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Gentlemen:

Would you ever think of presenting a news report on a typical major sports event which in toto goes as follows: "The Wimbledon tennis championship doubles was won by two Americans. An Australian won the singles. We have been doing well in sports. During the last few years a large share of prizes has gone to Americans."

This is exactly what you did on the October 15 NBC News in reporting the Nobel Prizes in physics and chemistry. In essence, you said, "The Nobel Prize in physics went to two Americans and a Pakistani. The chemistry prize was shared by an American and a German. Americans had always won a large share of the prizes, and in recent years this has increased substantially." Period. No names of the prizewinners, no institutions.

How would you report a Pulitzer Prize? Would you say, "The Pulitzer Prize went to some journalist in Illinois", and just leave it at that?

NBC ought to be able to rise to a better level of reporting than that.

Yours truly

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