**The Ethics of News Aggregation**

***READ***:

* Media Ethics, Page 102, Case 2-H
* [What’s the law around aggregating news online? A Harvard Law report on the risks and the best practices](https://www.niemanlab.org/2010/09/whats-the-law-around-aggregating-news-online-a-harvard-law-report-on-the-risks-and-the-best-practices/)
* [4 guidelines for aggregating news content](https://www.poynter.org/educators-students/2017/4-guidelines-for-aggregating-news-content/)

***ACTIVITY***:

* What is news aggregation?
	+ Have students explore aggregation websites like Feedly.com and News360.



* What do they notice? How are headlines written? How do some local news organizations aggregate material? Show examples:
* Why do you think news organizations are aggregating material?
	+ Low resources and staff.
* What are some ethical issues related to news aggregation?
	+ Answer the following questions as presented in Media Ethics: Issues and Cases textbook.
		- Does proper attribution solve the ethical problem of aggregation? If not, do you have an alternative idea?
		- If news organizations voluntarily agree to offer their content to be aggregated under specific conditions, does that eliminate the ethical issues?

**ACTIVITY 2:**

* Read Poynter’s “4 guidelines for aggregating news content.”
	+ Students will write a brief position paper on their thoughts to maintain ethical standards through aggregation.