

Information Ethics

Washington State University, fall 2008

Assignments due for: **Nov. 6, 2008**

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Assignments:

- [] **Identify an ethical issue happening right now related to questionable behavior of either a person in the media or a media company as a whole (local examples are welcome; you also can check out Columbia Journalism Review, American Journalism Review, Editor & Publisher, etc., for ideas)** You will earn the points for this assignment **(25 points total)** by identifying the issue and posting about it on our Google group, with context, (first person to post a particular story has dibs on it), including notes related to what you think about it (15 of the 25 pts); you also will need to either get that particular organization's Code of Ethics, or the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics (or whatever organization most directly speaks to the branch of the industry involved; for example, an issue with photos in a national newspaper might also directly relate to the National Press Photographers Association's Code of Ethics), and directly compare that behavior with the code or codes in your post, quoting the code as appropriate (10 of the 25 pts). Again, to recap: identify the issue, put it in context, provide your insights, compare it to an appropriate Code of Ethics and comment on that, all on our Google group.

- [] **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:

- None.