# **TOPICS OF INTEREST**

ONO has gathered together a range of articles, reports and stories about issues relevant to ombudsmen and standards editors. These include columns, articles and decisions by our own members.

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## **ACCURACY**

• The most fundamental of issues still causes controversy and reflection at times. <u>This article</u> canvasses the basics.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Long-time ONO member and former AP Standards Editor Tom Kent wrote this <u>excellent</u> <u>checklist</u> on AI and ethics in newsrooms.
- Some of the best and latest research and thinking in this area can be found on a <u>website</u> run by ONO member Andrew Cochran.

• <u>Finland's Council for Mass Media</u> issued a report on how the media should handle AI ethically.

#### **BIAS & IMPARTIALITY**

- A provocative piece in the <u>Columbia Journalism Review</u> argues that bias in journalism is good, provided it is labelled.
- Guy Gendron from CBC discusses impartiality in the context of paraphrasing others.
- Former ABC (Australia) Editorial Director and ONO Member Alan Sunderland wrote this piece in defence of objectivity.

#### THE ROLE OF THE OMBUDSMAN IN NEWS

- <u>Here</u> is an excellent TV package from Al Jazeera back in 2013, exploring the role of news ombudsman and featuring several of ONO's past and present members.
- Karen Rothmyer produced <u>this report</u> on the role of news ombudsmen from an African perspective

#### **DIVERSITY IN NEWSROOMS**

• NPR's Elizabeth Jensen <u>examines</u> the issue in her own organization.

#### **FACT CHECKING**

- Poynter's International Fact Checking Network has a code of principles.
- USA Today champions their value.
- Ignaz Staub in Switzerland identifies some risks and challenges.
- A good article on fact-checking, with lots of embedded links and a particular focus on fact-checking on the big new platforms (like Facebook)

#### HARM AND OFFENCE

• NPR talks about <u>sex</u>.

#### **INTERVIEWING**

- This official guidance note from the ABC in Australia covers many of the key ethical issues involved in interviewing.
- Tom Kent writes for Poynter on the issue of whether journalists should ever let sources <u>see</u> <u>stories</u> before they are broadcast or published.

## LIVE REPORTING

• <u>Tim Pauwels</u> in Belgium identifies some of the risks

## REMOVING ONLINE CONTENT (AND THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN)

• An <u>early piece</u> from 2013 in the New York Times exploring the issue.

## ONLINE COMMENTS AND THE CHALLENGES OF MODERATION

- <u>Popular Science</u> made a decision to end online comments in 2013, but the <u>Columbia</u> <u>Journalism Review</u> disagrees. The <u>New Yorker</u> also weighed in.
- In Australia, <u>The Conversation</u> website only banned certain kinds of comments

## **RIGHT OF REPLY**

• <u>Some thoughts</u> on the topic from Margo Smit in the Netherlands.

#### **SCIENCE DENIALISM**

• In South Africa, George Claassen discusses the issue.

#### **SOURCES**

- A good summary from the Ethical Journalism Network on the ethical approach to sources
- Tom Kent writes for Poynter on the issue of whether journalists should ever let sources <u>see</u> stories before they are broadcast or published.

## **SURVEYS AND OPINION POLLS**

- <u>Sound advice</u> from George Claassen in South Africa on being suitably sceptical about many surveys
- Sylvia Stead in Canada writes about political polls

## SUICIDE AND SELF HARM

• Kathy English, Public Editor of The Star in Canada <u>tackles the issue</u> on an occasion where it hit close to home.

## **VERIFICATION**

• From India, A.S. Panneerselvan <u>explores</u> the challenges