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- c. *Book chapter*  
Byerly, C.M. (2004), Feminist Interventions in Newsrooms. In C.M. Byerly, K. Ross (eds.), *Women and Media: International Perspectives*. Malden, MA, pp. 109–131.
- d. *Online document*  
Nandi-Ndaitwah, N. (2004), Status of Women in Political and Economic Leadership in Namibia. Southern African Regional Poverty Network (SARPN).  
[http://www.sarpn.org.za/documents/d0000983/P1093-Ndaitwah\\_Sept2004.pdf](http://www.sarpn.org.za/documents/d0000983/P1093-Ndaitwah_Sept2004.pdf). Accessed 13 March 2006.

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