

MEDIA REPRESENTATION OF MINORS WHO MIGRATE ON THEIR OWN: THE "MENA" IN THE SPANISH PRESS

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INTRODUCTION



Migratory guarantee, this tension between child protection and migration control would be behind the filtering or screening that underlies protection measures.



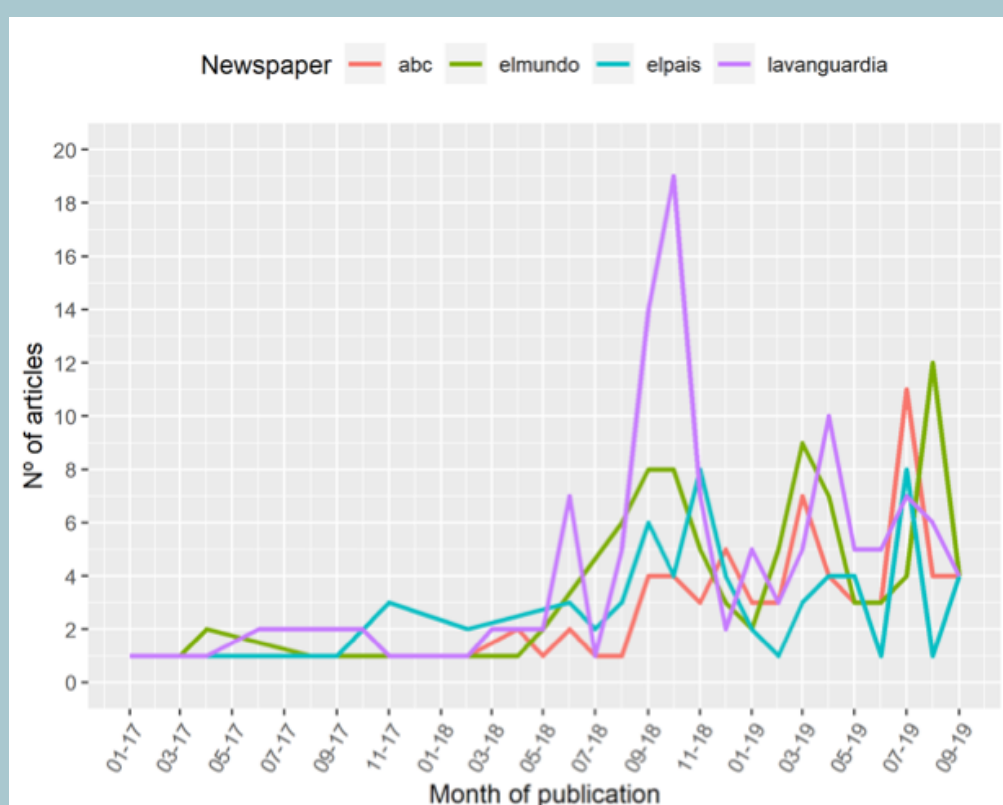
MENA, in the case of "foreign unaccompanied minors", international agreements regulate the institutional reception of minors who migrate alone, through their guardianship by child protection systems.



Mass media, reflecting the current social and political debates on the recognition of "ius migrandi", have included the figure of the migrant child as a new actor receiving increasing attention.

METHODOLOGY

344 "Foreign minors" journalistic pieces between 1 January 2017 and 1 October 2019 by the newspapers ABC, El País, El Mundo and La Vanguardia
Data mining



CONCLUSIONS



The study has noted the progressive increase in the number of reports in the Spanish press about adolescents who migrate to Spain alone between 2017 and 2019.



Refugees are represented as "needy" rather than "threatening", although in our work we note that both representations are associated with the inclusion or omission of the acronym "MENA".



The pejorative image of immigrants and the dichotomous views that separate the "good" from the "bad" prevail. This trend sharpens the simplification of perceptions and interpretations of the population studied.

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