

Appendix II:

***Shared Horizons'* survey: Questionnaire for the students in the journalism bachelor programme:**

We kindly ask you to answer this questionnaire about your opinion on core values of journalism. Please, read each question thoroughly, and choose one of the suggested answers. There are also two open ended questions where we ask you to write a comment.

Before you start answering, remember that the survey is about professional journalism, *not* about bloggers or citizen journalism. To answer some of the questions you have to imagine yourself in the position of being a journalist.

There are 25 questions.

Question no. 1: What do you think is most important when making a news report /news article? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Let the facts speak for themselves
- Give priority to facts
- Give the facts a context
- Give priority to context & analysis
- The truth is independent of the facts
- I don't know

Question no. 2: Consider the following scenario: You are interviewing two important politicians. You also have a lot of facts obtained elsewhere. Your editor tells you to shorten the news story. Where in the story will you cut? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- I will mainly cut facts
- I will mainly cut in the opinions
- I will cut both in facts and political opinions
- I don't know

Question no. 3: To what extent do you find it possible to achieve objectivity in news journalism? In this case, objectivity is defined as the belief that a journalist may cover a story independently of his/hers personal thoughts, background, beliefs and knowledge. Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Always
- In most cases
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- I don't know

Question no.4: Who decides the content of your news journalism? Please indicate on a scale of 1 to 6 your opinion (1 = least important, 6 = most important):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	I don't know
People outside the media house							
The owner of my media outlet							
The editor(s)							
My colleagues							
Myself							

Question no. 5: Imagine that you are covering a serious accident, and that you may perform your profession as you see fit. Do you believe that your personal values influence the way you write an article, take your photograph or choose your sources? Please indicate on a scale of 1 to 6 your opinion (1 = I totally disagree, 6 = I totally agree):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	I don't know
Who I am as a person is of no consequence							
Of course it matters who I am							

Question no. 6: How important is immediacy as a factor in news journalism? By immediacy we mean the quality of bringing fresh news quickly. Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Very important
- Other factors can be more important
- No, it is not important
- I don't know

Question no. 7: What is the most important role journalism plays in society? Please indicate in a scale of 1 to 6 your opinion (1 = least important, 6 = most important):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	I don't know
Watchdog							
Agenda setting							
Being an arena for public debate							
Inform about what is happening in society							
Educate the public							
Entertainment							

Question no. 8: You are digging into corruption, and you also interview different persons about this. If you publish your story, could your sources risk danger for their own safety? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Yes, they could
- Probably
- Probably not
- No, sources are free to speak
- I don't know

Question no. 9: You are on the same story about corruption. Could you as a journalist risk danger for your own safety? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Yes, I could
- Probably
- Probably not
- No, I am free to report anything
- I don't know

Question no. 10: How do you think journalism should relate to power? Choose one of the alternatives below:

Journalism should...

- ...challenge and defy power
- ...take a critical position towards power
- ...be neutral to power
- ...be loyal to power
- ...promote power
- I don't know

Question no. 11: Journalism is often said to have a controlling function towards power. In your opinion, is it a question regarding... Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Political power
- All types of power
- I don't know

Question no. 12: When you make a news story and have ethical dilemmas, what will mostly influence the way you think about the dilemmas? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- It depends totally on the story I am working on
- The principles of press ethics are more important than my news story
- I don't know

Question no. 13: The principles of press ethics you relate to in your journalistic work, do you consider them to be... Choose one of the alternatives below:

- National
- Mainly national
- Mainly universal
- Universal
- I don't know

Question no. 14: In an ethical discussion about your working methods and the result (the published story), what do you think is most important? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Acting ethical correctly is most important
- The result and the methods cannot be separated
- The result means everything
- I don't know

Question no. 15: If you have to choose between respect for religion and freedom of expression, what do you choose? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Respect for religion above freedom of expression
- Freedom of expression above respect for religion
- I don't know

Question no.16: In your opinion, what is the most serious threat to journalism? Please indicate in a scale of 1 to 6 your opinion (1 = least important, 6 = most important):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	I don't know
Lack of press freedom							
Lack of media regulation							
The journalist's difficulties in getting access to sources							
Self-censorship							
Corruption							

Question no. 17: Use the following definition when answering the question: By press freedom we mean that the journalists, editors and the media are free to publish what they want. Do you have press freedom in your country? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Yes, we have press freedom
- Yes, but with some limitations
- There are many limitations
- No, there is not press freedom
- I don't know

Question no.18: What kind of limitations on press freedom exist in your country? Write your answer here:

Please notice that this question is about press freedom, not freedom of expression.

Question no. 19: By freedom of expression we mean the right every human being has to express their thoughts freely. Describe how you find the situation for freedom of expression in your country. Write your comment here:

Now, this question is about freedom of expression.

Question no 20: How do you think journalism should regard the readers, viewers and listeners? Please indicate in a scale of 1 to 6 your opinion (1 = I totally disagree, 6 = I totally agree):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	I don't know
Only as consumers on a market							
As citizens participating in society							
Both as consumers and citizens							

Question no 21: Do you find that there is coherence between what you learn in your journalism studies and how the media in your country are performing journalism? Choose one of the alternatives below:

- Yes, always
- Quite often
- Rarely
- No, never
- I don't know

Now follows just a few questions about yourself and your place of study:

Question no. 22: Where do you study? Choose the right alternative below:

l'IPSI (Tunisia)
DU (Bangladesh)
HiOA (Norway)

Question no. 23: In which year of your journalism studies are you? Check the right alternative below:

Norway and Tunisia: year 1 year 2 year 3
For Bangladesh: year 1 year 2 year 3 year 4

Question no. 24: Do you have journalism practice? By journalistic practice we mean working for a professional news organization. If you have six months all together, answer yes. If you have less than six months practice, answer no. Check the right alternative below:

No
Yes

Question no. 25: Gender? Choose the right alternative below:

I am a man
I am a woman

Thank you for participation!

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- 1a. In your opinion, why is cross checking and verification of facts important in journalism?
- 1b. What do you do if you cannot verify the facts before the deadline of your submission?
2. Why is context important in journalism?
3. What is objectivity? Please, define it.
4. In the survey, when asked to what extent it is possible to achieve objectivity in news journalism, we got these answers:

77 % of the Tunisian students answered 'Always' and 'In most cases'. The students from Bangladesh were more divided. 46 % answered 'Always' and 'In most cases', 32 % answered 'Sometimes' and 22 % answered 'Rarely' and 'Never'. 58 % of the Norwegian students answered 'Rarely' and 'Never', and only 2 % said 'Always'.

Why do you think your fellow students answered like this?

5. Why do you think the views on objectivity differ so much between the three countries? Do you have any comments?
6. Is balance in news stories important? Why?
7. In a situation, when you as a journalist have to choose between respect for religion or freedom of speech, what would you do? Why?
8. When covering a story, what are the most common ethical dilemmas you experience as a reporter?
9. In your opinion, which news criteria/news elements dominate the news reporting in your country?
10. In your opinion, what does it mean to be neutral in reporting?
11. What is the most important function journalism plays in society?
12. In your opinion, what are the most serious threats to journalism in your country? Why?
13. In the survey, we asked about how journalism should relate to power, and gave these options: challenge and defy power/take a critical position towards power/be neutral to power/ be loyal to power/promote power. Do you have any stories that illustrate these different positions journalism could take relating to power?
14. It is often said that journalists should take a critical position towards their sources. In your opinion, what does a critical position mean?
- 15 a. In the survey, about the power relations, we got different answers from the three countries:

49 % of the Bangladeshi students and 64 % of the Tunisians answered that journalism should be neutral to power, while 7 % of the Norwegian students thought so.

Linked to these results, we would like to ask you: why do you think your fellow students answered as they did?

- 15 b. Why do you think there are differences between the three countries?
16. How would you explain the difference between freedom of expression and press freedom?
17. Can you give examples from your country where press freedom is under pressure?
18. Can you give any examples where freedom of speech is under pressure in Norway?
19. In your opinion, does journalism have any common global values? Why?
20. Age?
21. Gender?
22. In what year in your bachelor studies are you?

23. Do you have journalistic practice? If so, where did you work and for how long?

Questions to interviewees at a *Shared Horizons*' round table conference, 2016:

1. Do you believe that your personal values influence the way you write an article, take a photo or choose your sources?
2. To what extent do you find it possible to achieve objectivity in news journalism?
3. How do you think journalism and journalists should relate to power?
4. What is the difference between press freedom and freedom of expression, as you see it?
5. What kind of limitation on press freedom exists in your country?