

FINAL REFLECTIONS ON SOJO

DUE: By noon Monday, March 14

SUBMIT: As an uploaded Word file to Canvas

WORTH: 50 points

SLUG: lastname_ReportingEthics.doc

LENGTH: 500 words, plus or minus

The topic: Your final reflection on your initial question, the role of journalism in society and your best hopes for journalism

What is your initial question, you ask? Remember the very first day when we watched the explainer video on SoJo and you came up with three questions that you posted on a Discussion in Canvas? The discussion was called Initial Questions: Think/Puzzle/Explore.

So take the initial question you wanted to explore: What have you learned? Are you still curious about it? How does it fit with what you've learned about the role of journalism in society? What is the role of SoJo in journalism? What are your best hopes for journalism?

I want you to write a reflection, based on class discussions and the readings in Canvas.

There are no right or wrong answers, but I do expect you to support your contentions with information from the class talks and the readings.

What I'm looking for:

- A more informal, blog-like tone (ex. no inverted pyramid, no objective stance). Since blogging isn't a course objective for this course and I haven't taught it, I'm not going to grade you on how well you achieve this. My point is merely that I'm looking for what you think and to share your thoughts and opinions in a logical, yet conversational way (i.e. don't write a news story or a formal essay for history class.) But FYI, blog doesn't mean, "crap you thought up quickly because you started writing this assignment at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday."
- Provide evidence for what you're saying based on the discussions and readings. (You may also do additional readings on journalism sites if you like. I do suggest perhaps looking at solutionsjournalism.org, Poynter.org, Columbia Journalism Review, the Society of Professional Journalists webpage, Journalist's Resource, etc. You can attribute like this: as Dietrich said in her public talk at SOJC Wednesday OR in a Sept. 27 article on Beyond Bylines, author Suzi Smith said...
- I'm interested in how well you think about the topic question, not what conclusions you come to. Feel free to explore and be creative.

- All of your grade is for the content, not editing. But please do proofread it - turn in something you can be proud of. Again, I'm curious about the effort and thought you put into this assignment.