**COMMS 201**

**Tutorial Week 8: Interviews & Media Law**

**Media Law Questions**

1. It is illegal under privacy law to:

a) Badger or question a person persistently

b) Intentionally intercept private communication

c) Record an interview subject without their knowing.

d) Reveal facts that are in the public interest

2. Honest opinion is an important defence against defamation. Which of the two sentences here is opinion and which is fact, why?

a) This parliamentarian is biased and bigoted.

b) This parliamentarian who voted against homosexual law reform is biased and bigoted.

**Close Reading Of Media Interviews:**

**Viewing**: Watch the two following video clips:

1. Christopher Wylie (Cambridge Analytica/Facebook) HBO interview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yPvRaKQikE&index=30&list=PLttFLR7HistqQ-nqaTDU0f05NOlRVhVM0&t=0s>

1. John Campbell interview Simon Bridges (watch first 7 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eD2JKoKGrjA&list=PLv6HnvY1UL5ZK4I-6_723YL7504NN2W8U>

**Video Discussion Prompts:**

1. The location/context of the interview.
2. The line of questioning
3. What type of questions are being asked
4. What are the dynamics of the interview
5. Comment on the body language
6. Does the interviewer maintain control throughout the interview? How do they maintain that control? If not, how do they regain control?
7. Assess the quality of information provided out of each interview for the viewer.
8. What is your overall impression of these interviewees based on their performance in the interview?
9. How is this interview constructed through the way in which it is staged and recorded? Comment on the way in which the shots are framed and live cut.
10. Are there issues of media law or ethics to be considered by the journalist in either of these interviews?