

RESSURSARK – LYTTEMATERIELL – ENGELSK YF

Tittel:

News of the World and Scandals/

Vg1 Media og kommunikasjon, Vg2 Media og kommunikasjon

Kort beskrivelse:

Media and Communication students at Topp videregående are having a video conference interview with an English media expert, Dr. Betsy Johnson, an Associate Director in the Centre of Communications at the University of Durham. The background for this interview is the scandal that involved the tabloid paper, News of the World. When unethical and illegal practices like phone tapping and corruption were revealed in 2011, the paper had to close down and editorial staff were imprisoned.

revelation=avsløring

editorial staff=redaksjonsmedarbeidere

villain=kjeltring

allegations=beskyldninger

lawsuits=rettsaker

surveillance=overvåking

pay roll=lønningsliste

monitoring=overvåking

Oppgaver refleksjon/diskusjon/samtale:

1. Give a brief account of the News of the World scandal. Who were involved? What happened? What kind of methods were applied? When did this happen? What were the consequences?
2. Why does the British media expert characterize the relationship between politicians and journalists as complicated?
3. What incident caused the news of the scandal to break on the 4th of July 2011?
4. When the Norwegian students refer to the British media's bad reputation, the expert dismisses this to some extent. Explain.
5. The media expert refers to the case of the News of the World as extreme. How does she explain her view?
6. In what respect is the Hackgate scandal about ethical guidelines?

Further work:

1. Compare and contrast the Watergate and Hackgate scandals. Find out about the similarities and the differences in the two scandals.
2. The students refer to the British tabloids as particularly notorious. Apart from the News of the World scandal, find out what made these tabloids earn their bad reputation.
3. Discuss how media moguls like Rupert Murdoch and concentrated media ownership can affect freedom of speech and democratic rights.



4. Even if we do not have any Norwegian media scandals that can relate to the News of the World scandal, we have had quite a few media scandals where unethical and even illegal methods have been employed. Find out.
5. In Norway we have “watchdogs” like Pressens Faglige Utvalg og “Vær varsom-plakaten” that are supposed to supervise media. Can you find equivalents to this in Britain or the USA? Do we have stricter regulations in Norway? Find out.
6. We have heard that some celebrities also fell victim to the Hackgate Scandal. Arrange a debate where you discuss the relationship between celebrities and the media. How much must celebrities sacrifice of their privacy? Where should we draw the line?

Kompetansemål – Engelsk Vg1 ST/Vg2 YF:

Muntlig kommunikasjon

- vurdere og bruke egnede lytte- og talestrategier tilpasset formål og situasjon
- forstå og bruke et bredt generelt ordforråd og et faglig ordforråd knyttet til eget utdanningsprogram
- forstå hovedinnhold og detaljer i ulike typer muntlige tekster om allmenne emner og faglige emner knyttet til eget utdanningsprogram
- uttrykke seg på en nyansert og presis måte med god flyt og sammenheng, tilpasset formål og situasjon
- innlede, holde i gang og avslutte samtaler og diskusjoner om allmenne emner og faglige emner knyttet til eget utdanningsprogram