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EXPLORING OSAGE NEWS - ETHICS & POLICY Review Qs



1. Examine the [Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics](https://www.spj.org/pdf/spj-code-of-ethics.pdf) - See PDF at <https://www.spj.org/pdf/spj-code-of-ethics.pdf>
2. List the four main principles of ethical journalism (large subtitles).

The ethical "high" road is the right - but usually *harder* - road: Most ethical choices make the job *more difficult - more time-consuming - more complex*. The standards of conduct make sure journalists resist the temptation to take the easy way out, to over-simplify, spend less time, etc.

CHOOSE one of the ETHICAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT - ONE OF THE BULLET POINTS on the Society for Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics - that would make the job harder.

3. State the ethical standard: _____

4. Tell how it would make the journalist work harder: _____

5. Give an example of how this might be violated by an unethical journalist. _____

6. Tell how you think this violation would be damaging. i.e. How would it violate the publication's overall responsibility to "ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough"?

7. The Osage Nation Code of Ethics says the Osage News will serve all people equally, regardless of _____. This ensures that an Osage person located in California gets the same value from the *Osage News* as a person in Oklahoma.

Editorial Policies: Read the editorial policies. Choose one and consider the possible reason behind it.

8. Policy _____

9. Tell WHY do you think this is a policy? i.e. What does it protect against?

10. Why do you think the *Osage News* has an **editorial board**? Why not just let the reporters and editor decide how to enforce editorial policies? _____

11. What two important documents (from 2006 and 2008) keep an ON reporter **free from pressures** to give a certain opinion from an Osage Nation government official? (1) _____

(2) _____

12. What could happen if the reporter did not have these protections? _____
