

SUMMARY OF KEY NEW CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

1. Dissertation Title: Online News Media's Role in the Fight Against Corruption in Vietnam Today

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6. Key new contributions of the dissertation:

- Contributes to operationalizing the concept of online news media's engagement in the fight against corruption; approaches the anti-corruption activities of online news media through the lens of published journalistic products.

- Systematizes content regarding the role of online news media in the fight against corruption, as well as the political and legal foundations; applies relevant journalism and communication theories to analyze and explain the processes of selecting, prioritizing, organizing, and disseminating anti-corruption information, thereby clarifying how online news media fulfill their role in combating corruption.

- Develops an analytical framework and a set of criteria to evaluate the anti-corruption activities of online news media across four dimensions: volume and frequency of information, information content, methods of engagement, and presentation formats; establishes a basis for surveying, analyzing, and assessing the current state of online news media's involvement in the fight against corruption.

- Provide an empirical dataset comprising 1,726 articles on anti-corruption efforts published by three surveyed online news outlets (Nhan Dan Online, Bao

Ve Phap Luat Online, and VnExpress) between January 2021 and June 2025. Based on this, identify the characteristics, successes, limitations, underlying causes, and emerging issues regarding the anti-corruption coverage of these outlets; simultaneously, propose effective solutions and recommendations to enhance the role of online news media in the fight against corruption, particularly within the current context of digital transformation.

- The research findings may serve as reference material for research and teaching in the fields of journalism, media, and anti-corruption. Furthermore, the proposed solutions and recommendations offer valuable insights for press management agencies, media organizations in general, online news outlets in particular, and journalists engaged in reporting on anti-corruption efforts.

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