This was a case evaluation written for the class “Freedom of Expression.” It identifies the key elements of the issue including moral agent, question, issue, other major figures, a SAD analysis, moral theories, value and decision. After reading the case, I was able to determine the facts and put them into those previous categories. This is important to freedom of expression and ethics in communication. One needs to look at a case or situation objectively and be able to pick out the key facts which are most important. In doing so, it will allow the expression of certain issues. It is important to understand what can and cannot be expressed, especially in the field of communication, because it is in regards to the law and certain companies have rules and regulations to follow beyond what you have the freedom of doing. You need to be able to determine what is ethical so not to make a choice too quickly or make the wrong choice.

In this case, the moral agent was a senior anchor on the news. The question was how to integrate website material of a graphic live birth into the news. Though it would be newsworthy especially being the first woman to have multiple births via the internet, it may be too graphic and offensive to people and also could invade that family’s privacy. By looking at every angle and the moral side of each, I decided the best idea would be to run the story while omitting the most graphic images.