

# Journalism I (2024)

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**b** To do no harm. [ELAGSEJ.LE1.B](#)

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**c** To act independently. [ELAGSEJ.LE1.C](#)

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**d** To be accountable and transparent [ELAGSEJ.LE1.D](#)

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