



Privacy in a Selfie World



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You're the publisher

Sandra Bland was found dead in a jail cell in Waller County, Texas, on July 13, 2015, after her July 10 arrest. She was 28 and from the suburbs.

The media could not cover this story enough. Did she really commit suicide? Did Texas cops kills her? Was her arrest lawful?

The victim was dead so she could not speak for herself. Or could she using posts culled from her social media account?

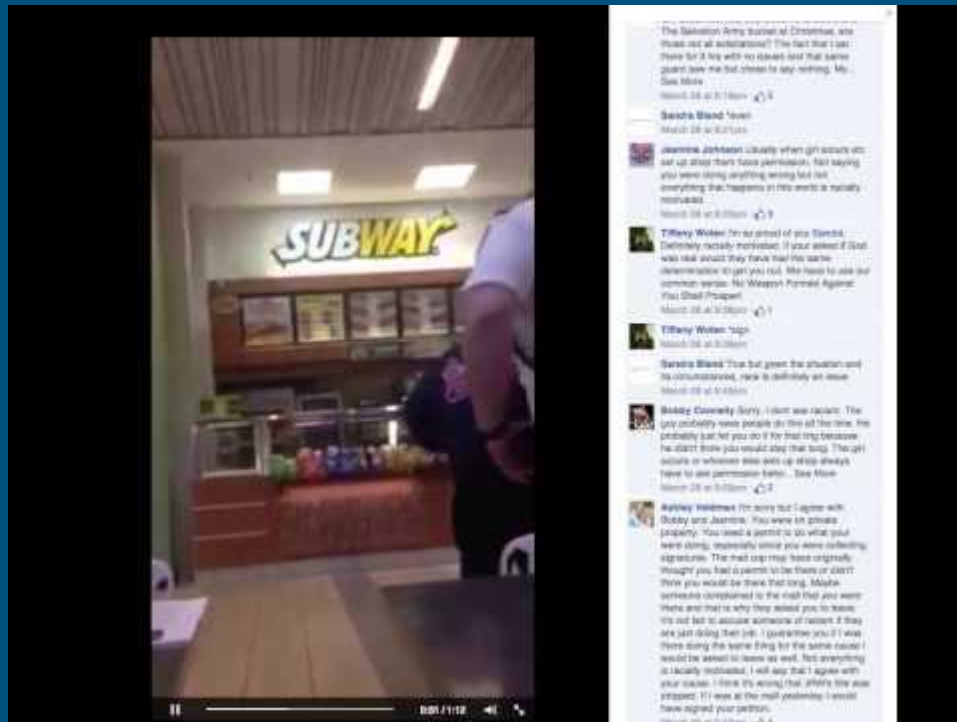
What are the ethical obligations of would-be publishers of that digital data?

You are the publisher. You make the call.

Sandra on Facebook



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You need pictures

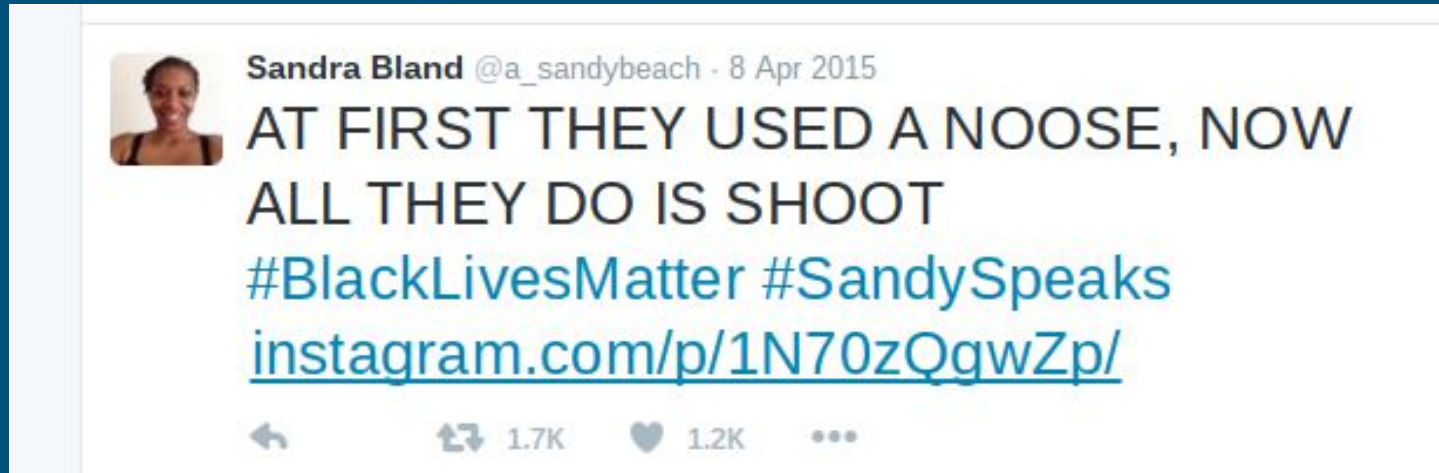
Is it fair to take from her
social media accounts?



Is family fair game?



Sandra on Twitter



https://twitter.com/a_sandybeach



Sandra Bland @a_sandybeach · 23 Jun 2014

Really like this pic of @KevinHart4real. He kinda look like @MeekMill tho #OhWell #twosexyassCHOCOLATES




Sandra Bland @a_sandybeach · 23 Jun 2014

Truth in advertising OR NAH???
#AmericagivesNOFUCKS




Are retweets relevant?

Sandra Bland Retweeted

 **duRANT.** @iDntWearCondoms · 23 Jun 2014
Only two types of people think like men: men, and hoes


312 149

Sandra Bland Retweeted

 **duRANT.** @iDntWearCondoms · 23 Jun 2014
When u get ya heartbroken u call ya ex You-Know-Who like Voldemort


110 81

Sandra Bland Retweeted

 **Keshone Roberts** @Its_maam_2U · 21 Jun 2014
Everybody up getting ready to go out and my entertainment for tonight is @HBCUfessions!

24 16

Sandra Bland Retweeted

 **duRANT.** @iDntWearCondoms · 21 Jun 2014
I'm hungry, sober, and annoyed. #Sadderday

63 28

Sandra on Instagram



https://www.instagram.com/sandy_beachez007/

Do social media posts
counts as interviews?

'SANDY SPEAKS' — The Sandra Bland Facebook Videos [OPINION]

By **Todd Anderson** July 24, 2015 8:16 AM



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It's somewhat surreal that Sandra Bland recorded a number of videos prior to her untimely death while in jail in a Texas Holding Cell. Her videos address the condition of Depression but regarding that topic, Sandra Bland offers much encouragement to persons dealing with it.

Do these video seem to be representative of a person who would kill themselves? Could it be that Sandra Bland DID commit suicide to draw attention to her arrest and the condition of 'DEPRESSION', ironically making her a HERO of sorts.

I'm suggesting Sandra Bland is a Modern Day Hero based upon the notion if she were alive and well as we speak would any of her Social Media Videos EVER be viewed by anyone other than possibly her family and close friends....and even then what impact would any of the videos have?

People take Mental Health for granted, especially when it's in the form of depression because many people deal with this condition but are able to manage with no one knowing anything about what the person is going through. So a video posted on Social Media by a person dealing with depression is pretty much looked upon as not much of anything to be concerned with regarding that person possibly killing

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Sandra Bland discussed race relations, depression on Facebook



<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/naperville-sun/news/ct-nvs-sandra-bland-social-media-st-0723-20150722-story.html>

Bland, who previously lived in Aurora and Villa Park, notes in those posts that such illnesses are something "the African-American culture turns a blind eye to."

"Yeah, I deal with it, and some of you watching this probably deal with it too," she said. "And you have to know it's OK."

#SandySpeaks: 'I'm Here to Change History'

Sandra Bland, who died while in police custody in Texas, has emerged as a martyr, illuminating police violence against black women in a way that is finally resonating across the country.

by Kirsten West Savali



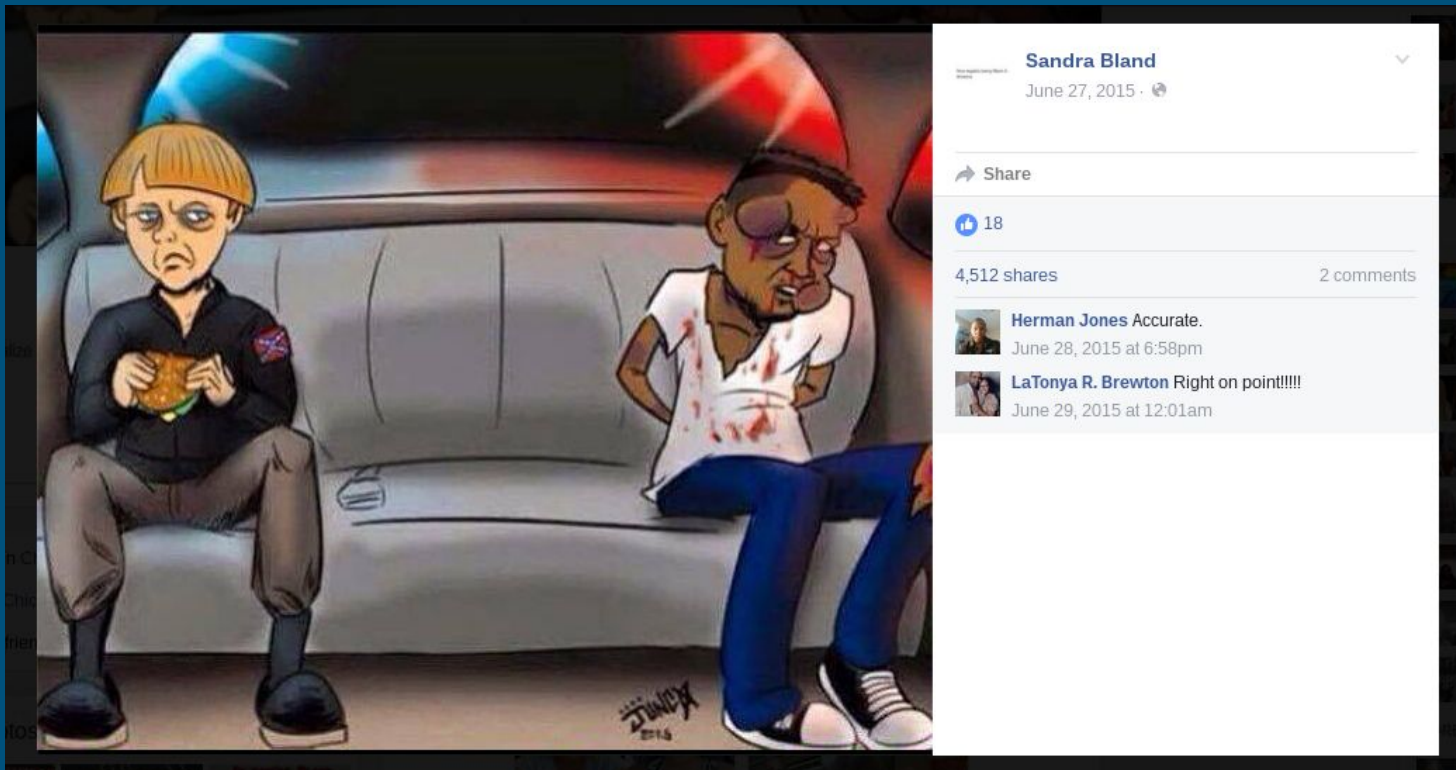
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<http://www.commondreams.org/views/2015/07/27/sandyspeaks-im-here-change-history>

On July 10, Bland was ready. If she was to die, if she was to feel the blows of brutality on her brown skin, no one would be able to say that she enjoyed it.

Some may say that Bland foreshadowed her own death in Texas. Her Facebook cover photo—highlighting the hypocrisy of state-sanctioned anti-black terrorism—shows a caricature of Dylann Roof eating the Burger King burger his arresting officers bought him after he was captured for murdering nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.



Sandra Bland

June 27, 2015 · 🌐

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18

4,512 shares

2 comments



Herman Jones Accurate.

June 28, 2015 at 6:58pm



LaTonya R. Brewton Right on point!!!!

June 29, 2015 at 12:01am

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10100684697997254&set=a.875849783584.2142325.73304051&type=3&theater>



U.S. » Who was Sandra Bland?

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By Ray Sanchez, CNN

🕒 Updated 9:17 PM ET, Thu July 23, 2015 | Video Source: [CNN](#)

(CNN) — Sandra Bland, like many people her age, regularly voiced opinions about racism and other topics on social media.

The 28-year-old posted about going natural with her hair, the "Black Lives Matter" movement, and even offered a "shout out" to a girl who handed her a bottle of water after a John Legend concert.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/22/us/sandra-bland/>

What about others?

JUSTICE

Sandra Bland Jailer Lets Loose On Facebook

One of the detention officers at the jail when Bland committed suicide posted comments defending himself on social media

<http://www.vocativ.com/264096/one-of-sandra-blands-jailers-lets-loose-on-facebook/>

Officer

A detention officer at the Texas jail where Sandra Bland was found dead earlier this year has been posting angry comments defending himself regarding Bland and the case on social media. A grand jury earlier this week declined to indict anyone in her death, which was ruled a suicide.

“SO I’M GUESSING SHE NEED TO BE CONVICTED FOR DOING IT TO HERSELF, OH WAIT...ONLY GOD CAN DO THAT,” Waller County Detention Officer Dormic Smith posted on Facebook, a Vocativ analyst found, in response to a comment on a thread about Bland stating “U can’t convict people that didn’t do shit.”

Ask yourself ...

What story could I write about you from your social media posts?

