

## **Newmark J-School Statement Policy**

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The Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism (Newmark J-School) does not issue public statements on public affairs issues, except in extraordinary cases related to press freedom; that is, when First Amendment principles are at stake or there is a potential violation of international freedom of expression standards.

Additionally, the Newmark J-School may choose to make public statements when members of our community are directly impacted by press freedom violations, such as an arrest or a threat to their ability to conduct their work as journalists. Our community includes our students, our faculty and instructors, the administration, our alumni, and members of the board of directors.

In determining whether to issue a statement or make a public comment, the Dean welcomes the views of members of the community and, where appropriate, will consult with the faculty, senior members of the administration, or independent experts in making a decision.

The Newmark J-School does not make public statements on matters unrelated to press freedom, including media performance, labor issues, or news coverage. Individual faculty members and other members of our community routinely speak out on these matters and many other issues. When they do, they speak for themselves and not for the institution. As a core principle, the school stands for academic freedom and the freedom of members of our community to express their views.