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### **Guidelines for Online Forums and Discussions**

25 percent of your final grade

*Please be respectful to your colleagues and engage in constructive, professional conversation. If you violate the Conduct and Civility clause as outlined in the Syllabus, your comments will be deleted and you will receive a zero for the assignment.*

To receive full credit, you must post a 100-word minimum response to the discussion questions posted on the class's Facebook page.

You must post by 11:59 p.m. each day that a forum is due. All forum discussion questions will be made available to you by 8 a.m. on the day they're due.

If at any time you need clarification on these guidelines, do not hesitate to ask.

Examples of discussion questions:

#### **Forum Discussion #8:**

The SJN Toolkit says, "People don't change merely because someone points out their problems. We need to know that change is possible and see models of how to do it. Societies work the same way."

In what ways do you hope your story changes your community?

#### **Forum Discussion #5:**

According to the SJN Toolkit, "People must learn about credible examples of responses to problems in order to become empowered, discerning actors capable of shaping a better society."

How could you use your (public relations, journalism, electronic media, advertising) skill sets to teach people about credible examples of responses to problems?

#### **Forum Discussion #4:**

Today's theme is interviewing for solutions stories, and using the "how" questions to get to the nitty-gritty details of solutions.

Let's continue that theme into today's forum discussion by EACH OF YOU writing three "how" interview questions for your story in the comments below.

#### **Forum Discussion #2:**

Solutions journalism is rigorous, compelling coverage of responses to social problems.

In the comments below, tell us about a social problem in your community that you would choose to report on, AND how you would begin your coverage.