

MEMO

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Subject: What is Public Relations?

PART I

Chapter 1 explored various definitions of public relations offered by academics, authors and industry organizations. For PART I, respond to the following prompts:

"Public relations are the methods and strategies used to control how information about a person or company gets out to the public, especially to the media." (Bennett, 2024)

Bennett, C. (2024). What is public relations PR? definition of public relations PR, public relations PR meaning. The Economic Times. https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/definition/public-relations-pr

- I. The definition uses the word strategies to convey how PR is strategic.
- II. The definition in the chapter is a lot more precise about what public relations is. While this one allows for a definition that is understandable to the general public and models more of the old one-way model of PR.