

HANDOUT

Ethics

Activity 1 - Public Speaking Checklist

Instructions: For each of the following ethical issues, check either “true” or “false.”		True	False
1	I knowingly gave false information in my speech.		
2	I tried to convince people by unnecessarily using emotion instead of logic.		
3	I did not clearly state/cite all the information in my speech.		
4	I don't know who my sources of information are or what makes my sources credible.		
5	I wrote my speech based on my own interests and didn't really think much about my audience.		
6	I really didn't think much about the needs and desires of my audience.		
7	I altered some of the facts in my speech to make it more persuasive.		
8	Some of the expressions in my speech may be considered as bigoted.		
9	My aim is to manipulate the audience into my beliefs.		
10	I sometimes interject my personal opinions into the discussion of facts during a speech.		
11	My personal opinions are just as good as the facts, so I do not try to differentiate between the two during my speech.		
12	In my speech, I used information from a friend or colleague that probably should not be repeated.		
13	I used information in my speech that was provided by a source, even if it was technically "off the record."		
14	It's just a speech. I really don't care what anyone does with the information when I finish my speech.		
15	I really haven't thought about the short- or long-term consequences of my speech.		
	See the page 2 of this Handout after filling your answers.		

Inquiry:

Did you mark “true” for any of the statements?

If so, why?

All answers should be false. What can you do as a speaker/lecturer to get to the point where you can check them all as “false”?

