

Quiz Pool for Mission of the American Press Lecture and Associated Readings

Lecture

1. The First Amendment covers which of the basic American freedoms listed below?
 - a. Right to vote directly for US Senators
 - b. Right to bear arms
 - c. **Freedom of the press**
 - d. Freedom to produce alcohol
 - e. Right to vote
2. Who was Charles Evans Hughes?
 - a. US president when the Alien & Sedition Acts were passed
 - b. Attorney representing James Near
 - c. **Chief Justice whose opinion established “no prior restraint”**
 - d. Founding Father who wrote the First Amendment
3. True or False? The press can be punished after sharing sensitive information if it is found to be libelous or treasonous.
 - a. **True**
 - b. False
4. Which of these news stories is an example of watchdog journalism?
 - a. Prince William’s engagement to Kate Middleton
 - b. **Prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib**
 - c. Blizzard forecast
 - d. Release of the new iPad
5. True or False? There are no exceptions to the “no prior restraint” rule.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**
6. Who is Daniel Ellsberg?
 - a. **Whistleblower in the Pentagon Papers case**
 - b. Former commander of Abu Ghraib prison
 - c. Chief Justice in the Pentagon Papers case
 - d. Author of the Alien & Sedition Acts
7. True or false? Slander is spoken; libel is in print.
 - a. **True**
 - b. False
8. Do high school newspapers have freedom of the press?
 - a. Yes
 - b. **No**

9. Do reporters have the unrestrained right to gather news?
a. Yes b. No
10. True or False? The *New York Times* published details of the impending Bay of Pigs invasion, leading to disastrous results.
a. True b. False

Operation Swift (first NYTimes article)

1. Who was the president when the operation started?
a) Barack Obama
b) George W. Bush
c) Bill Clinton
d) Ross Perot
2. The tracking program is best suited for...
a) tracking in-country transactions
b) tracking checks cashed
c) tracking overseas wire transactions
d) tracking direct deposits by creditors
3. Under the Swift surveillance program
a) the government subpoenas individual records
b) the government subpoenas terrorist records
c) the government subpoenas millions of records
d) none of the above
5. Most of the officials and industry executives were
a) Named
b) Excluded
c) Sequestered
d) Anonymous
e) Epiphenomenal
6. Is the Swift program as used by the US government legal or illegal?
a) legal
b) illegal
c) it is unclear
7. The New York Times did not contact US administration officials before printing the story:
a) True
b) False

9. According to officials, Operation Swift helped capture Riduan Isamuddin, believed to be the mastermind behind

- a) The 9/11 attacks
- b) The Oklahoma City bombing
- c) The Shoe bomber
- d) The Christmas bomber
- e) The Bali bombing
- f) The San Francisco Earthquake

10. Did the Swift consortium willingly and voluntarily provide the US government with the information it requested:

- a) Yes
- b) No

11. The Bush administration asked the NY Times to not publish the article because it would

- a) Harm intelligence efforts
- b) Give information to the enemy
- c) Reveal secret operations
- d) None of the above
- e) All of the above

12. The New York times argued that it would publish the wire tapping and Swift operation news pieces because...

- a) of its anti-Bush stance
- b) its ties to the Republican Party
- c) its ties to the Democratic Party
- d) it was of public interest
- e) it could publish whatever it wanted to.