

What is the job of a reporter/journalist?

To write unbiased, factual, informative and interesting accounts of important events, happenings and other newsworthy issues.

- It is not the job of the journalist to influence the public in any particular way, it is only the job of the journalist to provide the facts and explanation necessary for their audience to come to their own conclusions.

Why is the job of a reporter/journalist important?

Their job involves informing and educating the public on issues and happenings of national importance!

- By educating the public on the consequences of climate change, the public will know how to prepare.

They have a duty to hold people and society accountable!

- By exposing failings or issues in environmental management or any other area, persons are brought under public scrutiny and often forced to act under the pressure from the public
- For example, it is likely that the Minister of Environment Hilson Baptise ordered an investigation into oil dumping off Crabb's Peninsula because of the issue's prominence in the media.

Their job involves breaking down issues to a level suitable for national consumption

- For example when scientists gather for conferences to discuss years of studies on the impacts of climate change, it is the job of the journalist to explain to

their audience what the scientist's findings means for them. For example it's the job of the journalist to explain to their audience what a predicted one metre rise in sea levels means for Antigua and Barbuda and how it will affect your life.

So why is the job of a journalist/reporter important to the environment?

They write stories that educate the public on important phenomena and human practices that affect the health of the environment and ultimately the quality of our lives!

- Issues such as; climate change, pollution, renewable energy, biodiversity, etc.
- If the public understand the importance of such issues they are able to make more informed decisions on how to prepare for consequences of and help fight against environmental degradation.

They expose abuses of the environment that pose a danger to plant and animal life and most importantly endanger US!