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Want to understand how pervasive media bias works? Read on.

Check out this awful headline from [@AP](#). A gun was found on the scene, there are bullet casings and bullet holes on nearby walls.

This isn't simply an allegation. This was clearly was a gunman.



It would be bad enough if the Associated Press alone published this headline. But because [@AP](#) is a wire service, many other leading news outlets have republished this content, often verbatim.

Here's the article on the [@WashingtonPost](#), for example.



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# Israeli police shoot alleged gunman in Jerusalem's Old City

By **Associated Press**

Dec. 21, 2020 at 1:33 p.m. EST

And here's the same article, and same headline, on [@YahooNews](#).

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Mon, December 21, 2020, 8:31 PM GMT+2

The article was republished in plenty more well-known media outlets. Here it is on the [@ABC](#) website.

# Israeli police shoot alleged gunman in Jerusalem's Old City

*Israeli police said they have shot a Palestinian attacker who opened fire at a group of officers in Jerusalem's Old City*

By **The Associated Press**

21 December 2020, 20:31 • 1 min read

Moving forward, the content of the article is deeply problematic. This is how an article about an attempted shooting attack begins: by focusing on the \*response\* of the security forces to being attacked.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police said Monday they shot a Palestinian attacker who opened fire at a group of officers in Jerusalem's Old City.

According to police, the attacker approached a police post near the Lion's Gate entrance to the Old City and fired with a rudimentary submachine gun known as a "Carlo."