

Topic:

2. Journalism ethics are considered ideals or guidelines rather than laws (context matters). They exist to guide journalists closer to the truth. Digital contexts have posed some unique challenges for ethics in journalism. Choose 3 ethical guidelines from the Canadian Association of Journalists [Ethical Guidelines \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and analyze how these guidelines have been impacted by current conditions in the field. What would need to change in journalism to ensure that journalists are able to better adhere to these ethical guidelines?

A: 3 ethical guidelines

Accuracy: We make every effort to verify the identities and backgrounds of our sources.

Fairness: We respect the rights of people involved in the news.

Independence: Defending the public's interest includes promoting the free flow of information, exposing crime or wrongdoing, protecting public health and safety, and preventing the public from being misled.

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<https://books-scholarsportal-info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/en/read?id=/ebooks/ebooks3/upress/2013-08-25/1/9780774851640#page=45>

Cite:

Russell, N. (2005). *Morals and the media: ethics in Canadian journalism*. UBC Press.

(This source provides the introduction and information of morals and ethics in Canadian journalism. This book includes Conflict of Interest, The Role of Media, The Nature of News and so on. This gives comprehensive information about why the ethical guidelines are important and how it works.)

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<https://www-tandfonline-com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/doi/pdf/10.2989/16085900509490351?needAccess=true>

Cite:

Krüger, F. (2005). Ethical journalism in a time of AIDS. *African Journal of AIDS Research: AJAR*, 4(2), 125–133. <https://doi.org/10.2989/16085900509490351>

“This paper addresses the question of how journalists should cover the pandemic, interrogating how the profession's generally accepted ethics apply in this situation. It considers how the imperatives of truth-telling — including fairness and accuracy, independence and minimising harm — apply in the context of reporting on HIV/AIDS.”

(This uses journalism during the AIDS pandemic as an example, applying ethical guidelines to the role of journalism. Using this source will give my essay sufficient information of how ethical guidelines impacted the condition during that time.)

3.

Cite:

Cobb, C., & Stewart-Patterson, D. (1994, 07). Why the CAJ (Canadian Assn of Journalists) needs other people's money. *Media, 1*, 16-18.
<http://myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/login?qurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.proquest.com%2Fmagazines%2Fwhy-caj-canadian-assn-journalists-needs-other%2Fdocview%2F211861368%2Fse-2%3Faccountid%3D14771>

Statement:

“by allowing any quarter of society to help journalists help each other develop their skills and provide more effective reporting, the association just might become more respected, and perhaps also more relevant both to journalists and to society.”

(This source talks about the challenges that CAJ have and discusses why CAJ needs money from people and the advantages and disadvantages of establishing funding policy. Thus, it will contribute to my essay by giving examples of how CAJ is making changes and decisions to better adhere ethical guidance.)