

Life of a Journalist

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Description: President of the American Philosophical Society and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Linda Greenhouse explores what journalism should express and the boundaries of a journalist and their individuality. She discusses the challenges of journalistic ethics and how journalism has evolved since the 1960s.

Guiding Questions:

- What is the problem with the journalistic norm of showing two sides to each issue?
- What are some of the ethical dilemmas of being both a journalist and a citizen?
- What are some ways that journalism has changed since the 1960s?
- What is journalistic distancing? What issues does it pose and how could these issues potentially be resolved?
- What is the role of objectivity in journalism?

Activity Suggestions:

- Read through newspaper or internet articles and point out some of the concepts Linda Greenhouse discusses such as journalistic norms of two sided stories, distancing, and objectivity.

Great for: Grade 9-12

Sensitive Topics Disclaimer: Contains information regarding the pro-choice/pro-life debate.

Keywords: Journalism, media, ethics