# THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRITY AND HONESTY IN COMMUNICATION

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#### **VVHAT?**

In the communications field integrity and honesty will define your career and reputation as a practitioner. This means saying no to things that go against your ethics.

#### VVHY?

These insights from Collin are important because they emphasized how a communicators whole career is defined by their ethics and integrity.

"At the end of the day, it's what are you comfortable with?"
-Collin Yoxall



# INTEGRITY and HONESTY

- Being honest and having integrity will show through onto your professional reputation.
- When you are straightforward with a client you are showing how you operate.
- Lying is the biggest ethical mistake in the workplace. Lying can ruin your career, damage relationships, and cause others to lose complete trust in you.

## RESPECT

- Having respect for the client is an important value, being at the same level of the client is necessary to serve them best.
- Being able to remain honest, have integrity, and being able to serve the client in their best interests are all extremely important values to maintain and will gain peoples respect.

## GO WITH YOUR GUT

- Saying no is important, when an unethical task is given. Doing what you feel comfortable with is enough to allow you to make decisions.
- Go with your gut but think about things before you take action.



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