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ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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Abstract

This descriptive study used the survey method to determine the perspectives and practices of Ilonggo journalists on freedom of expression. In gathering data, purposive sampling was used to determine the respondents. An interview schedule was used as an instrument to gather necessary information for the study since the research is descriptive in design. The study was conducted in Iloilo City from December 2012 until February 2013. Results showed that Ilonggo journalists view freedom of expression as not absolute. They exercise this right (to express opinion and ideas, impart and gather information) but they have to respect and protect the privacy and reputation of a person and of the State along the process. The concept of journalists on freedom of expression, however, is more concerned on the issue of privacy that surrounds a person than on the issue that concerns the society or the national security. When it comes to practicing their freedom of expression, journalists have varying actions on how to deal with certain situations.

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