

# OPEN DIALOGUE IN THE MEDIA

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## What we need to talk?

- media as a tool increasing inter-ethnic, cultural, and religious dialogue
- danger in using media as a way of spreading intolerance and hate manifestation
- responsibilities of public media

## Media as a tool

- Each country has a different society. Has a different media. If society is diverse, and that everyone needs to understand the different languages. Not only talk but also to understand.
- To promote the peaceful coexistence of different peoples in one country, we must answer several questions:
- Is there any ethnic, religious or other minorities have their own high-quality media tool?
- Is there at least one high-quality media channel to promote multicultural or interfaith dialogue?
- Does the public will look for solutions for the internal conflict in public discourse?

## Danger in using media

- Publicity is often more transparent.
- Public recognition of the problems and search for root causes of problems can help resolve conflicts.
- The question:  
Are the media and journalists are of sufficient quality?
- A large concentration of media in the hands of government or business usually means bad quality. This means the risk of high-quality discussion.

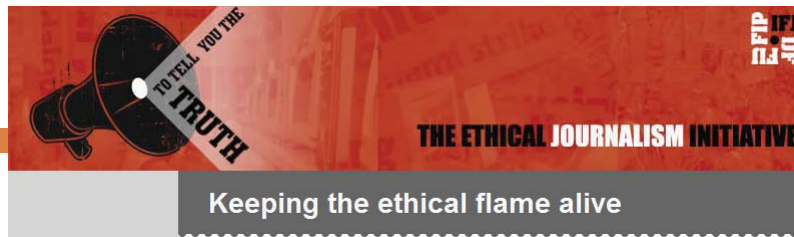
**Never be a debate if one side of the debate is above all other**

## Responsibilities of public media

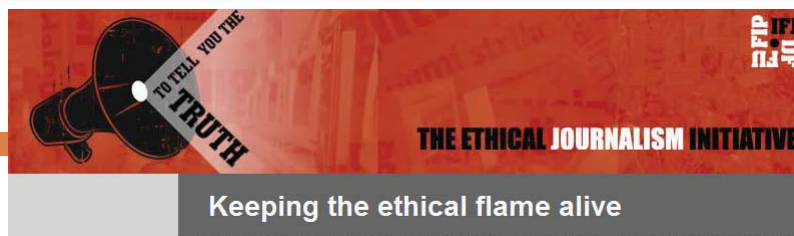
- What good can make a public radio and television?
- If public radio and television management depends on the different groups in society, it is possible to see different interests.
- This can be a serious alternative to one side for information and discussion.
- Here you can create a higher quality of journalism.
- But .. Tolerance means tolerance only. It is not love. It does not always mean respect for and observance of other religious people of other nationalities.

## Do we know this?

- Lack of knowledge about the context of the problem or silence breeds fear, allows the spread of rumor and speculation in the alternative media channels (not just online, but also by SMS or by using other channels of technology).



## Who can support the ethical journalism initiative "To tell You the truth"?



### **Media Coverage of Asylum Seekers: What's the Story?**

- Article 19's report explores the way in which issues of asylum, and asylum seekers and refugees, are represented in the media, as well as the extent to which asylum seekers and refugees feel able to participate in the public debate on asylum and immigration.