

**On Journalistic Malpractice**  
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1 – In what ways is journalism like the fields of medicine and law? In what ways might they be different? Are there compelling reasons for not having journalists face licensing requirements similar to doctors and lawyers?

2 – What are the benefits of trying to assess another’s moral character rather than judging their individual actions? What might be the disadvantages? Which approach do you prefer?

3 – Why should we consider “fake news” a problem? Why should we care whether reporters spread falsehoods or issue retractions? If we can’t even agree about what the facts are in any particular situation, isn’t misinformation inevitable?

4 – How do you, personally, go about determining whether a news source is trustworthy or not? Is there any advice you can offer that might help others distinguish between them? What would you say are the indicators of good reporting?