

## Digital production – week 4

Just before the schools were shut, we had been looking at copyrights and ethics. For this week I would like you to look at ethics as it relates to media and media production. Be careful not to conflate ethics with morality and with professional ethics.

As you follow the following links, and others you might find on your own, I would like you to answer one of the following. Be concise and logical with your answer and provide a supporting argument.

- Is there conflict between freedom of expression and the moral codes of the community. Can that conflict be resolved? How? Does this change dependant on the community in question?
- Should news media be apolitical or political in its covering of current events. Do the personal opinions of the reporter or the editor influence the ‘spin’ of the report? Does the audience of a news outlet influence its reporting and its outlook? Have you observed different spin by different sources when covering the same event? Point to an example and state how you determine which is correct or which is appropriate.
- What are your thoughts on the inclusion of violent and /or salacious scenes in movies? Is there a prevalence of one over the other in the movies that you have recently seen? What is the purpose of such scenes, are they always appropriate to the story line? Have you encountered any significant variations between a written story and its cinema interpretation where the inclusion of salacious and or violent scenes are the cause of that variation?
- Should media content be censored? Why or Why not? If yes, by who and who should decide on the content to censor? Give an overview of censorship in Canada and how is it changing? Who or what is initiating those changes?

Wikipedia article on media ethics

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media\\_ethics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media_ethics)

A link to an article on ethical journalism

<https://ethicaljournalismnetwork.org/who-we-are/5-principles-of-journalism>

A link to an article in The Canadian Encyclopedia on the topic of censorship in Canada.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/censorship>