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# **MEDIA ETHICS AND NATIONAL SECURITY**

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**Abstract:**

*The issue of media ethics in journalism is one of moral philosophy and paramount. Truth, accuracy, objectivity, fairness, honesty, independence, balance, relevance and a watchdog role are among the most important values that define journalism. By its nature and function, mass media ethics are regarded as a moderator of human behaviour and protect the less privileged against the vagaries of the mass media. But have the Mass media contributed towards promoting peace and national security by adhering to code of ethics and professional conduct? This paper examines the role of media ethics in national security and peace building in the society. The paper argues that the media have an ethical, moral and professional obligation to provide the public with honest, accurate and reliable reporting that does not deliberately distort or suppress information for national security and peace building in the society.*

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