

# No 'Alternative Facts'!

## CNN Reporter Shares Struggle for News Accuracy

In a world where facts are debated and some shout about “fake news,” Americans often wonder: What do journalists get right? What safeguards and codes of ethics are in place to make sure this happens? What happens when reporters make mistakes or even make up stories? Accomplished reporter Bob Ortega shares his story of a career devoted to trying to get the facts straight despite challenges and some public accusations of an opportunistic, dishonest mainstream media. What is expected of journalists in terms of accuracy and what does Ortega do as a reporter to tell the truth as best he knows it? Join us and find out!



Bob Ortega is a senior writer for CNN Investigates, covering border and immigration issues. Ortega is a longtime investigative reporter, most recently at the *Arizona Republic* as a specialty writer covering the border, focusing on child welfare. He has also been managing editor for the *Honolulu Civil Beat*, which focuses on accountability journalism, and a writer for the *Seattle Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. Ortega also trained aspiring investigative journalists overseas for 10 years. He has received the Hillman Prize for social justice reporting, the Ancil Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism, and the Sidney Award for reporting on problematic cervical cancer screening. He has also served as a Knight International Press Fellow in Paraguay and taught journalism at Ryerson University. (Source: CNN professional bio. Images from CNN and Pixabay.)

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