Abstract
The article presents an analysis of the limitations in the practice of journalism in a region of Mexico that has a high incidence of violence -the city of Culiacan, in the northwest. It argues that violence as much as journalistic limitations are associated with the weakness of the Mexican State. Finally, it proposes a category of ´cautious journalism´ based in the local journalists´ practices - journalism about sensitive topics, defined by economic and security terms.

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