semanas clave para la temporada de las cerezas en China, mercado a donde se destina mas del 90% de los envios de la fruta roja”
- **Pandemia, desigualdad, y China, temas clave en inauguracion de Agenda Davos**
 - 26/01/2021
 - El Mercurio – Economía y Negocios
 - Interestingly, starts off the article by referring to China
 - “presidente Chino abogo por multilateralismo y evitar una Guerra Fria”
 - Giving most importance to China and its regime
 - “el protagonista de la jornada, Xi Jinping”
 - Refers back to China's growth in spite of the pandemic
 - Pits it against the US
 - “fracas de la guerra comercial contra Trump”
 - Overall, focusing on China and with no criticisms, therefore positive.
- **Gobierno contacta a autoridades chinas tras drastica caida en ventas de cereza en ese pais**
 - 26/01/2021
 - Rubén García
 - Detailed account of all efforts the Chilean government and private sector entities being affected would partake in to improve the situation in China
 - Inconformity with Chilean government's response from the private sector, but not China's.
- **Merkel pone en “los valores” el limite de la cooperacion con China**
 - 27/01/2021
 - Reuters
 - Referring back to Davos, reporting on Merkel's remarks about relations with China at the economic level being more just, reciprocal and transparent because of the China-EU Comprehensive Agreement on Investment
 - News report then points towards another remark that Xi Jinping's definition of multilateralism is different to Merkel's
 - “ambas concepciones chocan en valores fundamentales”
 - Plus, these result on limited cooperation.
 - The emphasis on the remarks would imply that there are fundamental values at stake when engaging in the multilateralism that China sponsors –hinting that Chile's fundamental values could keep cooperation with the EU from intensifying as it could have those clashes.
- **Venta de cerezas en China registra leve mejoría, pero precios siguen bajos**
 - 27/01/2022
 - Carolina Undurraga
 - Reports on the campaign that made this possible and gives credit to China for making it possible in part
 - “producto de las nuevas publicaciones positivas... publicaciones de expertos chinos en seguridad alimentaria... a traves de la Television Oficial de China”
 - Ends on noting positive perspective from the Chilean businesses' side about cooperation with China

- “la industria confía en que el trabajo en conjunto entre los gobiernos de Chile y China nos permitiera recuperar la confianza de los consumidores y distribuidores”.
- Overall, positive attitude towards China’s input.

Momentous exchange 4

- **Los “purgados” del coronavirus en China**
 - 17/06/2021
 - Lucas de la Cal
 - Negative about China’s efforts to curve the virus in Guangzhou
 - “China espera volver a presumir su política de covid zero”
 - “medidas draconianas”
 - “castigos a funcionarios”
 - Referring to the increased supervision and investigation of authorities that failed to perform their duty properly according to higher-level officials as political purges
 - “la purga política tras los brotes es una práctica habitual en China”
 - Proceeds to detail accounts going back to Wuhan and point at the high numbers of officials that were fired, detained, or received political punishments.
 - No opinion on this – but shock value adding to negative.
- **China acelera la carrera al enviar a tres astronautas a su propia estación espacial**
 - 18/06/21
 - Amalia Torres
 - Relative positive tone towards China and relative negative tone towards US
 - Pitting its efforts against the US – space race because of US not allowing Chinese astronauts in the International space station
 - “pone presión a la NASA”
 - Using expert opinions to highlight China’s technological competency
 - “habla de lo avanzados que están los Chinos”
 - “demostrar que [China] es capaz”
 - Finishes off by pitting these novel efforts against the current state of space exploration
 - “La EEI ya tiene dos décadas y ha demostrado desgaste... si se desmantelara, China sería el operador de la única estación espacial activa.”
- **China detiene a cinco directivos de medio prodemocracia en Hong Kong**
 - 18/06/2021
 - Eva Luna Gatica
 - Informative on the raids on Apple Daily following the instatement of Hong Kong national security law
 - Negative tone based on the use of: “la punta de lanza de la represión generalizada contra los críticos de China en Hong Kong.”
- **Brote de covid-19 en puerto chino sube presión a transporte marítimo y retrasaría envíos a Chile**
 - 18/06/2021
 - Marco Gutierrez
 - Informative about the stresses on sea shipments because of the reduced operations in Yantian port

- Minimising potential for negative opinion on China's measures by comparing the situation to Latin America in terms of how many containers can be moved at the ports
 - “su tamaño es relevante si se compara, por ejemplo, con puertos latinoamericanos”
- Offers positive outlook by providing solutions at the regional level
- **China, exitos historicos en el alivio de la pobreza**
 - 19/06/2021
 - Niu Qingbao
 - Opinion piece by Chinese ambassador to Chile, Niu Qingbao
 - Linking China's presence in LAC to reduced poverty, with the BRI at the forefront of initiatives
 - “China seguira fortaleciendo los intercambios y cooperaciones en materia de la reduccion de la pobreza con los paises de America Latina, incluyendo Chile, en el marco de la construccion conjunta de la Franja y la Ruta”
 - Alludes to poverty reduction as a “common goal” – and one that China has been able to make a lot of progress in domestically, pointing at that this success not only being replicable elsewhere, but being a rightful possibility.
 - States 3 strategies that made this possible in China
 - “la valiosa experiencia desarrollada en las practicas de China pertence al mundo”.
 - Notes China's efforts at the international level to reduce poverty – with the BRI being one of the predominant ones
 - In relation to achieving the goal that is the community of shared future for mankind and poverty reduction as a shared goal.
 - “contribuyendo a la construccion de una comunidad con un futuro compartido para la humanidad sin pobreza y desarrollo comun.”
- **Comunismo made in Chile**
 - 20/06/2021
 - Letter to the editor by Carlos Alberto Vivanco
 - Use of positive words when referring to China's system, comparing it to Chile's aspirations
 - “mentalidad y disciplina chinas”
- **Saltan exportaciones de vino a China**
 - 21/06/2021
 - Eduardo Moraga
 - Positive tone about China being behind the sharp increase in wine exports
 - “buenas noticias desde China”
 - “impulso muy atractivo para Chile”
 - “crecimiento tremendamente atractivo”
 - “conyuntura muy propicia para Chile”
 - “China ya es un mercado lider”
- **Investigacion dice que cuentas falsas impulsan narrativa oficial de China en redes sociales**
 - 22/06/2021
 - Javier Middleton Benzanilla
 - Article highlighting Beijing's use of Twitter and Facebook to have echo chambers of what their diplomats post to heighten or defend Beijing's actions.

- Worth noting is the newspaper's approach to discussing Xinjiang in the context of the type of messages being echoed on social media
 - “en referencia a la region China donde, segun algunos paises, habria una violacion a los derechos humanos.”
 - “segun algunos paises” – not making Chile's position clear, plus using allegedly.
- Refers to China's need to “tell the story well” = “contar bien la historia”
 - Gives background on the strategy and how it provided the context for wolf diplomacy to surge
 - Explains the role of the wolf diplomats in systematically ridding off theories that make China responsible for COVID-19 and fight off accusations on Xinjiang
 - “rebatir las acusaciones sobre las supuestas violaciones a los derechos humanos en Xinjiang.”
- Points that China is not the only country that employs these means to shape narratives online, but also Russia and Iran
- Overall tone is informative, not necessarily critical of China, but it is implied to be based on the references to expert opinions on the dangers to democratic states
 - “esto crea desafios para los estados democraticos que valoran un entorno de informacion abierto”
- **Dudas sobre la eficacia de vacunas chinas para evitar contagios obligan a reforzar la prevencion**
 - 24/06/2021
 - Janina Marcano
 - Reaction piece to an article published in the New York Times that questioned the preparedness of various countries where the population had been inoculated with Chinese-made vaccines primarily.
 - It does not approach this as a negative for Chile necessarily but highlights the need to abide to more self-protection methods in conjunction to vaccines, by referring back to expert opinions
 - “esto pone de relieve que las medidas de autocuidado como usar la mascarilla y evitar aglomeraciones deben estar a la par de la vacunacion”
 - “la vacunacion no es la solucion absoluta y debemos seguir protegiendonos con medidas de autocuidado.”
 - They also use expert opinions to question the claims that the pandemic situation in the global north might be better because of the use of other vaccines
 - “posiblemente la baja circulacion del virus se deba a varios factores y no solamente a la vacunacion”
 - “los paises en Europa tienen un bajo porcentaje de la población vacunada... indica que la baja tasa de infeccion no estaria dada unicamente por este factor sino que Tambien por factores climaticos”
 - “estas disparidad Tambien podrian tener que ver con la aparicion de variantes”
 - In the Chilean case they put an expert opinion that the slowdown of vaccination might also be a factor
 - Overall focus is not on the lower effectiveness of Chinese vaccines but other factors.

- “se debe buscar una estrategia para contrarestar la desventaja de la vacuna en su baja efectividad para prevenir contagio”

Momentous exchange 5

- **EE.UU y China chocan en Honduras, con Taiwan como fondo**
 - 27/11/2021
 - Jose Tomas Tenorio
 - Relatively neutral tone to discuss how Honduras could become the new focus on the struggle for influence between China and the US
 - “ambos buscan ejercer su influencia en la nacion centroamericana”
 - However, it refers to those still maintaining relations with Taiwan, and therefore aligning more with the US, as a “club”
 - “un club cada vez mas reducido de naciones en Centroamerica y el Caribe que mantienen relaciones con Taiwan, que es respaldado por EE.UU.”
 - States that the shift towards establishing relations with China became less persistent after a visit to the country by a US political authority
 - To which China responded by accusing US of “arm-twisting” before the election
 - States that there is an on-going competition for influence in Latin America but makes no references to Chile nor builds the argument – maintaining things neutral.
- **China amplia su control a las tecnologicas: pediria a Didi dejar la bolsa de Nueva York**
 - Agencias
 - 27/11/2021
 - Relative negative tone by using “amplia su control” as well as “politica de control”, “organism de control” in reference to the demands being put forward by the Cyberspace Administration of China on Didi to move out of the US and meet requirements as they would in China.
 - Builds on similar issues being faced by other Chinese megatech companies in an informative tone.
- **Tengo plena confianza en las exportaciones de frutas chilenas a China, sobre todo las cerezas**
 - 29/11/2021
 - Patricia Vildosola
 - Communication by Chinese ambassador to Chile, Niu Qingbao to address concerns on potential market changes
 - Positive note in the midst of uncertainty because of fears of economic losses, pointing at China’s core interests that it voices abroad
 - “formar una comunidad de intereses con sus contrapartes... para lograr beneficios mutuos y ganancias compartidas”
 - “fortalecer la comunicacion”
 - “promover la cooperacion”
 - “respeto mutuo, beneficio mutuo, y ganancia compartida”
 - “acelerar el desarrollo de la asociacion estrategica integral”
 - Points at the positive relations China-Chile historically and the need for them to continue being positive and become stronger

- “China y Chile compartimos una Amistad tradicionalmente consolidada... se ha fortalecido con el tiempo”
- “China y Chile pueden fortalecer aun mas los intercambios intergubernamentales”

Momentous circumstance 1

- **Confinamiento en Shanghai alarma a las industrias y al comercio**
 - Efe
 - 30/03/2022
 - Informs on the foreseen phases of the Shanghai lockdown and the government’s goal from the measures
 - Expresses concerns on economic repercussions
 - “El cierre... amenaza la produccion y la economia”
 - “...ha provocado una sensación de inseguridad en los mercados financieros ante una desestabilizacion economica.”
 - “preocupación ante el posible retraso en la producción, preocupando a inversores locales e internacionales”
 - However, refers back to expert opinion to defend measures, given that localized lockdowns are actually the result of wanting to minimize even larger economic repercussions
 - “estos confinamientos sectorizados responden a la voluntad de evitar un gran impacto económico”.
 - Overall, informative tone – implicit support of these measures given the defense towards the end of the article, pointing at a positive opinion on them. However, considerable economic concerns also discernible, suggesting that opinion on measures could change if those concerns grew.
- **Rebote de coronavirus en China endurece las normas en Shanghai**
 - 04/04/2022
 - Informative about the measures residents in Shanghai will have to face given the lockdown
 - There is an economic concern implied based on all the inferences made on Shanghai’s importance in that matter.
 - Referred to as China’s economic capital – “la capital económica de China.”
 - Slight questioning of the measures, given that it puts the number of cases in comparison to other places, and brings up the sustainability of the zero covid approach – even if admitting to its successes.
 - “el número de casos de covid en China sigue siendo bajo en comparación con los estándares internacionales... pero los picos en lugares como Shanghai están poniendo a prueba su enfoque, hasta ahora exitoso.”
 - Refers to measures as aggressive and strict.
- **La odisea de comprar comida en Shanghai, la confinada ciudad más rica de China**
 - 13/04/2022
 - France Presse & The Associated Press
 - Notes on the struggles of Shanghai residents to secure food given the sanitary measures in Shanghai

- It is worth noting that before diving into the details, the article points at the strictness of the measures and emphasizes that most of the new cases are asymptomatic.
 - This could be seen as a criticism towards the extensiveness of the measures, even if not the measures themselves.
- Reports on the impact the strict measures had on the population that they had to put pressure on the government to relax them
 - No opinion about this stated, just describes the situation. No inferences made on the response of the Chinese government other than noting that the public pressure was successful as measures were relaxed.
- Points at the situation being so severe that the US government expressed concerns for its citizens and missions in the city.
 - Once again, could be seen as further criticism of the extensiveness of the measures – implication of pitting it against US domestic response.
- Overall, critical of the extensiveness of the measures and their impact on daily life, but no overt criticism of the Chinese government. It is worth noting that no positives of the measures are highlighted, which points at changing opinions. Moreover, emphasis on Shanghai being the richest city could hint at concerns over how despite economic success, there is still a dark side to living in China, implying a negative view.
- **El gran “pajama party” de oficina en Shanghai debido a la pandemia**
 - 14/04/2022
 - Elaine Yu, Natasha Khan, & Cao Li.
 - Reports on the experiences of many workers that had to move into their offices to be able to continue working given the strict measures in Shanghai
 - There is a mixture of positive and negative experiences, pointing at a balanced argument. None of these are critical of the government, nor the companies they work for, but rather focus on personal discomforts or added value depending on whether the experience was positive or negative.
 - Highlights Shanghai’s economic importance and how the extraordinary measure of having employees live at the office is an effort towards avoiding operational disruptions and be efficient.
 - Economic aspects valued – points at efforts to minimize concerns over the impact of the measures on the economy. No inferences on other aspects.
 - Overall, neutral tone. Emphasis on economics points at that still being the primary focus when analysing the situation in Shanghai. No criticisms of the government points at other factors, such as civil liberties and concerns over freedom not being as relevant in Chile since the newspaper did not publish articles touching on that.
- **Crisis sanitaria en Shanghai**
 - 17/04/2022
 - Sebastian Claro
 - Opinion piece on the concerns over the zero covid policy
 - Critical of the zero covid policy, but mostly because of its economic repercussions
 - Restrictions on freedom of movement not addressed as a threat to freedom but as a hindrance to logistics and supply chains as well as a limitation for production and how that threatens availability of goods.

- **Beijing alerta brote “explosivo” de covid-19, en medio de restricciones**
 - 12/06/2022
 - Reuters
 - Informative on the potential tightening of certain restrictions given a spike in cases in Beijing. It grounds this on China’s zero covid policy.
 - Mentions the situation in Shanghai as a contrast and suggests fears of the population of a lockdown of that sort despite the authorities not announcing blanket measures.
 - Overall, informative and neutral tone. No opinion on the viability of zero covid nor the Chinese regime.
- **“Bachelet nunca condenó las gravísimas violaciones a los DD.HH. cometidas en China.”**
 - 19/06/2022
 - Héctor Yáñez
 - Interview with Chilean lawyer, José Miguel Vivanco, ex-director for Human Rights Watch’s Americas division
 - Criticizes ex-Chilean president Michelle Bachelet, who is also the current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for voicing the same narrative China has been pushing about Xinjiang.
 - Says her approach to her role as High Commissioner is too diplomatic
 - Notes that she has been very clear about HR violations in other instances, such as HR concerns in the US, violations by Russia with the invasion of Ukraine, and has also been critical of the Venezuelan regime.
 - Believes that in the Xinjiang case, she will not be able to do a report, and things will remain inconclusive.
 - “Mi temor es... que esta materia quede inconclusa”
 - Refers to China as a “fundamental concern”
 - Overall, critical and negative of Michelle Bachelet more than the Chinese regime. Negative language used all over in reference to what is happening in Xinjiang. Highlights the importance of addressing HR violations for a healthy democracy. The newspaper’s decision to publish this points at these concerns becoming more amplified at the public opinion level, and increased hesitancy around China in matters of HR.
- **China se enfrenta a una montaña de desechos médicos y sanitarios**
 - 21/06/2022
 - El Mercurio – Vida, Ciencia y Tecnología
 - Brief note on environmental impact of massive testing in China.
 - Uses expert opinion to put massive testing under a negative light
 - “La cantidad de desechos médicos que es generada a diario es de una magnitud casi sin precedentes en la historia de la humanidad.”
 - No positives of massive testing mentioned.
 - Overall, negative tone around massive testing but not broader measures not the Chinese regime. Implicit criticism of it though, pointing at the testing being not only unnecessary, but very harmful – as no benefits are mentioned. Once again, pointing at the potential change in opinion from fighting the virus to treating it as endemic.