

The Practice Of Public Relations 12th Edition

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Long admired as the "practitioners" Public Relations text, Seitel's *The Practice of Public Relations* continues its tradition as the most visual, up-to-date and straightforward principles text available. For the aspiring student of public relations to the veteran professional seeking a refresher, Seitel's text leads the reader thru the evolution of the practice, the preparation and process necessary to reach a variety of "publics" and most importantly how to implement actual PR practice. Drawing on his own vast professional experience, his role as a PR commentator on major U.S television networks such as CNN, ABC and FOX, and his network of industry leaders, Public Relations faculty and generations of PR professionals, Seitel presents the industry with dynamism and relevancy.&&

In this updated edition of the successful *Public Relations Handbook*, a detailed introduction to the theories and practices of the public relations industry is given. Broad in scope, it; traces the history and development of public relations, explores ethical issues which affect the industry, examines its relationships with politics, lobbying organisations and journalism, assesses its professionalism and regulation, and advises on training and entry into the profession. It includes: interviews with press officers and PR agents about their working practices case studies, examples, press releases and illustrations from a range of campaigns including Railtrack, Marks and Spencer, Guinness and the Metropolitan Police specialist chapters on financial public relations, global PR, business ethics, on-line promotion and the challenges of new technology over twenty illustrations from recent PR campaigns. In this revised and updated practical text, Alison Theaker successfully combines theoretical and organisational frameworks for studying public relations with examples of how the industry works in practice.

The past 20 years have seen an influx of women into the practice of public relations, yet gender-based disparities in pay and advancement remain a troubling reality. As the field becomes feminized, moreover, female and male practitioners alike confront

the prospect of dwindling salaries and prestige. This landmark book presents a comprehensive examination of the status of women in public relations and proposes concrete ways to achieve greater parity in education and practice. The authors integrate the theoretical literature of public relations and gender with results of a major longitudinal study of women in the field, along with illuminating focus group and interview data. Topics covered include factors contributing to sex discrimination; how public relations stacks up against other professions on gender-related issues; the challenges facing female managers and entrepreneurs; the experiences of ethnic minority professionals; the salary gap; the glass ceiling; and how to foster solutions on individual, organizational, and societal levels. This volume is an essential read for both educators and practitioners in public relations. It can be used as a course text in graduate research seminars, and also as a supplemental text in courses addressing gender issues in PR. It serves as a useful guide for young practitioners entering the profession, and provides critical insights for public relations managers.

"This concise, action-oriented book shows practitioners how to systematically expand their roles, improve their processes, and sharpen their strategies to engage with today's more sophisticated and socialized customers. Drawing on her extensive client experience, Breakenridge helps you respond to consumers who demand control over their own brand relationships... marry communications with technology more effectively, and become your organization's go-to resource on social technology decisions... reflect social media realities throughout your policies and governance... generate greater internal collaboration, eliminating silos once and for all... listen to consumers' conversations, and apply what you're learning... build communications crisis plans you can implement at a moment's notice... develop profound new insights into how consumers construct and perceive their brand relationships... practice "reputation management on steroids"... take the lead on identifying and applying metrics... and much more." --Publisher description.

Coverage of global markets, new technologies, and multiculturalism throughout make this dynamic text the cutting-edge choice for public relations courses. Accompanied by unique, free online video interviews of leaders in the public relations field, the text presents and explains in a personal, jargon-free style the fundamental tools of public relations practice, providing a multi-disciplinary understanding of the emerging trends within the field. Critical changes in society and technology lend importance to the increasing emphasis in the management function of public relations. While traditional media is still the foundation of public communication, the new social media now provides a much more personal and interactive form of public relations. This book thus provides the user with the ability to create effective messages using both the new social media as well as traditional media. This book presents a unique overview of public relations history, tracing the development of the profession and its practices in a variety of sectors, ranging from politics, education, social movements, corporate communication, and entertainment. Author Cayce Myers examines the institutional pressures, including financial, legal, and ethical considerations, that have shaped public relations and have led to the parameters in which the practice is executed today, exploring the role underrepresented groups and sectors (both in the U.S. and internationally) played in its formation. The book presents the diversity and nuance of public relations practice

while also providing a cohesive narrative that engages readers in the complex development of this influential profession. Public Relations History is an excellent resource for upper level undergraduate and graduate courses covering public relations theory, management, and administration; mass communication history; and media history.

"An excellent text for encouraging students to think critically about key public relations issues. Not only does it help students to develop a deeper appreciation of public relations, it also helps them to develop valuable learning skills." - Amanda Coady, The Hague University "A typically excellent piece of work from Jacquie L'Etang. Critical of every basic concept and provocative to all students. Ideal for second and final year undergraduates, plus MA students." - Chris Rushton, Sunderland University "Extending beyond the usual bounds of insularity, this text is designed to encourage critical thought in students and improve practice in workplaces. A refreshing read that is consistently inventive enough to attain both aims." - David McKie, Waikato Management School "At long last fills a void in the landscape of text books on public relations theory and practice... it develops critical thinking skills while exposing interdisciplinary approaches and providing a very solid foundation for lively debate and further study - Julia Jahansoozi, University of Central Lancashire This book introduces students to the key concepts in Public Relations, with 12 chapters providing clear and careful explanations of concepts such as: Reputation Risk Impression management Celebrity Ethics Persuasion and propaganda Emotional and spiritual dimensions of management Promotional culture and globalization Drawing on a wide range of interdisciplinary sources, Jacquie L'Etang also encourages students to think critically about public relations as an occupation. Student exercises, 'critical reflections', vignettes and 'discipline boxes' help students to widen their intellectual perspective on the subject, and to really engage the thinking that has shaped both the discipline and practice of public relations. Along with such traditional management tools as budgeting, HR, planning, and leadership, The Practice of Government Public Relations, Second Edition demonstrates that the 21st-century government administrator needs new tools to address the changing context of government communication. It provides public managers with an understanding of the uses of public relations as tools to advance the goals of public agencies, including media relations, an informed public, public branding, listening to the citizenry, and crisis management. While no manager can be an expert in all aspects of public administration, this book will help managers know what external communications tools are available to them for advancing the mission and results of their agencies. The authors argue that government public relations activities can serve three broad purposes: mandatory activities, which support governance; optional activities, which offer a pragmatic means of improving policy outcomes, inputs, and impacts; and dangerous but powerful activities, which may serve political interests. The book focuses on practitioners throughout the public sector, including the U.S. federal government, state and local governments, and public administrators outside of the U.S. Several new chapters address the use of digital communications as social media and the resultant rapid diffusion of information has transformed the responsibility, accessibility, and vulnerability of government communications. In addition, two new chapters examine the topic of branding, its growing influence in the public sector, and how it can be used to connect with citizens and increase public engagement. The Practice of Government Public Relations, Second Edition is designed to help government

managers at various levels of administration looking to specialize in public relations, those assigned to communications offices, and program managers seeking innovative and cost-effective ways to implement their programmatic missions. It will also be of interest to students of public administration who will become the government workers of the future.

The role of the public relations practitioner is becoming ever more demanding. International in scope, and written in a practical and easy-to-follow style, this fully updated second edition is packed with expert advice, providing a sound introduction to a wide range of specialist areas.

This innovative book explores ten great works, by well-known thinkers and orators, whose impact has been intellectual, practical and global. Most of the works significantly precede public relations as a phrase or profession, but all are in no doubt about the force of planned public communication, and the power that lies with those managing the process. The works are stimulating and diverse and were written to address some of society's biggest challenges. Although not traditionally the focus of public relations research, they have all had a global impact as communicators and as the foundation for fundamental ideas, from spirituality to war and economics to social justice. Each addresses the implications of structured communication between organizations and societies, and scrutinizes or advocates activities that are now central to PR and its morality. They could not ignore PR, and PR cannot ignore them. This book will be essential reading for researchers and scholars in public relations and communication and will also be of inter-disciplinary interest to study in sociology, literature, philosophy, politics and history.

International Public Relations: Negotiating Culture, Identity, and Power offers the first critical-cultural approach to international public relations theory and practice. Authors Patricia A. Curtin and T. Kenn Gaither introduce students to a cultural-economic model and accompanying practice matrix that explain public relations techniques and practices in a variety of regulatory, political, and cultural climates. offers the first critical-cultural approach to international public relations theory and practice. Authors Patricia A. Curtin and T. Kenn Gaither introduce students to a cultural-economic model and accompanying practice matrix that explain public relations techniques and practices in a variety of regulatory, political, and cultural climates.

'This has always been the definitive text for PR in Australia. Public Relations: Theory and Practice is the complete companion for new and not-so-new practitioners. I'll be keeping a copy on my bookshelf.' - Tracy Jones, FPRIA former president, Public Relations Institute of Australia Public relations is a dynamic and rapidly growing field which offers a variety of career paths. Whether you're building the public image of an organisation, developing news and social media strategies, or managing issues for a company or political party, you need strong communication skills and a sound understanding of public relations processes. In this widely used introduction to professional practice, leading academics and practitioners outline the core principles of public relations in business, government and the third sectors. They show how to develop effective public relations strategies and explain how to research, run and evaluate a successful public relations campaign. Drawing on a range of communication and public relations theories, they discuss how to work with key publics, using all forms of media for maximum impact. It is richly illustrated with examples and case studies from Australia, New Zealand, Asia and other countries. Public Relations has been substantially revised and includes newly

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written chapters on social media, tactics, integrated marketing communication, risk and crisis communication, public relations history, corporate and investor public relations, and law, as well as a new glossary of theoretical terms.

In this unique book, Thomas Mickey looks at public relations from a humanistic definition that is focused on understanding publics rather than controlling them or predicting their behavior. Most public relations books assume several theories, which are more positivist in their approach, because they view public relations as a science. Sociodrama moves beyond that assumption to take public relations as a form of interaction. In this application of the theory of Sociodrama to public relations, Mickey describes Sociodrama's focus on language as the way to constitute the organization rather than as a tool to get something done. The author explains how the theory of Sociodrama proposes elements and levels of a drama present in our language. His study makes use of 2 qualitative research methodologies: focus groups and Q sorting, with a whole chapter of the book devoted to case studies. Mickey's study allows students to obtain a different view of public relations and makes the reader aware of the drama in the language of the organizations and the language of the public. The practitioner can use the knowledge gained from this book to interact in a way which builds a relationship with the publics, talking with them, and not to them.

The public relations of "everything" takes the radical position that public relations is a profoundly different creature than a generation of its scholars and teachers have portrayed it. Today, it is clearly no longer limited, if it ever has been, to the management of communication in and between organizations. Rather, it has become an activity engaged in by everyone, and for the most basic human reasons: as an act of self-creation, self-expression, and self-protection. The book challenges both popular dismissals and ill-informed repudiations of public relations, as well as academic and classroom misconceptions. In the age of digitization and social media, everyone with a smart phone, Twitter and Facebook accounts, and the will and skill to use them, is in the media. The PR of everything – the ubiquitousness of public relations – takes a perspective that is less concerned with ideas of communication and information than with experience and drama, a way of looking at public relations inside out, upside down and from a micro rather than a macro level. Based on a combination of the research of PR practice and critical-thinking analysis of theory, and founded in the author's extensive corporate experience, this book will be invaluable reading for scholars and practitioners alike in Public Relations, Communications and Social Media.

Public relations is an essential element in effective and successful business today. The theory of public relations does not change but the practice develops with new ideas and methods of management and business. This fourth edition of 'The Practice of Public Relations' incorporates essential updating and covers new areas such as: *international public relations *crisis management *sponsorship *education and training *career prospects. In 'The Practice of Public Relations' fifteen contributors give well-reasoned, practical introductions to every aspect of public relations. Keys to the many different ways in which public relations can contribute to the achievement of objectives and the successful and harmonious operation of an organization are given thorough coverage. T This new edition has been prepared to embrace these changes so that CAM students and other readers are fully briefed on the latest issues in the realm of public relations. Sam Black, during his career, has played a significant role in the

development of both the Institute of Public Relations and the International Public Relations Association. Contributors: John Cole-Morgan, Betty Dean, Rosemary Graham, Mark D Grundy, Jane Hammond, Brian Harvey, Danny Moss, Margaret Nally, Phyllis Oberman, Michael Regester, Douglas Smith, Tim Travers-Healy, Neville Wade, Sue Wolstenholme.

As media continues to evolve, social media has become even more integral to public relations activities, presenting new opportunities and challenges for practitioners. Relationships between publics and organizations continue to be first and foremost, but the process and possibilities for mutually beneficial relationships are being rewritten in situ. This volume aims to explore and understand highly engaged publics in a variety of social media contexts and across networks. The hope is the expansion and extension of public relations theories and models in this book helps move the discipline forward to keep up with the practice and the media environment. Contributors analyzed a range of organizations and industries, including corporate, entertainment, government, and political movements, to consider how public relations practitioners can facilitate ethical and effective communication between parties. A consistent thread was the need for organizations and practitioners to better understand the diverse backgrounds of publics, including age, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, beyond surface-level demographic stereotypes and assumptions. This book will be of interest to researchers, academics, and students in the field of public relations and communication, especially those with a particular interest in online engagement and social media as a PR tool.

This handbook represents the state of the public relations profession throughout the world, with contributions from the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. A resource for scholars and advanced students in public relations & international business.

Over the centuries, scholars have studied how individuals, institutions and groups have used various rhetorical stances to persuade others to pay attention to, believe in, and adopt a course of action. The emergence of public relations as an identifiable and discrete occupation in the early 20th century led scholars to describe this new iteration of persuasion as a unique, more systematized, and technical form of wielding influence, resulting in an overemphasis on practice, frequently couched within an American historical context. This volume responds to such approaches by expanding the framework for understanding public relations history, investigating broad, conceptual questions concerning the ways in which public relations rose as a practice and a field within different cultures and countries at different times in history. With its unique cultural and contextual emphasis, *Pathways to Public Relations* shifts the paradigm of public relations history away from traditional methodologies and assumptions, and provides a new and unique entry point into this complicated arena.

This book represents a practical guide to ethical decision-making tailored specifically to the needs of those who practice and study public relations. It traces the development of ethical theory from ancient Greece through the works of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle to modern day public relations executives including Harold Burson, Robert Dilenschneider, and Richard Edelman. The book helps readers build personal frameworks for ethical reasoning that will enable them not only to recognize the ethical issues at play in public relations practice but also to analyze the conflicting duties and loyalties in these situations. This volume fills a gap in the currently available books on the subject, most of which either lack theoretical grounding or practical application. Illustrative cases

used in this book span a wide range of public relations functions. To update readers on issues discussed in this book, the authors have started an online conversation. Please join the discussion at <http://Updates.PREthics.com>.

Public Relations: The Basics is a highly readable introduction to one of the most exciting and fast-paced media industries. Both the practice and profession of public relations are explored and the focus is on those issues which will be most relevant to those new to the field: The four key phases of public relations campaigns: research, strategy, tactics and evaluation. History and evolution of public relations. Basic concepts of the profession: ethics, professionalism and theoretical underpinnings. Contemporary international case studies are woven throughout the text ensuring that the book is relevant to a global audience. It also features a glossary and an appendix on first steps towards a career in public relations making this the book the ideal starting point for anyone new to the study of public relations.

Public Relations Writing: Principles in Practice is a comprehensive core text that guides students from the most basic foundations of public relations writing-research, planning, ethics, organizational culture, law, and design-through the production of actual, effective public relations materials. The Second Edition focuses on identifying and writing public relations messages and examines how public relations messages differ from other messages.

Exciting, engaging and dealing with both the theory and day-to-day practice of public relations, this is a concise and approachable alternative to the larger, dryer and more expensive textbooks currently on the market.

Discovering Public Relations introduces students to the field of PR in a practical, applied, and hands-on way that prepares them for the modern workplace. Author Karen Freberg guides students through the evolution of contemporary PR practices with an emphasis on social media, digital communication, creativity, and diversity. Understanding that innovation alone can't create success, Freberg shows students how to use, choose, and implement evidence-based practices to guide their strategic campaigns. The text will transform today's students into tomorrow's successful PR professionals by giving them the tools to think creatively, innovate effectively, and deploy research-backed tactics for successful campaigns.

In the world of business, public relations affects all types of organization, however large or small, commercial or non-commercial. In this practical guide, Philip Henslowe, a public relations expert, takes the reader through the process of creating a PR campaign. He provides a valuable overview of the main areas of work involved, including: Planning and outsourcing Business writing Working with printers, photographers and designers Promotions, functions and other events Crisis management New developments in technology Assessment and evaluation This fully updated second edition now includes new information on professional advisers, spin doctors, PR in local government, financial PR, the advent of corporate social responsibility, and developments in technology. **Public Relations: A Practical Guide to the Basics** is endorsed by the Institute of Public Relations as a start-up guide to PR. Ideal too for the small or developing business, the book will serve as an indispensable reference tool for PR and non-PR professionals.

The industry of public relations is rapidly evolving, requiring practitioners to have greater specialization than ever before. Hand in hand with the growth of the industry, educational programs have developed to address the growing need for quality preparation for future practitioners. *Public Relations: Competencies and Practice* focuses on the required competencies expected and applications of public relations into specific sectors of practice. Based on competencies identified by organizations such as the Commission on Public Relations Education and the Public Relations Society of America, *Public Relations* provides a robust examination of areas such as diversity, leadership, and ethics. The second part of the text focuses on these unique requirements for undergraduate and graduate students focused on entering sectors such as entertainment public relations, nonprofit public relations, or investor relations. The book also features online resources for instructors: Sample course syllabus Discussion questions Suggested midterm and final project *Public Relations* offers students competency- and practice-focused content from top PR experts and incorporates interviews from professionals in the field to show students how to apply competencies in specific practice sectors. Featuring the original writing of noted experts in the field, and selected by educators and former public relations professionals, *The Comprehensive Public Relations Reader: Function and Practice* gives students a comprehensive overview of public relations. The readings are organized into four sections. The first provides foundational information on public relations, including a clear definition of the field and insight into its origins. Section 2 discusses careers in public relations in articles on job preparation and the top public relations careers in areas such as health care, government, and sports. In Section 3 readers learn about public relations best practices. Specific topics include identifying stakeholders, assessing the environment, and knowing the tools of the trade. The final section is devoted to the four-step public relations process, and explores how to establish goals and objectives, and implement a strategic plan. A thoughtful blend of writing on the theoretical and the practical, background and application, *The Comprehensive Public Relations Reader* is an ideal text for introductory courses in the discipline. The anthology is also well-suited to classes in advertising, marketing, and strategic business communication. Bob "Pritch" Pritchard, M.A., is a retired Navy Captain, with more than 25 years of public relations experience. He is faculty adviser for the student-run advertising and public relations agency in the Gaylord College at the University of Oklahoma. Professor Pritchard is a member of the Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows, a distinction shared by fewer than two percent of the 20,000 members. Jensen Moore, Ph.D., is a former community relations director and advertising account executive for the St. Paul Saints professional baseball team, and team public relations director in the Continental Basketball Association. Dr. Moore is currently an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, where she teaches courses in public relations, and researches social media and crisis communication. She completed her Ph.D.

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Public Relations and Communication Management serves as a festschrift honoring the work of public relations scholars James E. Gruning and Larissa A. Grunig. Between them, the Grunigs have published 12 books and more than 330 articles, book chapters, and various academic and professional publications, and have supervised 34 doctoral dissertations and 105 master's theses. This volume recognizes the Grunig's contributions to public relations scholarship over the past four decades. To honor the Grunig's scholarship, this volume continues to expand their body of work with essays from renowned colleagues, former students, and research associates. The chapters discuss current trends in the field as well as emerging issues that drive the field forward. Sample topics include theories and future aspects of the behavioral, strategic management approach to managing public relations, and its linkages and implications to related subfields and key field issues. Contributions stimulate academic discussion and demonstrate the relevance of applied theories for the practice of public relations and communication management with up-to-date concepts, theories, and thoughts.

The Practice of Public Relations, Third Edition is a compendium of articles written by professional and expert practitioners in the field of public relations. The book serves as an introduction to the practice of public relations and as a guide to students of communication, advertising, and marketing. The collection covers a wide range of topics such as the planning and execution of a public relations campaign; the types of media used and the timing and handling of material; the different settings where public relations are applied, examples are industrial companies, government, and marketing firms; the law and ethics of public relations; and how to build a successful career in public relations. Marketing, advertising, and communications professionals and students will find the book very useful.

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Nonprofit organizations are managing to carry out sophisticated public relations programming that cultivates relationships with their key audiences. Their public relations challenges, however, have routinely been understudied. Budgetary and staffing restraints often limit how these organizations carry out their fundraising, public awareness and activism efforts, and client outreach. This volume explores a range of public relations theories and topics important to the management of nonprofit organizations, including crisis management, communicating to strengthen engagement online and offline, and recruiting and retaining volunteer and donor support.

Winner of the 2019 Textbook & Academic Authors Association's The Most Promising New Textbook Award How can public relations play a more active role in the betterment of society? Introduction to Strategic Public Relations: Digital, Global, and Socially Responsible Communication prepares you for success in today's fast-changing PR environment.

Recognizing that developments in technology, business, and culture require a fresh approach, Janis T. Page and Lawrence Parnell have written a practical introductory text that aligns these shifts with the body of knowledge from which the discipline of public relations was built. Because the practice of public relations is rooted in credibility, the authors believe that you must become ethical and socially responsible communicators more concerned with building trust and respect with diverse communities than with creating throwaway content. The authors balance this approach with a focus on communication theory, history, process, and practice and on understanding how these apply to strategic public relations planning, as well as on learning how to create a believable and persuasive message. Key Features Chapter-opening Scenarios capture your attention by discussing current PR challenges—such as the Wells Fargo cross-selling, VW emissions cover-up, and P&G’s “Like a Girl” campaign—and thus frame the chapter content and encourage active reading. At the end of the chapter, you explore various aspects of socially responsible communication to “solve” the PR challenge. Socially Responsible Case Studies in each chapter illustrate the key responsibilities of a modern public relations professional such as media relations, crisis communications, employee communications, applied communications research, and corporate and government-specific communications. Each case features problem-solving questions to encourage critical thinking. Social Responsibility in Action boxes feature short, specific social responsibility cases—such as Universals’ #NoFoodWasted, Nespresso in South Sudan, and Merck’s collaboration with AIDS activists—to highlight best practices and effective tactics, showing the link between sound public relations strategy and meaningful social responsibility programs. Insight boxes spark classroom discussion on particularly important or unique topics in each chapter. Personality Profile boxes will inspire you with stories from PR veterans and rising stars such as the U.S. CEO of Burson-Marsteller, the Chief Communication Officer of the United Nations Foundation, and the Executive VP at HavasPR.

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This important volume will stimulate debate about the boundaries, definitions, functions, and effects of public relations. The editors are Lecturers in Public Relations at the Stirling Media Research Institute, University of Stirling, Scotland.

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Paradox in Public Relations: A Contrarian Critique of Theory and Practice is a thought-provoking exploration of public relations, aiming to promote changes in meaning and perception by creating new meta-realities for public relations. The term “Public Relations” was embraced by early practitioners primarily because it sounded more professional than the often-pejorative alternatives. This book argues for a reframing of some of the popular realities associated with modern-day public relations and uses psychological and organizational change theory to critique paradoxes in public relations theory and practice. By examining public relations through the lens of paradox, we can begin to identify the logical fallacies that have inhibited progress and innovation in public relations practice and theory. The book explores the paradoxical nature of key concepts, including public interest, relationship management, accountability, stewardship, loyalty, community, and ethics. It also recommends new conceptualizations for understanding the field. This book will be of interest to media, communication, public relations, and advertising faculty and graduate students, particularly those interested in public relations theory and ethics. Scholars from other disciplines can also use this exploration of paradox in PR as a learning tool for identifying logical fallacies and inconsistencies.

Pairing Fraser Seitel's unique, humorous voice with the most up-to-date case studies, interviews, news photos, and other techniques, the Practice of Public Relations is truly an “in-your-face” Public Relations textbook. The 12th edition continues the theme of giving readers the knowledge and skills they need to know to be successful in today's world of public relations—including heavy emphasis on social media and ethics.

Evaluating Public Relations advises PR practitioners at all levels how to demonstrate clearly and objectively to their clients and managers the impact that their work has. The authors draw on both their practical and academic experience to discuss a diverse range of evaluation methods and strategies, illustrating them throughout with award winning case studies and interviews. Fully revised and updated, the second edition of this book allows practitioners to more closely monitor and evaluate their campaigns and helps them develop more robust campaign strategies. This edition includes new information on: online evaluation; measuring relationships; practitioner culture, evaluation procedures and structures; payment by results; econometrics; word of mouth. Covering both theory and practice, Evaluating Public Relations is a handbook for both students and experienced practitioners.

Gaining Influence in Public Relations explores how professionals can increase their influence in practice to help their organizations achieve success. This provocative book explores the largely uncharted territories of power, resistance, dissent, and activism in public relations, arguing that practitioners can increase their power and social legitimacy by developing and using a wider range of influence resources, strategies, and tactics. Authors Bruce K. Berger and Bryan H. Reber talked with hundreds of practitioners, analyzed original survey data, and examined a detailed case study to develop a theory of power relations. Ultimately, the book seeks to advance the ethical and effective practice of public relations. Intended for scholars and graduate students in public relations, it also has much to offer practitioners, as well as scholars and students in organizational communication, organizational theory, human resources, and leadership.

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