



Photo by *El País* photographer Pablo Torres Guerrero after the Madrid terrorist bombings



The Washington Post, one of the few U.S. papers to print the image on the front page in color

“Guerrero's picture, distributed around the world by Reuters, was subject to much scrutiny and was the subject of much discussion prior to publication because in the lower left corner of the picture's foreground is a body part that medical experts identified as a femur.

In Western media, such issues are historically handled as taste concerns -- questionable qualities or elements of the composition that may potentially offend the viewer.

Many newsrooms looked for ways to handle their taste concerns by editing the image.

Most American newspapers chose to crop the photographs, and *Time* magazine strategically placed type over the potentially offensive area.”

--Kenny Irby, Poynter Online (http://poynter.org/content/content_view.asp?id=63131)