Civil Rights News Coverage

Read the articles about the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and *The Jackson Sun*’s reports on their historical coverage of the civil rights movement. Then, answer the following questions.

1. What are some of the reasons that these two newspapers failed to cover newsworthy events involving civil rights issues in the 1950s and 1960s?
2. *The Jackson Sun* chose to run a series of articles about the civil rights movement and create an online resource. The *Lexington Herald-Leader* chose to issue an apology for “neglecting to cover the civil rights” movement and analyzed the newspaper’s lack of coverage. Which do you think was a better approach? Why?
3. If you were the editor of a paper that had “neglected to cover the civil rights movement,” would you issue an apology? Create an online resource? Something else? Explain.
4. How do you think the lack of coverage by these papers may have affected events in their cities? What is the effect of newsworthy events not being covered by the local newspaper?