

Ukraine invasion: Muslim feelings hurt by CBS reporter.

The people of Ukraine are being invaded by another power. But hurtful words (to Muslim sensibilities, they being always the victims in any given situation) of a CBS reporter are of more concern. Ladies giving birth in Kyiv Metro bomb shelters are as nothing compared with the delicate sensitivities of Miqdaad Versi or the activists of Novara Media

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A CBS journalist has prompted backlash after comparing violence in Afghanistan to the invasion of “civilised” Ukraine.

Charlie D’Agata, a senior foreign correspondent for CBS’s London Bureau, was broadcasting live from Kyiv on Saturday when he made the comments.

“This isn’t a place, with all due respect, like Iraq or Afghanistan that has seen conflict raging for decades,” he told viewers. “This is a relatively civilised, relatively European – I have to choose those words carefully too – city,

“This is not ok,” responded Miqdaad Versi, the media spokesperson for the Muslim Council of Britain.

Chris Doyle, the director of the Council for Arab-British Understanding, branded the comments “disgraceful” and asked if there is a league table to help identify which countries can be classed as civilised. Foreign policy correspondent Idrees Ali suggested that D’Agata’s subtext was that “in Iraq and Afghanistan, they were brown”.

Novara Media co-founder Aaron Bastani called the clip

“extraordinary”.