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Good journalism needs diversity. It adds perspective and enriches publications, bringing different narratives and reflecting today's multicultural societies. The root of this issue lies in journalism schools. How are schools today working to enrich their student and faculty population?

In France, journalism schools have launched initiatives to recruit students from diverse backgrounds. [According to Le Monde](#), the schools are often accused of only accepting "Sciences Po types", an elite university that forms French politicians.

However, for the past two years, French journalism schools have been making strides to improve access. Unlike in the U.S., where students are selected based on their resumé, the selection process in France is heavily dependent on entry tests. In 2009, [The Bondy Blog](#), a website that focuses on reporting the stories of working class neighbourhoods, partnered with a journalism school based in Lille to offer a free preparatory course for students on scholarships.

Of the 20 students admitted, 13 did well enough on the entry tests to be accepted to one of France's recognized journalism schools. Another French school took a different approach. Rather than accepting students based on test scores, the **Institute Pratique**



~~Journalism schools encourage diversity through various means, including offering diverse course content, providing opportunities for students to work on diverse projects, and fostering a multicultural and inclusive environment. Some schools also offer internships and practical experience in diverse media outlets.~~