

Want more positive ESG coverage?

Pitch your **Governance** stories to **business-oriented outlets.**

When sharing your ESG messages, you want to pitch your stories to **the media contacts that will have the most impact.**

At PublicRelay, we performed a benchmark analysis of the media coverage of the world's leading companies to uncover trends in how various outlets cover Governance topics so you can target the *right* publications.



Average Tone by Sector & Number of Mentions **Average Tone** Consumer Corporate Food & Automotive Beverage 1. Reuters 2. Bloomberg 3. Business Insider 4. Forbes 5. Wall Street Journal 6. Washington Post 7. CNBC 8. Financial Times 9. New York Times 10. The Guardian 11. TechCrunch 12. The Hill 13. CNN 14. Associated Press 15. Fortune

Here's what we found.

Not only do *Forbes* and the *Wall Street Journal* consistently cover all sectors positively on Governance topics, but the two publications also report on company leadership **1.5x – 2x** more favorably than the average outlet.

And while **mainstream publications skew negative** on companies' Governance, a handful of publications were neutral in their coverage of specific sectors. Examples include the *Financial Times* covering energy, *CNBC* covering consumer finance, and the *New York Times* covering food & beverage.

So, what does this mean for your media outreach?

Start by targeting business-oriented outlets, *Forbes* and the *Wall Street Journal*, with Governance stories to **generate positive coverage.**

Then, identify the mainstream outlets that are neutral towards your sector's Governance for opportunities to build relationships. It could lead to positive Governance coverage reaching a wider audience and a chance to differentiate yourself from your peers.

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