

# *Lecture 3*

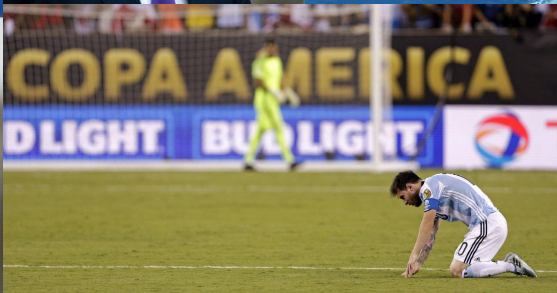
**Journalism: Purveyors of Information**

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**Journalism:**

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## WHAT DID JEFFERSON MEAN?

**"The way to prevent irregular interpositions of the people is to give them full information of their affairs through the channel of the public papers, and to contrive that those papers should penetrate the whole mass of the people. The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."**

**Why are journalists  
important for society?  
What power do words have  
in our world?**



WITH  
**GREAT POWER** COMES  
**GREAT RESPONSIBILITY**

**Go to the following website and find the top three guidelines that you and your group believe are the most important! Be ready to share WHY you believe those rules are important!**

**<http://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>**



**What can get **in the way** of  
providing information to the  
public about **important**  
**issues** that affect them?**

**As you work on your own news stories, what are some good choices and decisions you should make?**

**What are some choices that you should NOT make?**

## ***BLOG POST #4 - JUNE 28TH, 2016 (ANSWER AT LEAST 2)***

- **What purpose do journalists have in our world?**
- **What kinds of rules or ethical decisions do journalists need to make when they are reporting news?**
- **What did Jefferson mean when he said he would prefer newspapers without government compared to a government without newspapers?**
- **As student journalists, what are some important steps you should take to ensure that you are making ethical decisions or choices?**