SPJ Code of Ethics Highlights

• **SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT**
  Ethical journalism should be accurate and fair. Journalists should be honest and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

• **MINIMIZE HARM**
  Ethical journalism treats sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect.

• **ACT INDEPENDENTLY**
  The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public.

• **BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT**
  Ethical journalism means taking responsibility for one’s work and explaining one’s decisions to the public.

For the full version of SPJ’s Code of Ethics, visit spj.org/ethics.asp
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