In the Spotlight physicists as sources and subjects

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What's it all about?

- What the journalist might have in mind
- What questions he/she will ask
- What answers he/she will expect
- The three dimensions of an interview
- Glimpse behind the scene
- Best practice

What the journalist has in mind

- A. Publication
- B. Editor
- B. Audience



Questions and answers

What the journalist expects	What the scientist expects
News	Explain the context, finding last
Answer to the big Ws: Who? Why? Where? With whom? For what? What costs? How does it work?	Message Mention all colleagues and institutions that took part
Explanations that are easy to understand for the audience	Correct explanations that will not be criticized by colleagues
Short sentences / easy to edit	Everything that is important has to be said

The 3 Dimensions of an interview

Statement or background

Interview for Printmedia

Interview for Radio/Podcast

• Interview for TV/ Multimedia



Behind the szene

- Good feeling, welcoming body language
- Show interest, Fascination to encourage passion
- Asymmetrical dialog
- Ask the questions the audience might ask
- Ask questions spontaneously
- On and off the record

Best Practice

The Interview is....

- supposed to make you curious
- answering the questions that come into your mind
- aiming somewhere
- is so entertaining that you want to see/listen to it to the end

Recommend:

- Audio interview on npr fresh air with Brian Greene
- TV Interview Charlie Rose and Lisa Randall
- TV Interview Tavis Smiley and Kaku