

THE FifthCorner

Suggested Codes of Ethics

These are a few suggested codes of ethics that I had written for [The Four Corners Project](#). Feel free to use any of these, to write your own, or link to the code of ethics of your organization.

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Photojournalist: While all photography is interpretive, as a photojournalist my photographs are meant to respect the visible facts of the situations I depict. I do not add or subtract elements to or from my photographs.

Human Rights Photographer: As a human rights photographer, I respect the agency and dignity of my subjects and understand the need not to revictimize those who are suffering with my imagery.

Fine Art Photographer: As a fine art photographer, I may alter my images in pursuit of my own artistic vision.

Fine Art/Journalism: This is an artistic image, allowing me to take liberties in altering the photograph. I do not alter my journalistic imagery.

Associated Press: As a staff member of Associated Press, I abide by AP's ethics code. (add the link)

UNICEF: While on assignment for UNICEF, I abide by UNICEF's ethics code. I do not show the faces of children who are HIV-positive or who have been child soldiers. (add the link)

Wildlife Photographer: As a wildlife photographer, all my photographs depict animals in the wild unless otherwise specified.

Fashion Photographer: As a fashion photographer, I do not photograph underweight models whose Body Mass Index is lower than that established by as healthy by authorities.

Sports Photographer: As a sports photographer, I do not re-stage events.