

Digital Technology and Culture 338

## Information Ethics

Washington State University, fall 2008

Assignments due for: **Nov. 13, 2008**

<http://wsuinformationethics.blogspot.com/>

Assignments:

- [ ] **Write a letter to the editor to the publication involved in your news media ethical issue, which you identified last week (50 points).**

To receive full points you must:

- Find and read the publication's submission guidelines for a letter to the editor. And follow those perfectly. **(10 points)**
- Succinctly and powerfully argue your case, whether the publication should be faulted or commended for its actions and why. Your arguments should include reference to the Code of Ethics incorporated during your investigation AND other concrete reasons for the development of your perspective on this topic (not just that it “feels” right or wrong; or “I had to do this for a class”). **(35 points)**
- Submit this for publication **(5 points)**.

Post all of this in one batch on the Google group, a new topic for each one. Include the address to which you sent the letter, copying and pasting the “submission received” response (or the print-screen image right before you email it), or scan the front of the envelope you used. **Extra credit opportunity:** Remember, if this gets published, per the syllabus, it's worth 25 extra credit points.

- [ ] **Submit article abstract to Fairness.com** – Abstract submission **(5 points)**. **ALSO**, please post what your abstract was about on the Google group, with a sentence or two about why you picked it and what interested you about it. That way we all can keep up on the interesting ideas circulating in the news and what is intriguing our classmates.

Readings:

- Review readings for the quiz.