

# MEDIASET ESPAÑA NEWSROOMS ETHICAL PRINCIPLES



**Mediaset España Newsrooms can be defined as unbiased, general information media-source and advocate for democracy, committed to safeguarding the democratic order and upholding the rule of law, as protected by the Spanish Constitution.**

## Public Service

We strive to broadcast honest and accurate information daily, which is as complete as possible, precise, thorough, high quality, and of interest to viewers. We are committed to the principles of social responsibility, to help television viewers to understand reality and draw their own conclusions, based on sound judgements. At Mediaset España Newsrooms, decisions are taken to guarantee and offer reliable and socially responsible information, ensuring those most vulnerable are protected.

## Fact and source checking

Our journalists report on verified news stories, without offering their own personal opinions. Our information is based on reliable sources and solid evidence, thereby avoiding any possible fake news.

Journalists obtain information in various ways, for example, via in-person recordings where the events take place to obtain first-hand information. When this is not possible, they will look for the third parties to recount the event and use all available sources to verify the story thoroughly.

If the journalist is not physically present at the event, the source will always be cited. If a source is anonymous, the journalist must not reveal it when it demands confidentiality. In such cases, the journalist must state "sources report..." when referring to the information.

## Impartiality and Opinions

The news we report is impartial, unprejudiced, and always reflects all the opinions and trends and respects our viewers. We operate zero-tolerance for xenophobic, racist, homophobic, insulting, and defamatory opinions, or opinions that encroach on a person's dignity, honour, image, or privacy.

## Values and Independence

At Mediaset España Newsrooms we engage in journalism that is unbiased and uninfluenced by the Government and the interests of any political party, practising solidarity, and getting to the core of current affairs and events out on the street. We show the reality of what is happening in Spain and around the world. Our editorial decisions are not shaped by political or commercial pressure, economic lobby groups or personal interests. Mediaset España is free, despite being financially dependent on the advertising market.

Our journalists do not accept gifts or privileges that might hinder their capacity to report objective and independent information about any company or institution that appears in their videos.

## Privacy and public interest

At Mediaset España Newsrooms we respect - first and foremost - the dignity of the people who appear in our news broadcasts and preserve their right to privacy. Private life and non-public conversations will not be broadcast unless they are clearly in the public interest and are relevant to the journalistic narrative. Degrading, exclusionary, or humiliating opinions, or those that incite violence or infringe the law will not be included.

## Minors

We will protect the well-being of children and young people who provide content for our news stories. Their testimonies or information will be treated with the utmost rigour, protecting minors and their right to privacy as required by law.

## Presumption of innocence

The legal presumption of innocence will be strictly maintained in all information that relates to ongoing investigations or court cases.

## Visual language

Images shown on Mediaset España Newsrooms are rigorously processed and supervised. They will always be suitable for the information being broadcast and will never be such that viewers may find distressing.

## Policy governing changes and corrections

At Mediaset España Newsrooms we rectify any errors we make in our news broadcasts, and we do so applying our professional ethics and following guidance from our legal team. We openly admit to any mistakes and correct them as soon as we become aware they have been made.