

Photography Photojournalism Visual Literacy

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Language of the Image

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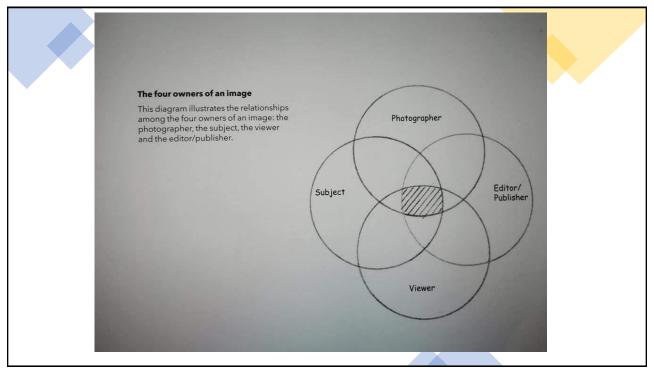


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PALANGINAGAN (Photography)

Kinikilala ang <mark>palanginagan</mark> bilang isang proseso ng pagkuha ng liwanag sa tulong ng kamera na siyang nagreresulta sa paglikha ng larawan o tinatawag ding talangnginag (photograph).



Democratization of camera, media



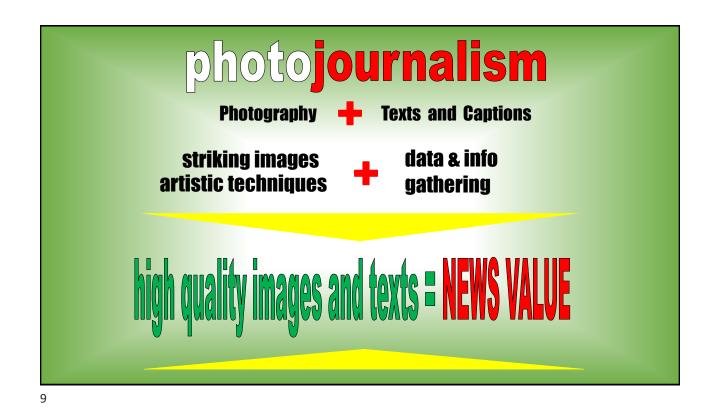
Everyone is a photographer now. But who are photojournalists?

Photojournalists are the frontliners of any news and communication organization. They have to be there where the action is happening, as close as they can, rain or shine, to be able to capture the story in pictures or to capture the visuals that goes with any story.

They have a professional obligation to inform, to report, to communicate and to carry the scene to the readers, to a wider audience... to stakeholders of information...



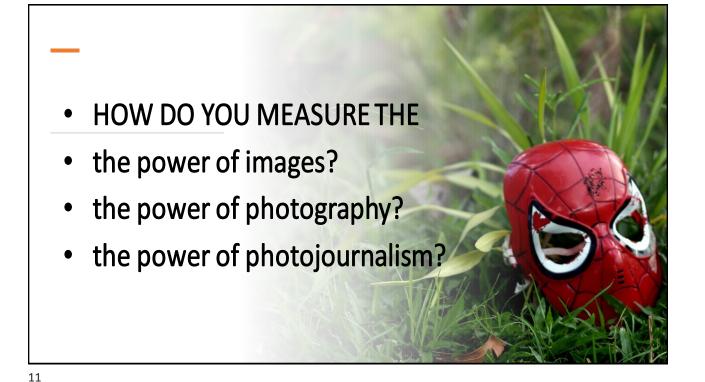


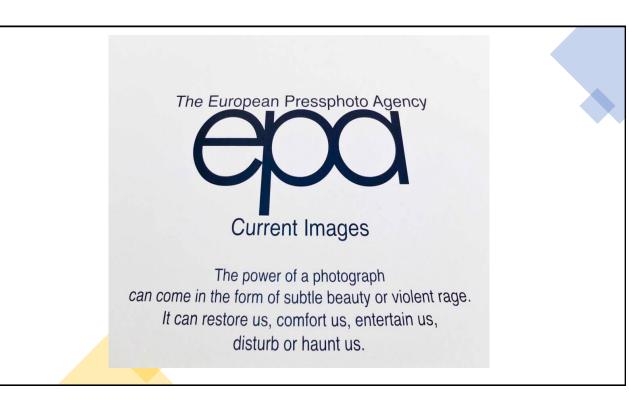


"Photojournalists are reporters not simply recorders, guided by standards that seek to ensure truthful representations "leading viewers to the best 'visual truth' he or she can find and convey"

(Newton, 2001, p. 91).

ETHICS IN PHOTOJOURNALISM: AUTHENTICITY AND SENSITIVITY IN COVERAGE OF TRAGIC EVENTS by MINLA LINN SHIELDS



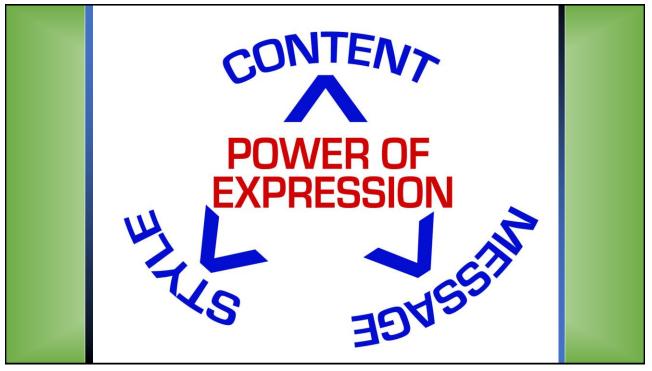


A POWERFUL PHOTOGRAPH MAKES THE VIEWER **pause, reflect, and remember.**

It is NOT simply JUST TO SHOW a picture BUT to compel, evoke feeling and to convey a message.

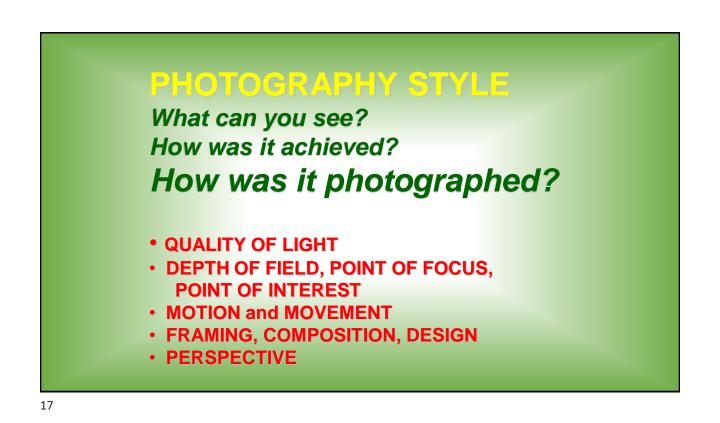
o: Jimmy A. Domingo





CONTENT

What is the photograph all about? What is the IMPORTANCE? What is the NEWS VALUE? Who are represented? 5 Ws + 1 H



MESSAGE

The purpose of a photograph (with the captions) is to inform the viewer about what can be seen and what the facts are.

BUT, what is the message?

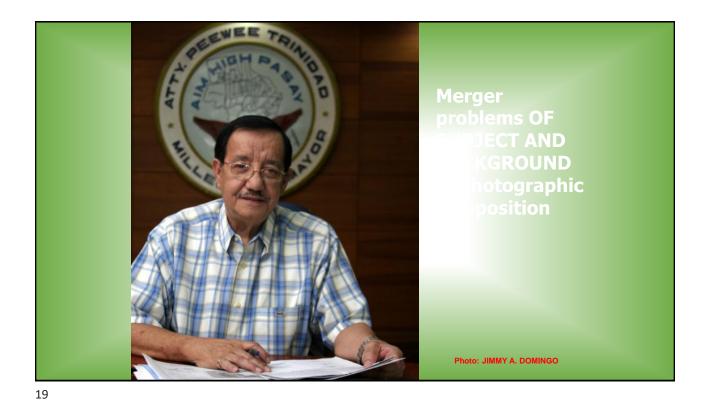




Photo by Ruy Martinez













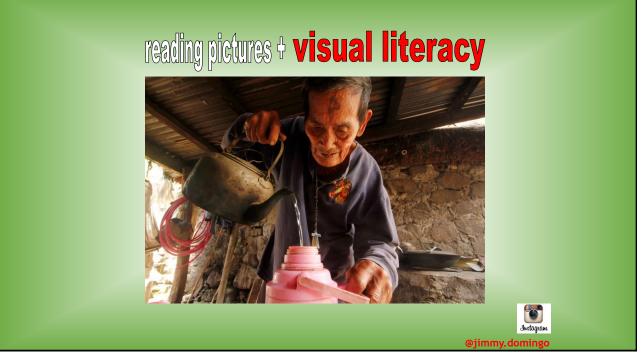
PBBM calls on Filipinos to be one with Muslims in celebrating Eid'l Adha

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday called on all Filipinos to show solidarity with Muslims in celebrating Eid'l Adha or Feast of Sacrifice to mark the culmination of the Hajj– the fifth pillar of Islam.

"Let us also join them in solidarity as they honor Ibrahim who-when commanded by Allah to sacrifice his own son – demonstrated utmost willingness and obedience, only to be halted at the las... See more



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The International Visual Literacy Association (IVLA) considers a person to be **visually literate when s/he can** "examine, extract meaning and interpret the visual actions, objects and symbols that s/he encounters in the environment" (IVLA: 1998).

John L. Debes, who first coined the phrase "visual literacy" in 1969, said, "The development of these competencies is fundamental to normal human learning."

Kenny, Isabel: Understanding Visual Literacy. Anvil (2010)

IVLA further defines visual literacy as:

Visual Thinking, Visual Aesthetics, Creative Exploration, Visual Linguistics, Self-concept Development, Visual Communication, Visual Symbology, Visual Expression, Visual Anthropology, Visual Learning, Visual Amareness, Visual Creativity, Visual Amalysis, Visual Message Encoding and Visual Message Decoding

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When developed, they enable a visually literate person to discriminate and interpret the visible actions, objects, symbols, natural or man-made... Through the **Creative use** of these competencies, he is able to communicate with others. Through the appreciative use of these competencies, he is able to comprehend and enjoy the masterworks of visual communication.

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VISUAL LANGUAGE

When learning to read and write we begin with the alphabet.

A similar approach is necessary to be visually literate.. We study the logic of images...

It is necessary therefore to master the vocabulary and syntax of visual images as well as the physiological and psychological levels of human perception...

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VISUAL LANGUAGE

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the processes of seeing and sharing meaning beyond individual preferences or taste as well as to learn HOW TO "LOOK" and how to make use of the visual tools and techniques in compositional decision-making.

Explore the production and consumption of visual messages on three levels:

REPRESENTATIONAL – subject is presented as it appears or is recognized in nature

ABSTRACT – a simplification of the subject or object into basic visual elements or an unrecognizable image as in representational art

SYMBOLIC – imagery that represents a hidden meaning determined by convention and does not resemble the original object

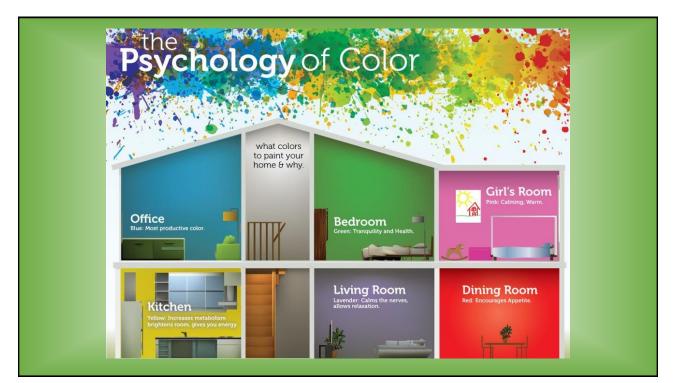
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BASIC TOOLS OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

DOT, LINE, SHAPE, DIRECTION, DIRECTION AND LINES, DIRECTION AND SHAPES, TONE, COLOR, TEXTURE, SCALE, PROPORTION, DIMENSION, PERSPECTIVE, MOVEMENT...

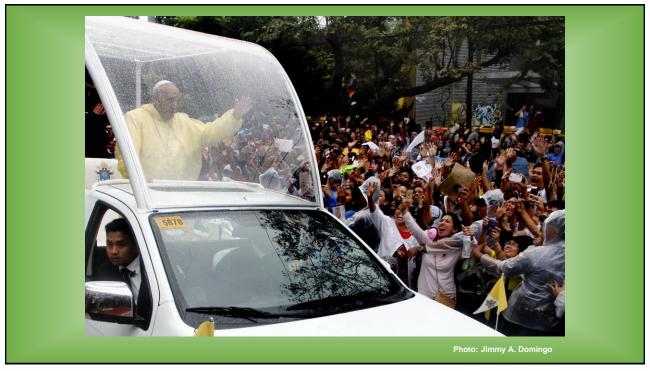






Test visual literacy with the following pictures ©









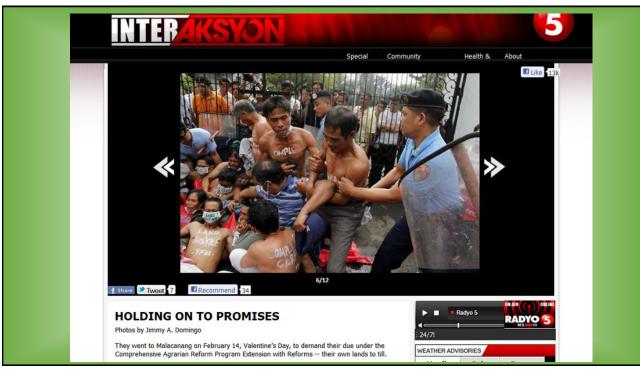


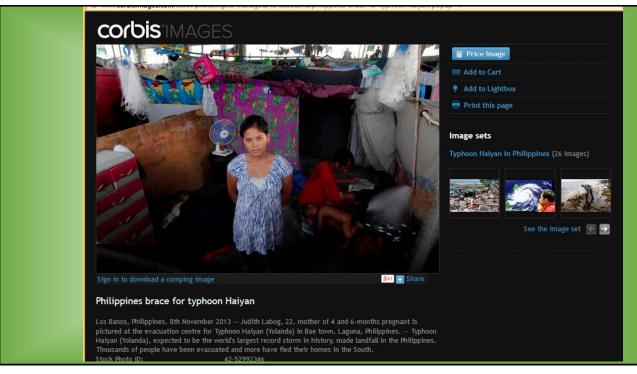




Her Majesty Queen Maxima of Netherlands demonstrating gains in poverty reduction; with EU Ambassador (JAD photo)







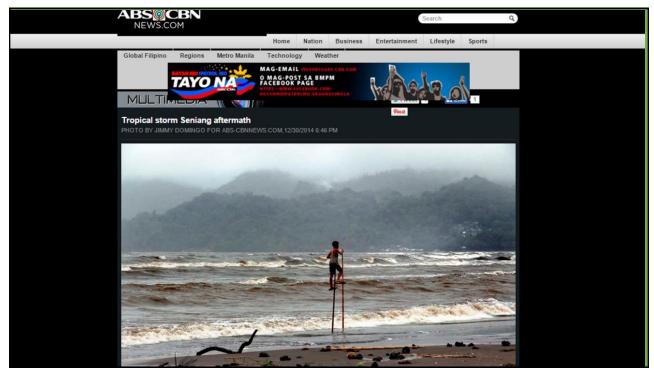




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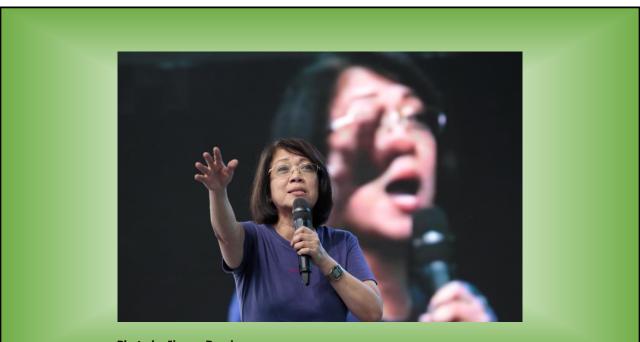


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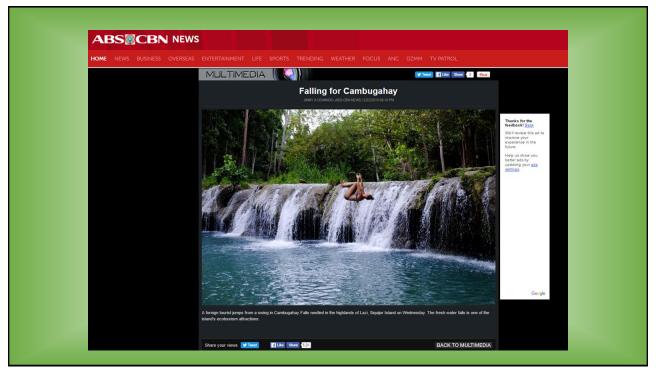




















PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE Framing, Composition and Design & The Language of the Image





VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL FRAME? What is the content?











Photo by Jimmy Domingo – Tagburos, Puerto Princesa, Palawan

Language of the Image

When photographers and editors don't articulate the journalistic value of an image, an important voice of the publication is muted or rendered ineffective. Photojournalists should use, and encourage others to use, the visual language.

REFERENCE: http://www.newsu.org/courses/language-image (SCREENSHOTS)

Language of the Image

This course will help you learn that visual language.

This course was designed for photographers, picture editors, designers, reporters and anyone who wants make better images and use visual language to discuss them. It should help you:

- . Use the visual vocabulary when discussing images
- . Articulate the journalistic value of an image
- · Make better storytelling images

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Language of the Image

Photographic elements that help an image tell a story.

"When a photographer thinks in the visual language, photos become more than just informational."

REFERENCE: <u>http://www.newsu.org/courses/language-image</u> (SCREENSHOTS) With PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIMMY A. DOMINGO

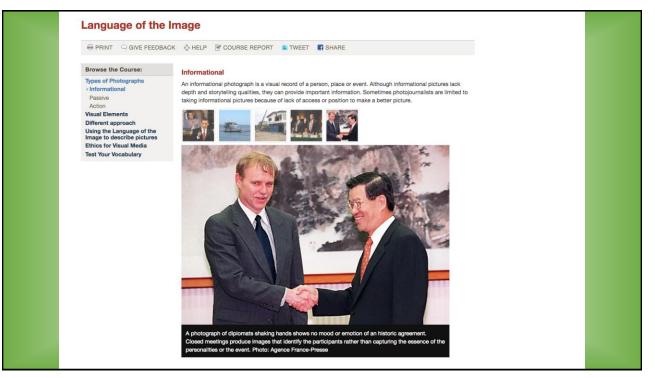


As **photojournalists** develop their abilities they begin to **think in the visual language**. They advance from basic informational pictures to more sophisticated visual reporting. Photojournalists prefer to make **active** pictures of real events in real time but they often encounter situations where their options are limited to **informational** or **passive** pictures.

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An **informational photograph** is a visual record of a person, place or event. Although informational pictures lack depth and storytelling qualities, they can provide important information.

Sometimes photojournalists are limited to taking informational pictures because of lack of access or position to make a better picture.





Photojournalists often have to take **posed pictures of their subjects** for their publications and websites.

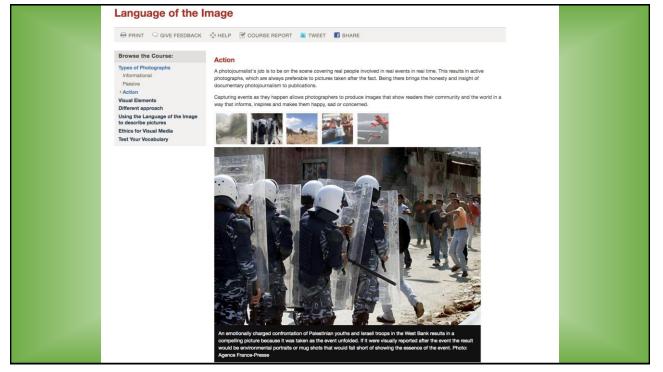
Although this may not be the photojournalists' first choice, it may be the only alternative if the event or action is no longer taking place. Creative environmental portraits are a legitimate means of illustrating stories. It should be clear to the reader that the portraits are posed.





A photojournalist's job is to be on the scene covering **real people involved in real events in real time.** This results in active photographs, which are always preferable to pictures taken after the fact. Being there brings the honesty and insight of documentary photojournalism to publications.

Capturing events as they happen allows photographers to produce images that show readers their community and the world in a way that informs, inspires and makes them happy, sad or concerned.

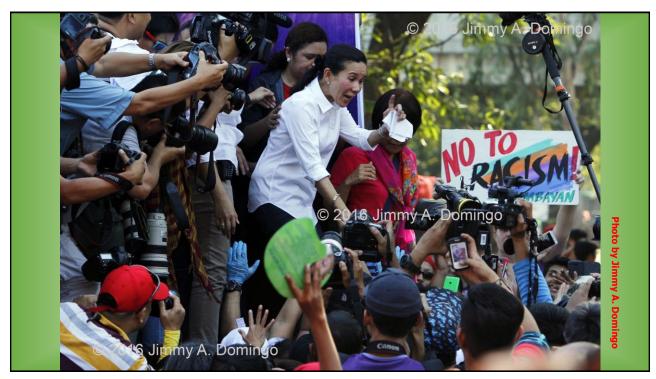






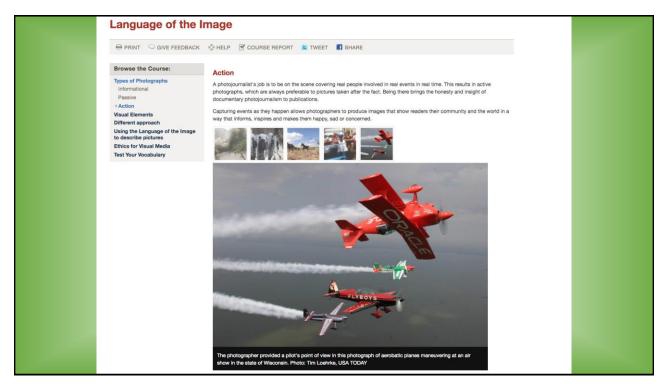












13 VISUAL ELEMENTS

Visual Elements

Photojournalists communicate using 13 elements, which make up the visual language of photojournalism.

This section will show you examples of each visual element in news pictures from around the world. The pictures are categorized by the dominant element they contain.

When reviewing the pictures think about how the element communicates the message of the image.

	Graphic
	Quality of light
	Emotion
	Juxtaposition
13 VISUAL	Mood
ELEMENTS	Sense of place
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	Impact
	Rule of thirds
	Perspective
	Surprise
	Depth
	Moment





"Photojournalists must be thoughtful when describing pictures. They don't have the luxury to just say, "It's a great picture," or "I love that photo."

They have to consider content of the picture and the 13 VISUAL ELEMENTS in this course and be able to articulate how the picture communicates its overall message.

They must answer the questions:

Does the picture tell a story? Is the picture readily understood. What impact will it have on the audience?"

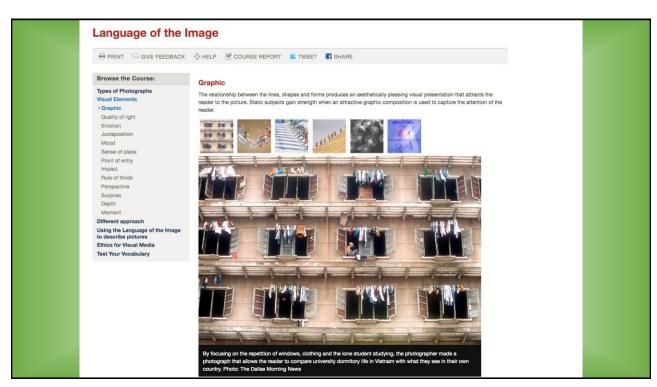


"Like writing and reporting, visual journalism is about communicating and storytelling, but the photojournalist must produce images that enhance and expand the written story. In many cases the pictures are the story with little text needed..."



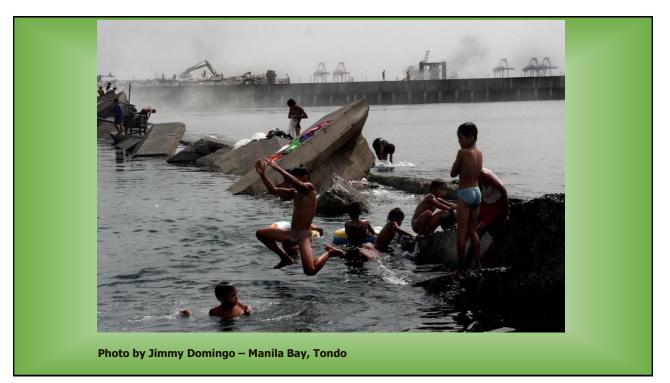
"Most images utilize more than one element to enhance their story-telling capabilities. For example, the **quality of light** may create the **graphic** strength of a photograph or a photographer may use **juxtaposition** for impact and surprise. There are many different combinations of photographic elements that can make an image great!" The relationship between the **lines**, **shapes** and **forms** produces an aesthetically pleasing visual presentation that **attracts the reader to the picture**.

Static subjects gain strength when an attractive **graphic composition** is used to capture the attention of the reader.





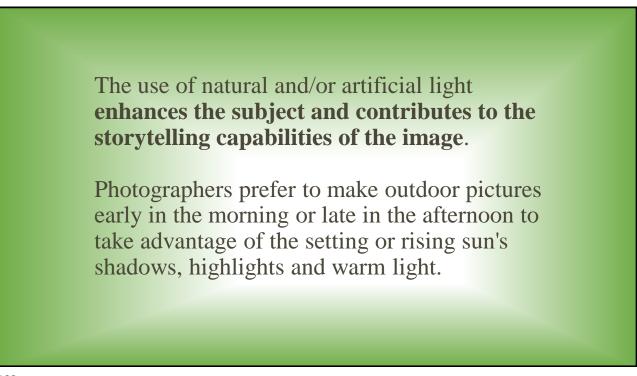






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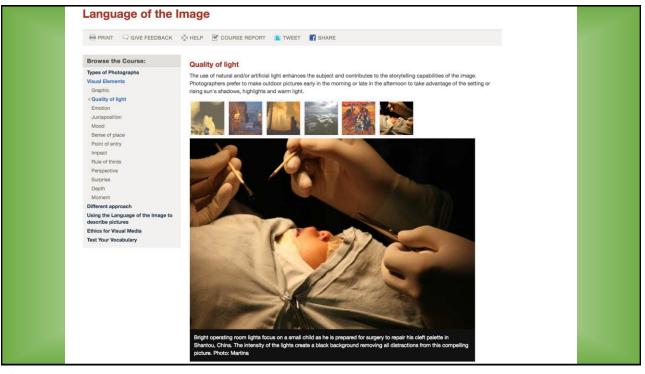




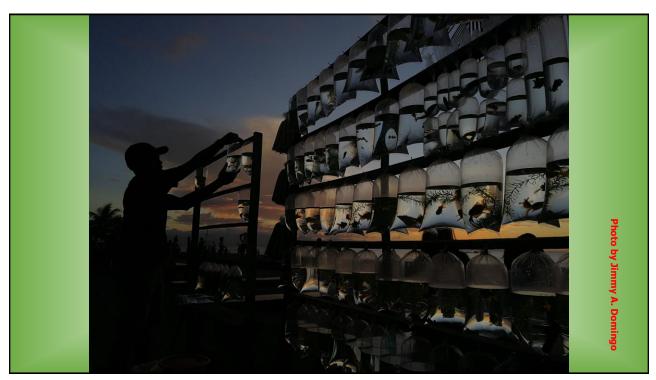


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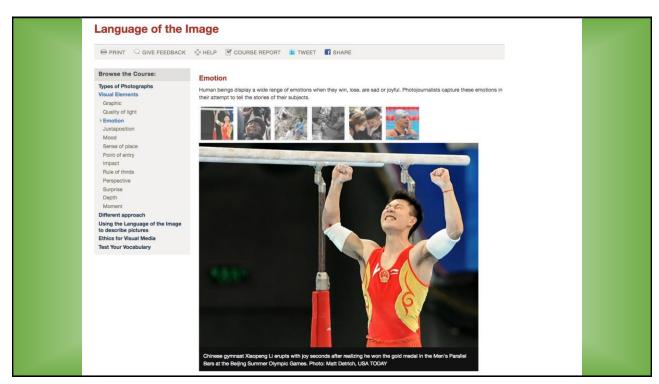




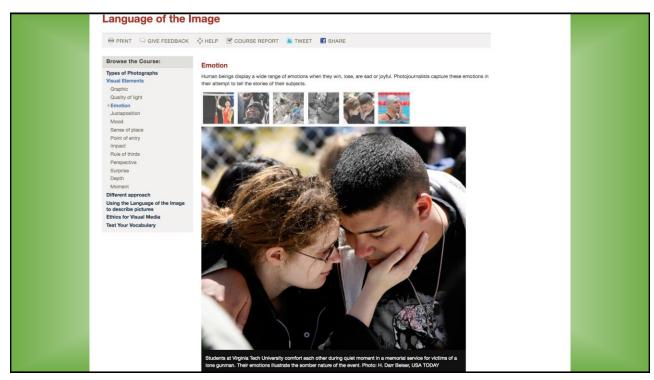
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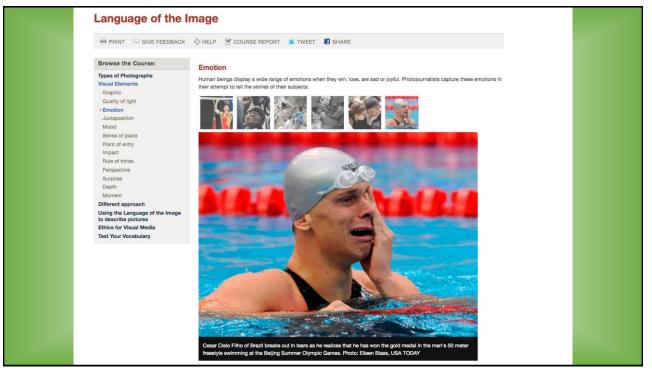
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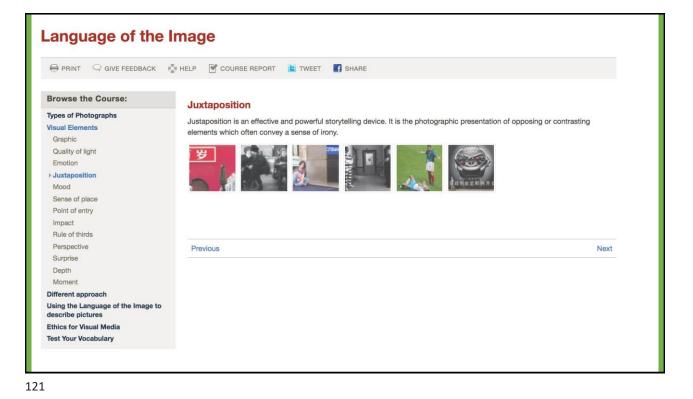


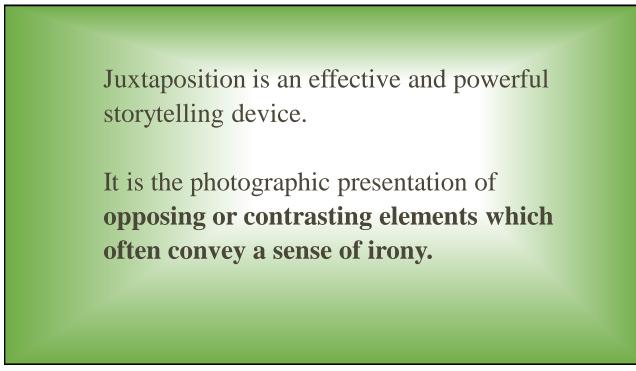


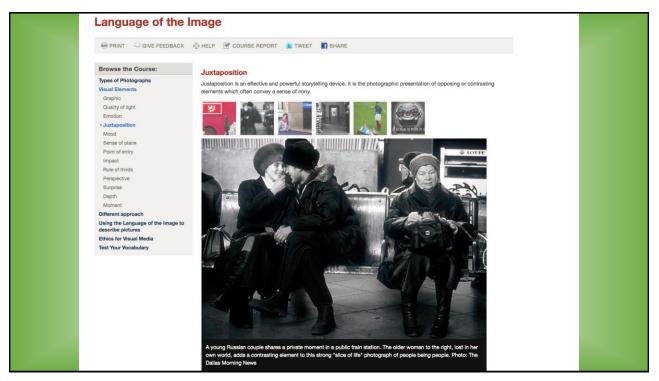












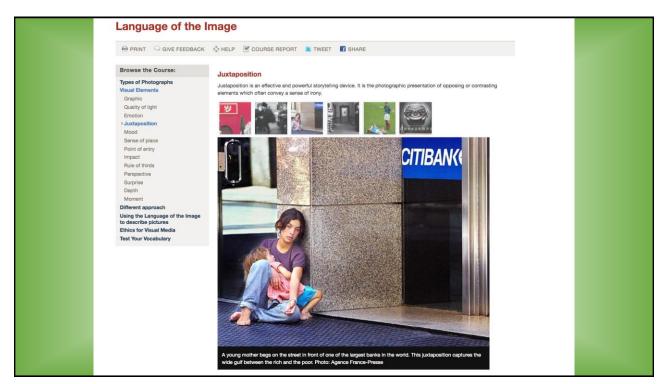








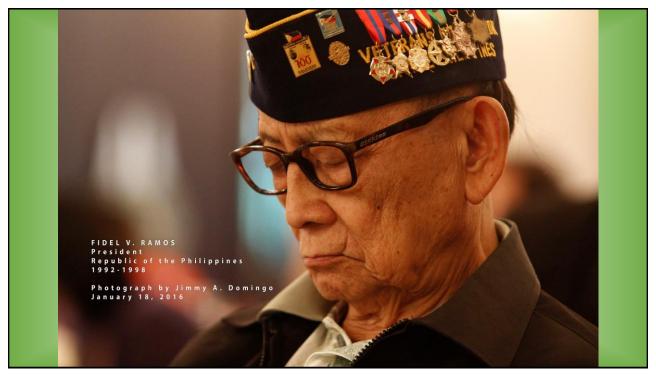
Photo by Jimmy Domingo – Nanay Dorita, Sagay City

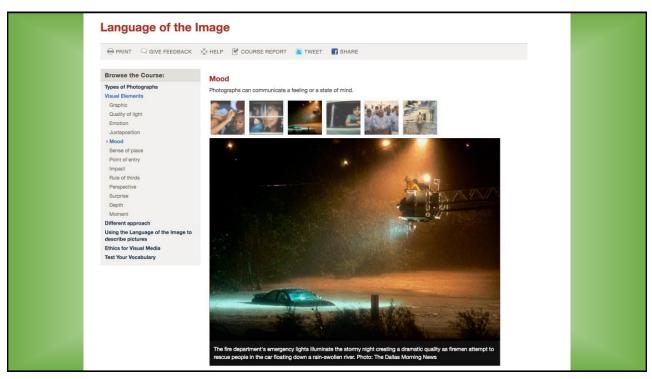
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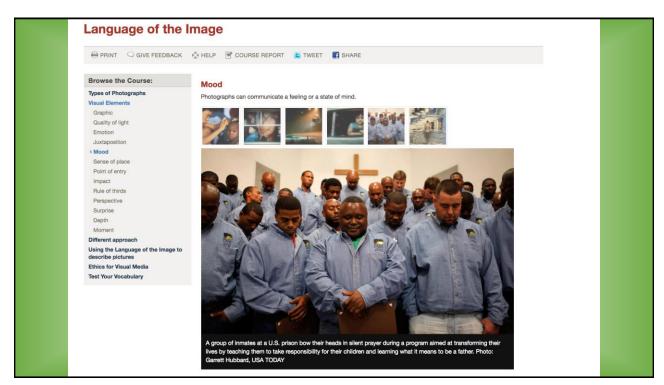




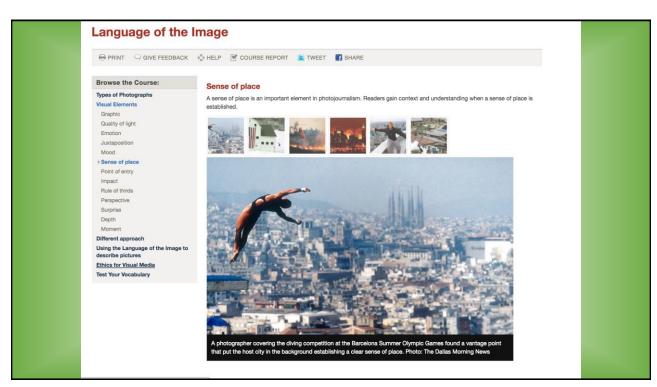


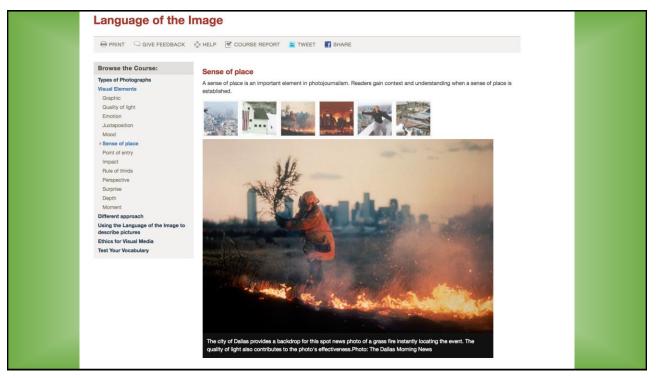


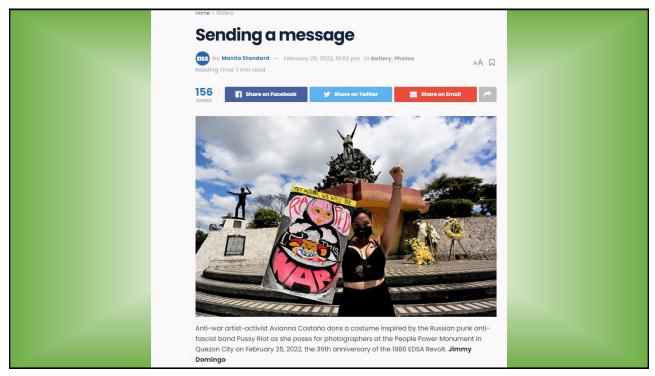


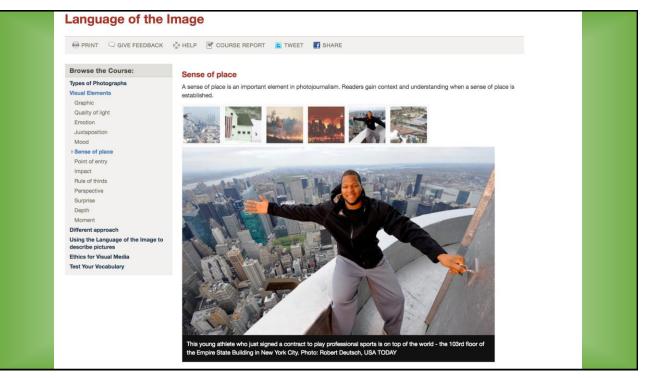


A sense of place is an important element in photojournalism. Readers gain context and understanding when a sense of place is established.





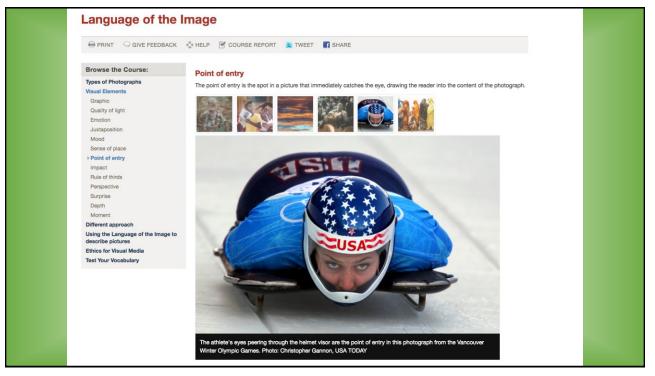


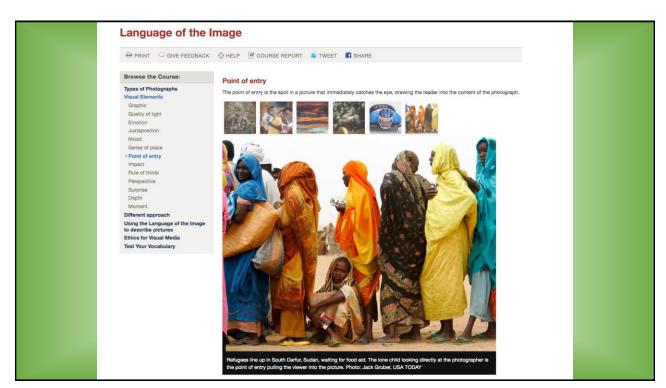




The point of entry is the **spot** in a picture **that** immediately **catches the eye**, drawing the reader into the content of the photograph.



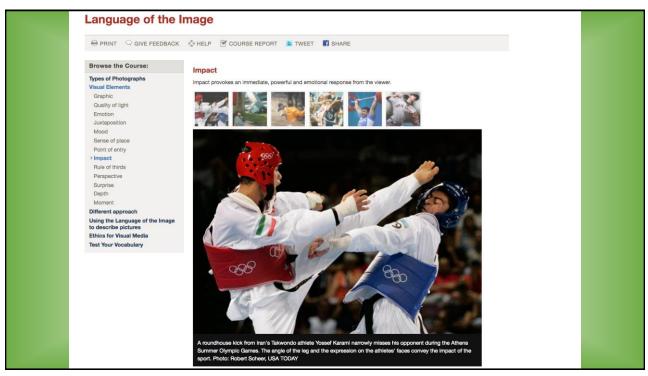






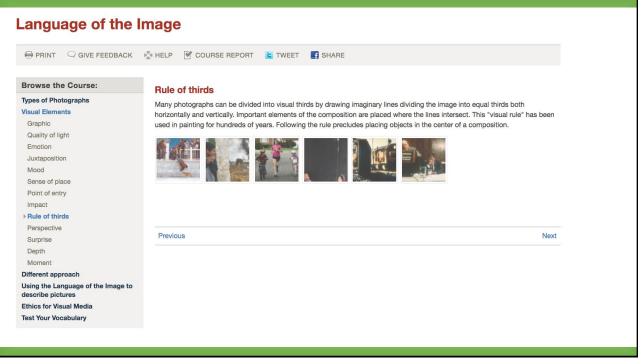


Impact provokes an immediate, powerful and emotional response from the viewer.

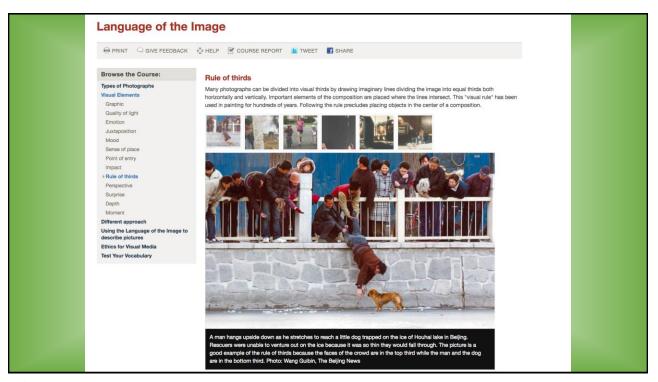








Many photographs can be divided into visual thirds by drawing imaginary lines dividing the image into equal thirds both horizontally and vertically. Important elements of the composition are placed where the lines intersect. This "visual rule" has been used in painting for hundreds of years. Following the rule precludes placing objects in the center of a composition.







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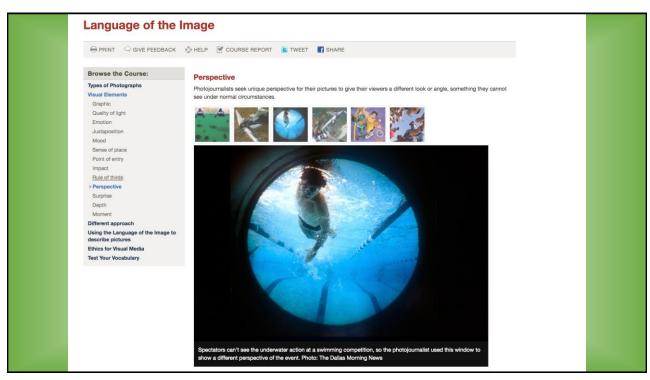
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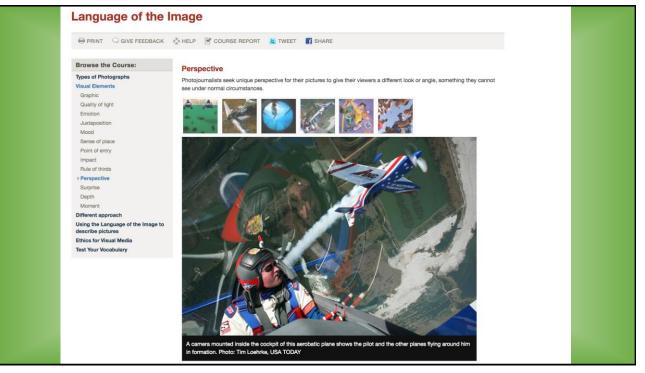
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Photojournalists seek unique perspective for their pictures to give their viewers a different look or angle, something they cannot see under normal circumstances.









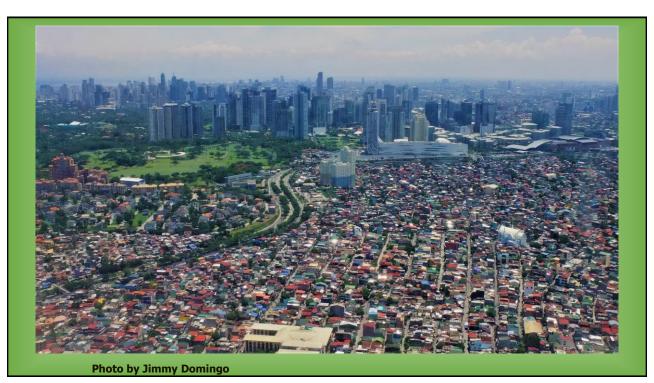








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Surprise images show readers the unexpected. A good place for the often overlooked part of life is found in humorous images.

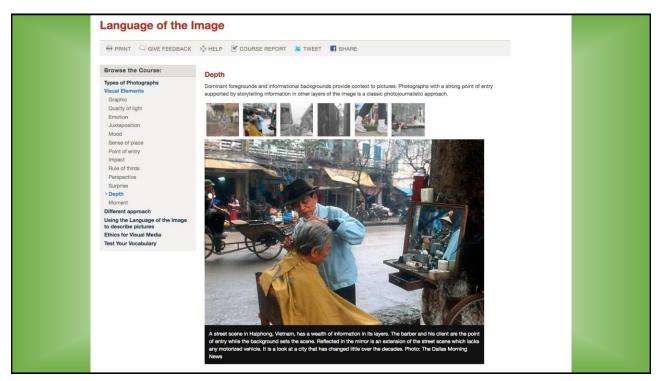








DEPTH / LAYERING Dominant foregrounds and informational backgrounds provide context to pictures. Photographs with a strong point of entry supported by storytelling information in other layers of the image is a classic photojournalistic approach.





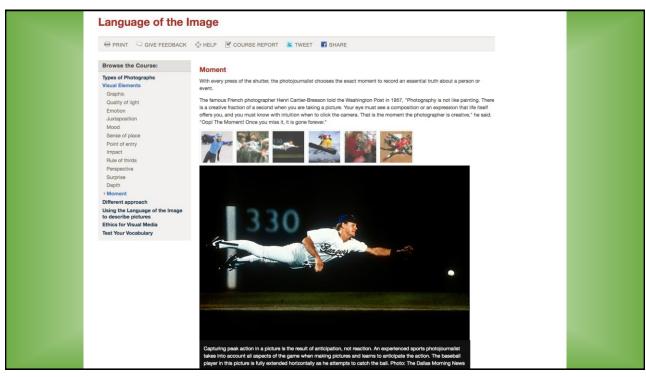


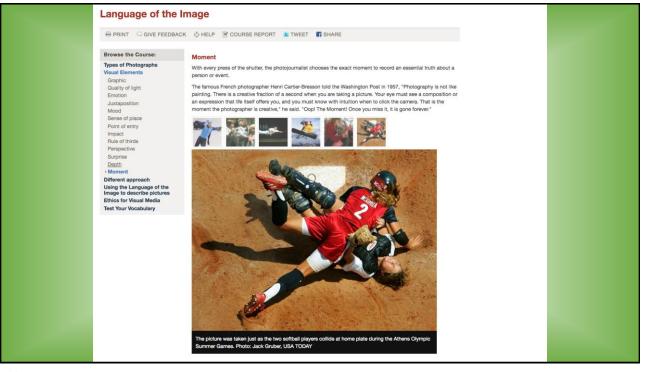


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Quality of light	is a creative fraction of a second when you are taking a picture. Your eye must see a composition or an expression that life itself
Emotion	offers you, and you must know with intuition when to click the camera. That is the moment the photographer is creative," he said. "Oop! The Moment! Once you miss it, it is gone forever."
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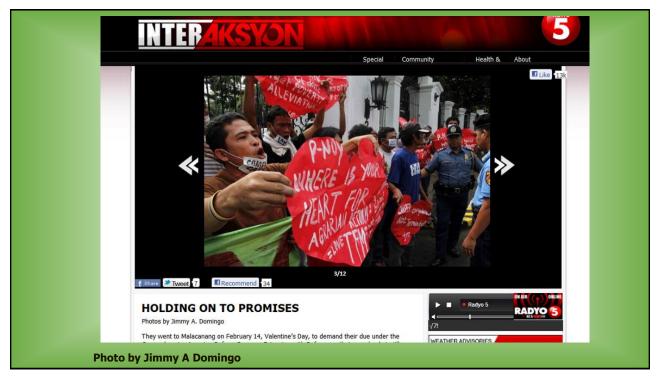
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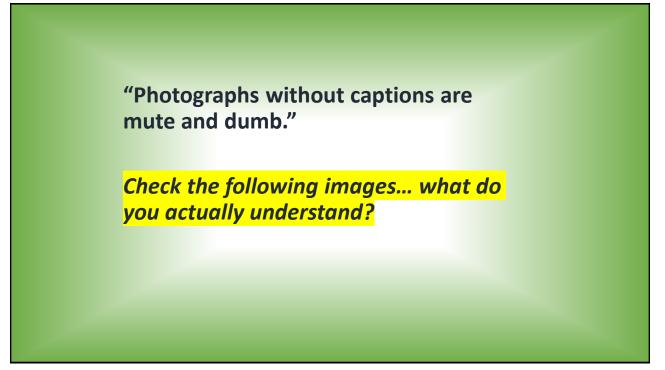










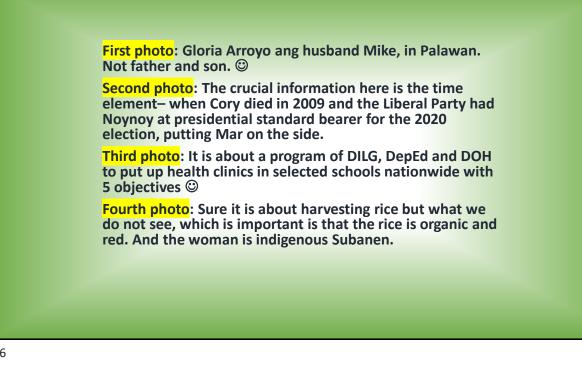














- Completeness
- Accuracy
- Clarity
- Good writing

It is the duty of a photojournalist to <u>write the</u> <u>caption</u> and info- it is a <u>must</u> <u>in photojournalism</u>.

Assume that any viewer do not know anything about the event or place or people in a picture.

NEWS CAPTION

SINO - WHO? Sino ang nasa litrato? ANO - WHAT? Anong nangyayari? Anong ginagawa? SAAN - WHERE? - Saan nangyayari? Lugar? KAILAN - WHEN? Date? BAKIT - WHY? Bakit nangyayari ang eksena? Para saan? Para kanino? E ano ngayon?



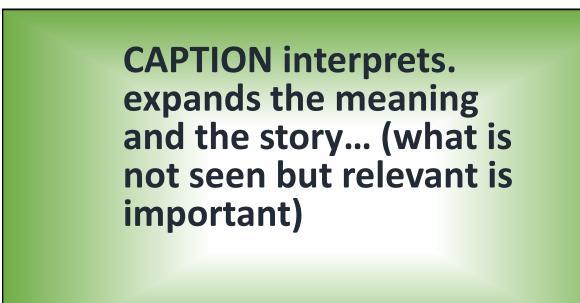
CAPTION gets the reader RESPOND to the photo in a manner intended by the photographer





A woman passes by the Masjid Dimaukom, a pink mosque in the town of Datu Saudi Ampatuan in Maguindanao province on July 29, 2015. The mosque was painted pink to symbolize peace, love, unity, and interfaith brotherhood, according to Mayor Samsodin Dimauko, who financed its construction.

(Taken and published on the same day, the date appearing in the published photo)



EVERY WORD should be weighed, especially for:

- IMPACT
- EMOTIONAL TONE
- IMPARTIALITY
- ADHERENCE TO RULES OF GRAMMAR AND ACCEPTED LANGUAGE



completeness of information:

President Barack Obama reads his statement to photographers after making a televised statement on the death of Osama bin Laden from the East Room of the White House in Washington, Sunday, May 1, 2011. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)





Two farmers chat in a rice field while waiting for the Indonesian frontrunner presidential candidate, Jakarta Governor Joko Widodo as he campaigns in Gentasari village in Cilacap, central Java island on June 13, 2014.

Campaigning for Indonesia's July presidential election officially kicked off on June 4, with favourite Widodo facing a tough challenge from a Suharto-era former general with a chequered human rights record. - AFP Photo: Romeo Gacad



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reuters A migrant child plays with bubbles at Keleti railway station in Budapest, Hungary, September 6, 2015. After days of confrontation and chaos, Hungary deployed more than 100 buses overnight to take thousands of the migrants who had streamed there from southeast Europe to the Austrian frontier. Austria said it had agreed with Germany to allow the migrants access, waiving the asylum rules. REUTERS/David W Cerny #Austria #bubbles #fun



RIZAL WIND FARM. The rising sun defines the graphic form of five of the 27 turbines of the Rizal Wind Farm over the weekend in Halayhayin, Pililla, Rizal where wind speed is as high as 36 kilometers per hour (KPH) . The Farm, the first Luzon-based outside llocos Norte, generates 54 megawatts of electricity and is becoming a tourist destination. (Photo by Jimmy A. Domingo)



Yuma Catholic staff member Bobby McGalliard, left, checks the temperature of a student attending a freshman orientation session Thursday morning, Aug. 6, 2020, on the first day of school in Yuma, Ariz. Freshmen were divided into groups, using four classrooms for each orientation session. (Randy Hoeft/The Yuma Sun via AP)

Two-sentence formula:

- The first sentence of the caption describes what the photo shows, in the present tense, and states where (place) and when (date) the photo was made.
- The second sentence of the caption gives background on the news event or describes why the photo is significant.

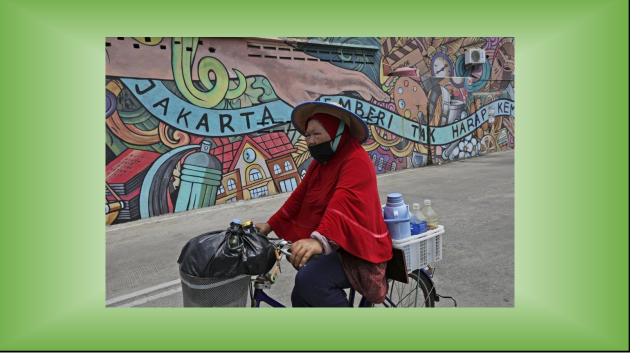




Department of Education Secretary Br. Armin Luistro (wearing yellow shirt) and Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista (middle) release doves for the commencement of the Brigada Eskwela in Batasan Elementary School in Quezon City on June 11, 2012. Brigada Eskwela is a yearly clean up campaign in preparation for the opening of classes in public schools. Joining them are QC school officials and various private organizations.

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CAPTION explains ambiguities, comment on what is not clear, mention what is not there, if necessary...



A traditional herbal drink vendor wearing a mask to help curb the spread of the coronavirus outbreak cycles past a mural with writings that read "Jakarta gives without expecting anything in return," in Jakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)





A homebound farmer reads messages on his mobile phone on top of his horse in the village of Sumalo in Hermosa, Bataan on Friday. Cheap mobile phones have made communication easier in rural areas in the Philippines, considered the texting capital of the world. A homebound farmer reads messages on his mobile phone on top of his horse in the village of Sumalo in Hermosa, Bataan on Friday, June 5, 2016. Cheap mobile phones have made communication easier in rural areas in the Philippines, considered the texting capital of the world.

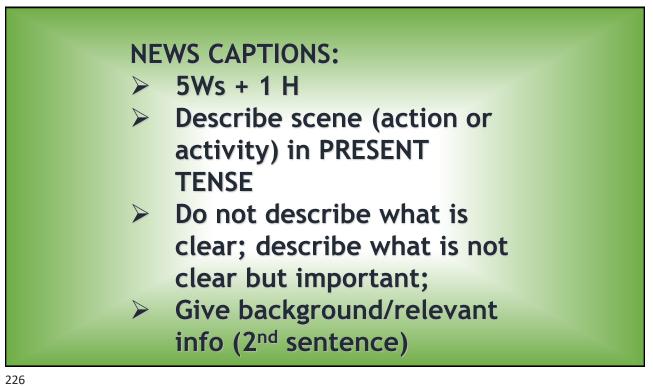
(THE ABS-CBN put "on Friday" because it was published on June 6, Saturday -- the date appearing in the published photo) Don't try to be humorous when the picture is not.
Descriptions are very helpful for viewer. The person dressed "in black," "holding the condom," or "standing to the left of the mountain, center" are helpful identifying factors. (Photographers must ferret out this kind of material.)
Be willing to allow for longer captions when more information will help the reader/viewer understand the story and situation.



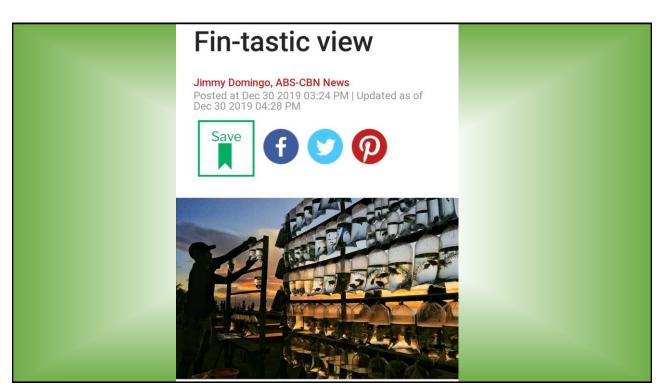


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jimmy.domingo A rainbow in the eastern horizon above Laguna Lake delights residents visiting the monument of Philippine national hero Jose Rizal in The Plaza, Calamba City on November 12, 2016. In his poem "Memories of My Town", Rizal narrated his idyllic childhood in Calamba where he was born and raised. © Photo by Jimmy A Domingo #rainbow #calamba #rizal #laguna





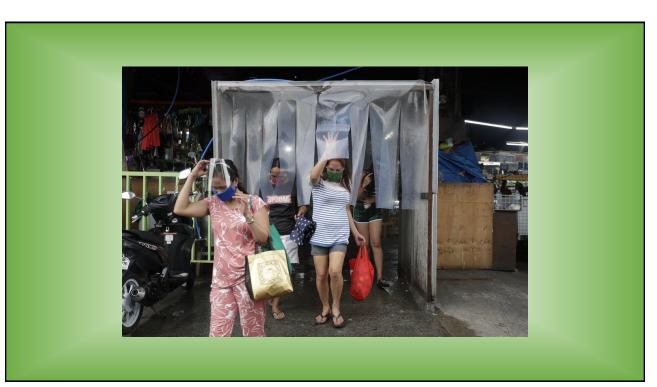


Dave Yranela arranges plastic bags containing aquarium fish that he breeds and sells at the sunset boulevard in Dipolog City, Mindanao, on Saturday. He displays about 18 species almost every day, if weather permits, from 5-9 pm, and earns a daily average of P750 in sales.





August 7, 2020, Bangkok, Thailand: Primary students demonstrate the use of social distancing screens in a classroom at Wat Khlongtoei School in Bangkok, Thailand. Schools - like this one - in Thailand are not taking any chances, despite the fact that no local transmissions of COVID-19 have been recorded in over two months. They continue to have their students best interest in mind, even if the risk remains low and despite the minor inconvenience it causes. As an added bonus, the school says that they have also seen far fewer cases of colds and flu this year. (Credit Image: © <u>Andre Malerba</u> /ZUMA Wire)



Women exit from a disinfecting area after buying food at a public market in preparation for stricter lockdown measures in Quezon City, Philippines on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is reimposing a moderate lockdown in the capital and outlying provinces after medical groups appealed for the move as coronavirus infections surge alarmingly. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila)



High school kids play basketball with the backboard attached to a coconut tree in the fishing village of Tambo, Katipunan, Zamboanga del Norte on March 11, 2022. A low pressure area in most parts of Mindanao the past days affected fishing and other human activities. Photo by JIMMY A. DOMINGO





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'Butiki sa Bituka'

BY JIMMY A. DOMINGO, ABS-CBN NEWS OCTOBER 31, 2016 6:48 PM

An arboreal viper begins to swallow a lizard released live inside a cage by zoo keepers in Montalban, Rizal on Saturday. The long weekend and Halloween holiday provide opportunities for many Filipino families to visit public parks and amusement centers.

GAANO BA KAHABA O KAIKSI ANG NEWS CAPTION DAPAT?



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LONG NEWS CAPTION WRITING - CURRENT INTERNATIONAL TREND

Amidst the chaos and confusions, a voter marks her choices in a special precinct dedicated for senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Batasan Elementary School in Quezon City on May 9, 2016.

According to Vera Files in a February 2016 report: "Despite efforts of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and civil society to get eligible persons with disabilities to register, vote and do it with ease, the number of registered voters with disabilities for the May elections has slipped 14 percent from the 2013 polls.

Comelec's "No Bio, No Boto" campaign might have led to the disenfranchisement of PWD voters, according to some disability advocates. But others say it is possible that a number of PWDs who registered last year chose not to declare their disability because they believe they do not need special assistance on election day.

Registered voters with disabilities now total 292,908, down from 339,144 recorded in October 2013, according to a Jan. 13 report from the Comelec Elections and Barangay Affairs Department (EBAD).

The 2010 census recorded 1.443 million PWDs, or 1.57 percent of the population.

Notes on Ethics in the production, dissemination and consumption of news images...

(From

Photojournalism: The Professionals' Approach, Kenneth Kobre)

Ethics is an inherently subjective field.

Kenneth Kobré writes,

"Photojournalism has no Bible, no rabbinical college, no Pope to define correct choices. There is no sole arbiter of what is or isn't ethical, and even if there were, the line isn't always black and white." Photographers turn to an established ethical framework to try to guide their decisions

UTILITARIAN That framework includes the utilitarian principle as defined by ethicists. Here the overriding

consideration is "the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

This position recognises that photojournalism provides information critical to a democratic society. Photos can show the horrors of war, the tragedy of an accident, of the hardships of poverty. Therefore it is right to take and publish pictures. Without information, in general, and pictures, specifically, voters cannot make informed decisions.



"Nick Ut's "Napalm Girl" photograph, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972, is not only a shocking indictment of America's war effort, it contains full frontal nudity of a minor. The ultimate decision to print the photo on the front page of The New York Times must not have been easy. Editors at The Times chose to sacrifice the girl's privacy, and perhaps to offend their readers in order to present an unflinching picture of the conflict and ultimately to serve the greater good." Photographers turn to an established ethical framework to try to guide their decisions

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However, the utilitarian principle of the "greatest good" ... bumps up against a competing ethical principle that says "INDIVIDUALS HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS... " among them RIGHT TO PRIVACY. These rights are absolute and inviolable regardless of the benefits to society, says this principle.

Taking a picture of a distraught family of a drowned child and then publishing it might cause others to be more cautions, but invading the privacy of their grief—regardless of the benefits—is not acceptable, according to the absolutist argument.



Article 26, New Civil Code of the Philippines

specifies acts that may "produce a cause of action for damages, preention and other relief:" These acts are:

- 1. Prying into the privacy of another residence
- 2. Meddling with or disturbing the private life or family relations of another
- 3. Intriguing to cause another to be alienated from his friends
- 4. Vexing or humiliating another on account of his religious beliefs, lowly station in life, place of birth, physical defect, or other personal condition.



"Even the smallest intrusion into private space by the unwanted gaze causes damage, because the injury caused by seeing cannot be measured." - "Hezzek Re'iyyah," (a concept in Jewish Law,

from Encyclopedia Talmudit)

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THE GOLDEN RULE

Another of the ethical cornerstones is the Judeo-Christian precent,

"Do unto others as you would them do unto you."

This rule, too, sometimes conflicts both with professional standards and with actions that might benefit a democratic society in need of information.

