

*Nathan Hiatt*

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

### **TRUTHFULNESS**

*I will report the truth, and only the truth. My truthfulness will not change under any circumstances. I will strive to not mislead any readers with my words.*

### **INTEGRITY**

*I will hold myself to a strong moral uprightness. I will always do what is right. Without integrity, my reporting will be deemed as untrustworthy.*

### **ACCURACY**

*I will ensure, with my newsgathering tactics, I am reporting the correct facts. I will remember to always verify with my sources, striving to be accurate.*

### **NEUTRALITY**

*I will be neutral in my reporting, staying impartial. Acting independently, I will stay unbiased and avoid conflict of interests. I will understand not to report on only the positives but also negatives.*

### **WISDOM**

*I will be wise with the language I use in my reporting, avoiding comments that might be considered discriminatory. I will use my knowledge to make good judgment.*

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

*I will always hold myself accountable and to a high standard, showing increased professionalism. When errors are committed, I will correct them in a punctual manner.*

### **RESPECT**

*I will be respectful during interviews and after, respecting my sources wishes. When a source asks for a section stated to be, "off the record," I will abide the request.*

### **LOYALTY**

*I will be loyal to my personal code of ethics, never wavering from my core journalistic principles. Ethically, I owe moral loyalties to myself, my supporters, my organization, my colleagues and society.*

## ***NATHAN HIATT'S PERSONAL CODE OF ETHICS***

A personal code of ethics is important for everyday life, especially as a journalist in the field or newsroom. A personal code of ethics reminds an individual of what he or she believes are the most impactful tools for approaching ethical dilemmas. Reporters and editors are faced with many ethical decisions because the occupation obliges for important information to be disseminated throughout the public. Having a personal code of ethics gives a journalist direct guidelines for staying faithful to his or her ethical standards.