

Abstract

Climate justice is a concept that puts forward the unequal impacts that climate change has on different groups and areas. It is stressed in academia, and activism alike, and has been increasingly used in German newspaper coverage. This emphasises the need to understand how the media might contribute to the formation of public discourse on climate justice, which the present study aims to do. Through critical discourse analysis, 32 articles published in *taz*, *SZ*, *FAZ*, and *Die Welt* were examined to identify the following dominant discourses on climate justice in their coverage: the multi-layered imbalance between the Global South and the Global North, the call for a holistic consideration of climate justice, climate justice as part of activists' agenda and the need for a focus on intranational socio-economic injustice. While there are differences to be found between the political alignments, they turn out to be greater between the more pronounced politically affiliated newspapers on both ends and less pronounced between the more moderately aligned newspapers. It should not be left unmentioned, however, that generally, many articles did not play into any particular discourse at all. Frequently, climate justice coverage remains shallow and does not provide nuanced context on the layers of injustice, their intersections and the wider implications.