

BJRI RESEARCH ETHICS PUBLIC INTEREST METHODOLOGY AND RESPONSIBLE EVIDENCE BASED INQUIRY FRAMEWORK

BLACK JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Research Ethics and Public Interest Methodology Framework

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to establish the research ethics, public-interest methodology, safeguarding, evidential discipline, and responsible evidence-based inquiry principles governing the activities of the Black Justice Research Institute (“BJRI”).

The Institute recognises that responsible research activity depends substantially upon procedural fairness, lawful conduct, safeguarding awareness, analytical restraint, and careful evidential standards.

2. CORE RESEARCH ETHICS PRINCIPLES

The Institute supports:

- evidential discipline,
- methodological neutrality,
- safeguarding awareness,
- analytical restraint,
- procedural fairness,
- lawful conduct,
- and responsible evidence-based inquiry.

The Institute rejects:

- manipulative research practices,
- ideological extremism,
- distortion of evidence,
- inflammatory conduct,
- coercive institutional behaviour,
- and speculative allegation presented as established fact.

3. PUBLIC-INTEREST RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

Research activity associated with the Institute should support:

- responsible public-interest analysis,
- safeguarding awareness,
- procedural fairness,
- evidential clarity,
- and reduction of unnecessary escalation risks.

The Institute recognises that public-interest research should remain proportionate, carefully documented, and consistent with lawful conduct obligations.

4. EVIDENTIAL DISCIPLINE

The Institute distinguishes between:

- verified fact,
- allegation,
- disputed claim,
- reported experience,
- hypothesis,
- inference,
- perception,
- and speculation.

Research publications and institutional communications should therefore avoid presenting allegation, inference, or speculation as verified fact without appropriate evidential foundation.

5. SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Institute recognises safeguarding obligations within:

- governance activity,
- research practices,
- publication activity,
- digital conduct,
- archive management,
- and public communication standards.

Institutional activity should therefore avoid unsafe escalation practices and support responsible safeguarding standards.

6. RESPONSIBLE METHODOLOGY PRINCIPLES

The Institute supports:

- careful evidence assessment,
- uncertainty recognition where appropriate,
- documentation standards,
- procedural fairness,
- lawful conduct,
- and analytical restraint.

The Institute rejects manipulative framing, ideological distortion of evidence, inflammatory escalation behaviour, and reckless publication practices.

7. RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Public communication associated with the Institute should support:

- evidential clarity,
- procedural fairness,
- safeguarding awareness,
- lawful conduct,
- and responsible institutional behaviour.

The Institute rejects inflammatory rhetoric, harassment campaigns, manipulative communication practices, and coercive escalation behaviour.

8. PUBLIC TRUST AND INSTITUTIONAL CREDIBILITY

The Institute recognises that institutional credibility depends substantially upon:

- evidential discipline,
- safeguarding seriousness,
- lawful conduct,
- procedural fairness,
- proportionality,
- and responsible evidence-based institutional engagement.

9. CONCLUSION

The Institute's research ethics and methodology framework is grounded in evidential discipline, safeguarding awareness, procedural fairness, lawful conduct, analytical restraint, and responsible evidence-based inquiry.

The Institute supports calm, proportionate, evidence-based, and procedurally fair public-interest research practices consistent with long-term institutional credibility.