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How are defendants of high-profile court cases framed in the media? A qualitative analysis of news media coverage of Caroline Flack's arrest

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Appendices

Appendix A.

List of newspaper articles analysed

The Guardian.


The Daily Mail.


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The Independent.


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The Mirror.


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Appendix B. Language categories developed.

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| Procedural language    | 'assault', 'arrested', 'charged', 'court', 'police', 'bail', 'legal', 'co-operating', 'resolve', 'guilty', 'charge', 'allegations', 'reported', 'legal process', 'authorities', 'assaulting', 'incident', 'pleads not guilty', 'tried', 'trial', 'public gallery', 'Judge', 'bail', 'alleged', 'victim', 'officers', 'arrest', 'escorted', 'dock', 'statement', 'witness', 'lawyer', 'prosecution', '999', 'eyewitness', 'criminal', 'scene', 'CCTV', 'scrambled', 'resolve matters', 'Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court', 'not pressing charges', 'scenes', 'representative', 'resolve matters', 'details', 'accused', 'bailed', 'accusing', 'confidence agreement', 'defended', 'non-disclosure agreement', 'assault hearing', 'court bans', 'appearing in court', 'one officer', 'pleading not guilty', 'charged with assault', 'ordered by a judge', 'first court appearance', 'court appearance', 'stand trial', 'assault charge', 'court hearing', 'latest allegations', 'judge', 'common assault', 'released on bail', 'trial', '999 call', 'complainant', 'operator', 'defendant', 'taken into custody', 'court hear', 'officer', '99 operator', 'banned from contacting', 'witnessed', 'taken into custody', 'under caution', 'court lobby', 'hearing', 'assaulting', 'District Judge', 'never supported this prosecution', 'witness', 'prosecuting', 'pursuing the case', 'court papers', 'provide further evidence to the court', 'body-worn footage', 'escorted by police', 'bail condition', 'appears in court', 'if the conditions were lifted there would be no concerns', 'prosecution case', 'face the assault charge', 'the prosecutor', 'adjourned the hearing', 'courtroom', 'conditional bail', 'defended', 'restrained on the ground', 'committing the assault', 'disruptive while in police custody', 'risk assessment', 'court went silent', 'denied', 'resolve matters', 'bailed', 'ambulance service', 'spokeswoman', 'proceedings', 'prosecution', 'solicitor', 'stand trial', 'denies', 'not guilty', 'did not support the prosecution', 'legal process', 'six police cars', 'custody', 'spokesperson', 'met police', 'declined to comment', 'court gallery', 'on bail', 'barred', 'altercation', 'onlookers', 'private domestic incident', 'domestic disturbance', 'case forwards', 'official', 'Crown Prosecution Service', 'influenced by the victim', 'comment', 'found guilty', 'drop charges', 'CPS', 'credible evidence', 'secure conviction', 'witness withdraws their statement', 'perverting the cause of justice', 'police might examine', 'barrister', 'case', 'down to the jury or magistrates', 'sure of guilty', 'CCTV', 'give an account', 'sufficient evidence', 'sustain a conviction', 'defendant confesses', 'jury', 'doesn’t support the prosecution', 'conviction', 'proceed', 'prosecution not to proceed', 'public interest', 'pursue the prosecution', 'reasonable prospect of conviction', 'guilty', 'doesn’t want to press charges', 'confess', 'can’t comment further', 'amid her charge', 'denied allegations', 'denying the claims', 'ban',}
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messed', 'girlfriend', 'couple', 'became an item', 'work through this together', 'dated', 'love life has made headlines', 'romances', 'linked to', 'split with a boyfriend', 'had to stop seeing each other', 'engaged', 'arguments happen', 'cheating on her', 'preventing her from contacting Burton', 'separately', 'lives with', 'not signed', 'lovely girlfriend', 'not signed any NDA', 'not a victim', 'together', 'does not contact', 'couldn’t contact', 'did not support the prosecution', 'preventing her from contacting', 'arguing', 'lives with her boyfriend', 'home she shares', 'still an item', 'earlier this year', 'the pair', 'seriously loved-up on Instagram', 'official in August', 'cosy together', 'went public', 'official', 'domestic disturbance', 'broke his silence', 'confirmed the news', 'beau', '27-year old', '40-year-old', 'love each other', 'started dating in August', 'not pressing charges', 'he loves Caroline', 'private domestic incident', 'domestic disturbance', 'started dating in June', 'went official', 'introduced', 'love', 'went public', 'loved-up', 'ban contact', 'gone through Lewis’ phone', 'discovered messages', 'having an affair', 'cheating on her', 'arguments do happen', 'row with her boyfriend', 'can’t see or communicate with Lewis', 'remain a couple', 'banned from direct and indirect contact', 'normal until I met her', 'physical violence in their relationship', 'ex-fiancé', 'came to an end', 'dated', 'got together', 'looking for love', 'love life hit the headlines again', 'wild love life', 'love life', 'heartache and controversy', 'romantically linked', 'pair', 'just friends', 'sparked controversy', 'dating', '15-year age gap', 'short lived', 'dated', 'separate ways', 'break up', 'dump', 'mutual decision', 'broke things off', 'close friends', 'cosying up to a pretty girl', 'upset at him', 'moved on from her', 'rocky relationship', 'dumps', 'moving in with her', 'hooks up with him', 'back on track', 'soon got together', 'call it off when the press found out', 'proposed', 'split', 'nearly got together', 'on my own', 'I like him', 'the pair', 'swore off men', 'devastation of her relationship', 'ups and downs', 'my love life', 'adore love', 'heartbroken again', 'flirty texts', 'vows to support her', 'believe he was cheating', 'made an allegation against his girlfriend', 'been together a year', 'banning from contacting', 'supporting her', 'took his phone', 'stood by her', 'made it official', 'whirlwind romance', 'pair', 'as loved up as ever', 'row', 'couple', 'bust-up', 'home she shares', 'pair cuddled together', 'date night', 'beau’s handsome appearance', 'sign of PDA', 'stunning girlfriend', 'romance has sky-rocketed', 'started dating', 'made it official', 'lovebirds', '100% not engaged', 'very much together', 'sparked engagement rumours', 'couple then appeared to clash', 'arguing', 'cemented their relationship', 'penchant for dating younger men', 'make cougar her “badge of honour” in defiance', 'supposed to be ashamed of', 'I’m just not', 'supposed to be some kind of insult', 'taking control of that', 'ban on contacting him', 'can’t see or communicate with
| Language indicating mental health issues | 'extremely selfish', '5am parties', 'made neighbours life a misery', 'show some consideration', 'noisy', 'have parties', 'really loud music', 'grown woman', 'dance around the lounge until the neighbours complain', 'clearly a dig at us', 'never apologised', 'terrible neighbour', 'getting her mum to do her dirty work', 'neighbour from hell', 'during one bust up', 'noisy arguments', 'friends fear history repeating himself', 'abusive', 'trouble has gone one further than before' |

| Language indicating media reporting styles such as sensationlisation | Language indicating mental health issues | 'duty-of-care regulations', 'volatile', 'sad', 'suffering from loneliness', 'two lacerations to her left wrist', 'dark day', 'two cuts to her wrist', 'suffered enough', 'she would kill herself', 'worst time of my life', 'I don’t know where to go', 'really rough time', 'doing all I can to keep my head above water', 'difficulties', 'feeling so low', 'felt as though her body was 'covered' in cling film', 'I couldn’t get up', 'co-operating', 'someone’s life', 'struggled', 'emotional message', 'who I even am', 'where to go', 'who to trust', 'lonely', 'ruined her own life', 'feeling trapped', 'escape', 'cutting herself', 'desperate', 'rough time', 'on my own', 'looking out for our own heads', 'sorting myself out', 'co-operating', 'cutting herself', 'vulnerable', 'I will kill myself', 'feels rejected', 'worried that she will once again go from self-destruct', 'numb', 'self-destruct mode', 'low mood', 'bounce back', 'hits self-destruct', 'hard to help her', 'snaps out of it', 'counselling', 'undergo intensive counselling', 'rehab', 'hits breaking point', 'DISTRAUGHT', 'course of intensive counselling', 'struggling to cope', 'breaking point', 'devastating fallout', 'non-stop crying', 'in tears solidly', 'toughest, roughest week of her life', 'got her through', 'make some lifestyle changes', 'undergo therapy', 'recuperate for stress-related issues', 'healthier, happier and brighter', 'downcast' |

| Allegations, scrutiny, attention, alleged, escorted, covered in blood, mobbed, photographers, witch-hunt, total chaos, terrorist incident, reports, newspaper, reported, images obtained, much-publicised, private, furious argument, diffuse the situation, rumours, on the rocks, allegedly, claimed, a source, situation has blown up, gossip, explosive news, absolute nightmare, judgement, tense discussion, blood spattered, plagued the couple, photographers, spotted, nothing to say, pictured, blown up, public domain, low-profile, images obtained, seen for the first time, photographs, explosive news, slated, accused, accusing, lies and abuse, doesn’t deserve this, misconstrued, dramatic row, latest allegations, horror movie, horror movie attack, almost begging the operator to send help, seen grabbing a coffee, sources, unfortunately phrased 2010 tweet, nine-year-old post, historic tweet, grabbed a coffee, in the mood for a