Journalism cultures – ethical ideologies

Question: The following statements describe different approaches to news coverage. For each of them, please tell me on a scale of 1 to 5 how strongly you agree or disagree. 5 means you strongly agree, 4 means somewhat agree, 3 means neither agree nor disagree, 2 means somewhat disagree, and 1 means strongly disagree.

	N		Australia	Austria	Brazil	Bulgaria	Chile	China	Egypt	Germany	Greece	Indonesia	Israel	Mexico	Pakistan	Portugal	Romania	Russia	Spain	Switzerland	Turkey	Uganda	USA	Total
There are ethical principles which are so important that they should be followed by all journalists, regardless of situation and context.	2075	Mean	3.88	4.77	4.82	4.23	4.02	4.54	4.62	4.60	4.30	4.14	4.17	4.57	4.17	4.69	4.28	3.90	4.51	4.71	4.67	4.74	4.57	4.43
		SD	1.11	.65	.56	1.08	1.05	.63	.71	.82	.72	.77	.97	.84	1.03	.72	.81	.99	.87	.66	.76	.58	.75	.87
Journalists should avoid questionable methods of reporting in any case, even if this means not getting the story.	2046	Mean	3.72	4.41	4.02	3.27	3.83	3.68	3.82	4.14	3.78	3.79	3.25	3.95	3.73	4.07	3.71	3.12	4.15	4.11	4.04	3.57	4.27	3.83
		SD	1.13	.91	1.02	1.22	1.05	1.09	1.30	1.04	1.11	.79	1.41	1.12	.98	1.15	1.03	1.16	1.12	.95	1.17	1.39	.93	1.15
Ethical dilemmas in news coverage are often so complex that journalists should be allowed to formulate their own individual codes of conduct.	2044	Mean	2.49	2.73	2.08	3.55	3.57	2.93	3.30	2.13	3.28	3.77	2.58	2.78	3.66	2.16	3.05	3.08	2.85	2.37	3.76	2.77	1.88	2.89
		SD	1.16	1.22	1.30	1.18	1.22	1.15	1.46	1.09	1.15	1.04	1.31	1.14	1.10	1.35	1.10	1.18	1.26	1.21	1.20	1.53	1.07	1.34
Reporting and publishing a story that can potentially harm others is always wrong, irrespective of the benefits to be gained.	2036	Mean	2.48	2.59	2.16	3.21	3.44	3.21	4.01	2.21	2.72	2.79	2.28	2.96	3.77	2.26	2.97	3.13	2.65	2.35	2.20	2.81	2.17	2.78
		SD	1.09	1.15	1.48	1.25	1.26	1.25	1.21	1.11	1.05	1.00	1.30	1.26	1.09	1.21	1.25	1.06	1.37	1.13	1.29	1.57	1.23	1.33
What is ethical in journalism varies from one situation to another.	2049	Mean	3.21	3.01	2.15	3.27	3.27	3.93	2.71	2.62	2.83	3.51	3.14	3.14	3.74	1.91	3.11	3.71	3.26	2.95	1.97	2.98	2.66	3.00
		SD	1.26	1.21	1.45	1.31	1.29	1.01	1.64	1.24	1.11	.88	1.33	1.34	1.10	1.26	1.24	1.21	1.41	1.42	1.35	1.55	1.29	1.39
There are situations in which harm is justifiable if it results in a story that produces a greater good.	2020	Mean	3.48	3.84	3.31	3.02	3.48	2.41	3.76	4.07	3.48	3.91	3.74	3.05	3.83	3.53	3.47	3.02	3.18	4.09	3.80	3.96	3.54	3.52
		SD	1.07	1.01	1.46	1.13	1.11	1.15	1.18	.90	1.12	1.06	1.14	1.22	1.12	1.07	1.29	1.21	1.28	1.03	1.17	1.24	1.19	1.22

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