Fair Use | Essay Series

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For this year’s Fair Use/Fair Dealing Week, MediaWell is partnering with the Association of Research Libraries to interview experts reflecting on how fair use supports research, journalism, and truth. The transcript has been lightly edited for clarity.

Two Questions on Fair Use: Interview with Mark Lemley

This is the first of MediaWell’s four-part series, entitled “Two Questions on Fair Use” in which we ask Mark Lemley, William Neukom Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, some questions about the legal history of fair use, and how fair use supports research and teaching.

Two Questions on Fair Use: Interview with Rebekah Tromble

In this interview, we ask Rebekah Tromble—director of the Institute for Data, Democracy & Politics and associate professor in the School of Media & Public Affairs at George Washington University—about how fair use enables computational social science research, but also how limitations on fair use imposed by social media platforms constrain research and teaching about political discourse online.

Two Questions on Fair Use: Interview with Alex Abdo

This interview features Alex Abdo, the litigation director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, speaking about the key issues surrounding researchers’ and journalists’ access to data, as well as legislative efforts to promote platform transparency for researchers.
Two Questions on Fair Use: Interview with Nabiha Syed

In this interview, we ask Nabiha Syed, president of The Markup, about how the problem of misinformation requires discretion from people looking to exercise fair use, and how fair use supports people who share information independently.