

Abstract

This bachelor thesis is focusing on issues of journalistic ethics. The emphasis is placed on three specific ethical issues - protection of sources of information , using unfair methods to obtain informations and the use of materials gathered this way. First, the theoretical part defines the basic concepts which are important for a deeper understanding of the issue . It also defines the term "off - the- record" and the idea of public interest. This all is based on ethical standards in Czech republic and abroad. The second part of the thesis describes Lenka Bradacova´s case. There was a conflict between Chief State Prosecutor Lenka Bradáčová and a journalist Lubos Xaver Vesely last year. The thesis represents the view of both sides on this case and then confronts both versions. The thesis also tries to explain why this case is so problematic. Finally it brings a decision if there was a violation of ethical codes in this case or not.