

The United States is really a rich stew of people, of diversity, of different populations. In fact, I don't know if you realize, but just look at immigrants. We have the largest percentage of foreign born people in our country these days. The last time it was this large was around the turn of the 20th century. We had all these immigrants coming through Ellis Island. But then there's other areas of diversity, racial diversity, black versus white, gender diversity, gender orientation diversity. So it is a minefield, quite frankly, to try and cover this and cover it accurately and fairly and sensitively or with sensitivity. It's very, very important for journalists to try and get at the diversity in the country, the tensions between all the different groups and the cooperation between different groups, because it's not all tension. We actually do get along fairly well for the most part. I'm not trying to sugarcoat things. There are tensions and there will be tensions. But an ethical journalist looks at the picture from all sides and doesn't leave out any group when they're trying to talk about diversity. Doesn't leave out blacks. Doesn't leave out women. Doesn't leave out white men. Doesn't leave out anybody. Talks about the feelings, the fears, the aspirations, the triumphs, the tragedies of every group. And does it with care.