

# TAKE US WITH YOU: DISCLOSING NEWSGATHERING IN INVESTIGATIVE PODCASTS

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## **ABSTRACT**

This professional project seeks to understand how and why journalists disclose their newsgathering and reporting processes within investigative podcasts. Two main research questions will be addressed in the study. First: What storytelling techniques are journalists using to provide more transparency and evidence of their reporting and newsgathering process within investigative podcasts? Second: Why are journalists using storytelling techniques to provide more transparency and evidence of their reporting and newsgathering process in investigative podcasts?

In order to analyze newsgathering and reporting in investigative podcasts, the researcher listened to over 20 seasons of investigative podcasts and spoke to eight investigative journalists. The analysis discusses why investigative journalists publish their work in podcast form, how and why to gather tape for transparency purposes, and how that tape overlaps with narrative storytelling goals. It also identifies what storytelling techniques are used, and why they are being used in investigative podcasts.