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the interview bill of rights

**You, the interviewee**, **have**

* **the right to know the topic in advance.**
* **the right to know the identity/affiliation of the reporter.**
* **the right to state your key points, and if appropriate, restate them.**
* **the right to have some control over the interview environment.**
* **the right to bring up relevant topics/points not specifically asked for.**
* **the right to know how the interview material is to be used, and who else is being interviewed for the story.**
* **the right to respond to accusations.**
* **the right to correct misstatements and misinformation.**
* **the right to finish responses without interruption.**
* **the right to restate obscure or lengthy questions.**

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**They, the interviewers, have**

* **the right to responsible access to legitimate news sources.**
* **the right to have deadlines and legalistic needs considered.**
* **the right to concise and direct answers to relevant questions.**
* **the right to receive timely responses to their inquiries.**
* **the right to conduct follow-up inquiries for clarification.**
* **the right to request and receive, if available, printed or pictorial material to flesh out interview information.**
* **the right to receive corrected information if incorrect information was inadvertently given.**
* **the right to re-direct the discussion under investigation if the subject gets off track.**
* **the right to evaluate and report the story as the reporter and producers see it.**
* **the right to the same kind of courtesy and respect the interview subject desires. ROD IRVIN, EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO**