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Subject: What kind of "accountability journalism" -- indeed, ethical responsibility -- do they teach at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism?

What kind of "accountability journalism" -- indeed, ethical responsibility -- do they teach journalism students at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism?

I sent the below message, by e-mail, on May 9th to six journalists of The New York World -- to which I have received no response from even a single journalist. On May 16th, I replicated the e-mail as a posted "Comment" -- and it was your first. You have, apparently, removed it, purporting that there have been "No Comments", when there had been the below "Comment". Nor have you begun to track S.2953/A.246, which is what my May 9th e-mail and May 16th "Comment" had requested you to do. What is the reason?

You have also apparently removed -- twice -- the "Comment" I posted to Nathaniel Herz' article "*Bill Thompson's well-paved private sector path*". The first time I posted it was on May 7th, immediately upon e-mailing the same message to Mr. Herz and five other New York World journalists. The second time was on May 16th, when having received no response to the e-mail, I discovered the "Comment" was gone. Here, too, you are purporting that there have been "No Comments", when I furnished the same "Comment" -- also your first -- twice.

This behavior is all the more indefensible as you purport that "The New York World is a public service and a partner for news organizations seeking to enhance their coverage of city and state government in New York. We welcome your insights and feedback. Want to get involved in The New York World's coverage? - See more at: <http://www.thenewyorkworld.com/about/#sthash.BPshk0hU.dpu>".

By the way, The New York World website posts no phone numbers so that members of the public who have valuable information to impart about the state of New York governance might, g-d forbid, contact you directly.

Here are my e-mails & posted "Comments", which you have wilfully and deliberately ignored and, by your website, affirmatively concealed:

"SUBJECT: YOUR INVITATION FOR SUGGESTIONS OF BILLS FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR 'NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER

"Bravo on launching the 'New York Legislative Bill Tracker' -- and your May 3rd invitation bearing the names of Alyssa Katz, Beth Morrissey & Michael Sullivan: 'Please let us know about bills that you think should be on here, and explain why they're important.'

Two extremely important -- and essentially identical -- bills are S.2953 and A.246, creating a special commission on compensation of managerial & confidential state employees. <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S2953-2013> ; http://www.nyasembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&bn=A00246&term=2013&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y

Their significance is detailed by three memoranda that our nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens organization sent to ALL Senators & ALL members of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees and Assembly Ways & Means Committee. These memoranda -- which are probably the reason why the full Senate has not yet voted on S.2953 and why A.246 is still in the Assembly Ways & Means Committee -- are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, on the webpage entitled 'Fighting Off Progeny of the

Judicial Compensation Statute -- & Securing a Functioning Legislative Process'. Here's the direct link:
<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/judicial-compensation-progeny.htm>.

As your examination of these three memoranda will reveal, the constitutional, statutory, and other infirmities of S.2953 and A.246 relate to the fraud and corruption issues presented by our May 7th e-mail to you, inviting your accountability journalism. As we have yet to receive any response from you, the May 7th e-mail is being resent below.

I look forward to discussing S.2953 and A.246 with you -- as, likewise, the proper category for them in your 'Bill Tracker': Is it 'Economy?', 'Government Reform?'; or maybe another category, yet-to-be-named?

Thank you.

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Please have The New York World's indicated "Faculty Advisor Bill Grueskin, Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Professional Practice at Columbia Graduate School of Journalism" call me without delay -- before you do further injury to the public and the journalism you are purporting to serve. I can be reached at 914-455-4373. Cell: 646-220-7987.

Thank you.

BELOW ARE THE ACTUAL E-MAILS SENT ON MAY 9th & May 7th

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