In an internal communique, Washington Post Metro reporter Robert Pierre lashed out at the paper's management for running the ongoing series on the murder of Chandra Levy. Pierre wrote that he found it "unconscionable" that the paper would devote a year and 12 chapters to the murder of a white woman, when around 200 people per year are murdered in the District—most of them male African Americans. The other local murder that "captivated" the Post, in Pierre's telling, claimed the life of New York Times journalist David E. Rosenbaum. "Also white," writes Pierre, who directed his outburst at Post Ombudsman Deborah Howell.

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