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Text: I think that ethics of social media is a sensible topic. For journalists, it is the making of great effort to be accurate, to offer a diversity of viewpoints and to check the new sources. Journalistic ethics is pretty much the same online as in print or broadcast: don't use sources illegally, tell readers how you got your information, don't accept gifts or money for coverage, tell the truth, be honest and be accurate. Besides, journalists online mustn't copy others' work and pretend it is theirs. But one of the key questions is: if a journalist offers an opinion on Twitter, is that unethical? Does that violate some type of rule?

Personally, I think that journalists must follow a basic code of ethics. First, you mustn't harm your audience and try in every part of your life to avoid doing anything that would hurt another person. To me, this doesn't mean writing only good or happy news. But it does mean getting as many sides of the story as possible before writing about something that could put anybody in a bad light. It also means giving a source an adequate chance to respond, not just calling once. Don't put anything on the Internet (Twitter, Facebook) that you'd be embarrassed to see on the front page of the *New York Times*. That means nothing "inappropriate", nothing that accuses another person of something without verified support. If you make a mistake, admit it. If you accidentally hurt someone, say you're sorry and try to fix it. To me, this doesn't mean you pretend you don't have opinions. You're just honest with yourself about how what you're thinking shapes your worldview.

By Graig Newark-Ethics Journalism (A lecture about the ethics of social media)

I. Are the statements true or false?

- Journalists have to make little effort to check their news sources.
- Journalists must vary their viewpoints.
- Journalistic ethics online differs from journalistic ethics in print.
- Honest journalists should not deny their mistakes.
- The text is an extract from an interview.

II. Use the right question tag:

- Don't use sources illegally, _____?
- Journalists sometimes offer their opinions on social media, _____?
- She sued the magazine for defamation of character, _____?
- You mustn't harm your audience, _____?

III. Turn into the passive voice:

- Unprofessional journalists accept money for coverage.
- Who told you that?
- They are calling me for an interview.

IV. Report the following:

- He told them, 'Don't use sources illegally!'
- He told the boss, 'I'm really sorry for hurting you'.
- He asked the publishing director, 'why did you publish that inconsistent information?'

V. Essay: It is said that "The media is the right arm of anarchy". What do you think? Not less than five (5) lines.