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Although Los Angeles has the nation's largest Spanish-speaking population, broadcasters at Spanish-language stations here are paid significantly less than their counterparts at rival English-language stations, according to the first academic study of pay disparity in the local broadcast news business.

According to AFTRA, on-air talent at English-language TV stations have a median salary of $200,000 and on-air talent at English-language radio stations have a median salary of $90,000. That's 70% more than their competitors at Spanish-language TV stations, whose median income averages $60,001 and Spanish-language radio broadcasters, whose median income average hovers around $41,000.

Madison added that when discussing salary parity among Spanish- and English-language stations, the academics must consider the fact that advertisers pay much lower rates for placement on the Spanish-language stations.

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