

Ethics Assignment

You will be broken into five groups; each group will be assigned one of the following scenarios. Prepare a 5-minute Zoom or PowerPoint video presentation with narration from each group member explaining what part of SPJ's code of ethics applies and how your group would handle the scenario. Use the lecture, the readings and your own research. Be sure to properly attribute the examples.

Post your slide show to the Ethics Discussion Board by Friday, Oct. 29. By Oct. 31, use the survey

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IMZJcDKA4WZjiglONit8cytaYE-puHmjd2GGFjz8hnE/edit> (Links to an external site.)

to vote on your favorite presentation (you may not vote on your own group's presentation).

Scenario 1: You are working on a story about a local men's club that is discussing the admission of minorities to its membership. You call club members and agree to meet them at the site at 7:30 p.m. When you arrive, you are escorted into a waiting room because a club meeting is still going on. You are told to wait in the room. While in the room, you can hear the details of the meeting because the wall is so thin. How do you handle this?

Scenario 2: You are a sports reporter covering participant sports and the manager of a local tennis center invites you to lunch – his treat. What do you do?

Scenario 3: A good source tells you that he can obtain a document about candidates for the job of city comptroller, including their personal records. Do you ask him to slip you the material?

Scenario 4: A source inside the small-town police department you cover who has given you considerable information in the past is transferred from the vice squad to a low-level desk job for an infraction. He says that if you run a story about his demotion, you have lost him as a source. Do you write it?

Scenario 5: You cover the city council. You have a group of friends from college who want to start getting together on a regular basis. These friends all work for either council members or lobbyists. What do you do?