



## How do preconceived views affect your journalism?

Account for your preconceived views before you do a story. Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I bring to this story? What is my expertise and experience?
- How do I test whether what I know is valid in this situation?
- What do I think about the various actors involved in this story?
- What are my first reactions and/or deeply held opinions about this issue?
- How do I manage these opinions and feelings?
- How do I manage my bias when I do research, conduct interviews and tell stories?
- How might someone who thinks differently from me approach this story?