

Re: Leveson and press regulation, i'd like to make the following points:

Newspapers are not charities. They are profit making organisations that trade information.

There's nothing wrong with that - they should be free to and unfettered to print what they like but one of the fundamental principles of any society that actually values freedom is that an individuals rights are equally important as any artificially created government or business persona.

Individual rights and balances are the cornerstone of any system of justice - whether that be social or legal justice. For example an individuals freedom or right to go about their life without being vilified or lied about for economic advantage.....at least without the chance of any true challenge to that vilification.

Leveson seemed to address the current imbalance in a coherent and sensitive way - there is an opportunity for common sense to prevail but it appears Leveson's recommendations are being watered down by corporate entities shamefully, and rather ironically, using the idea of freedom against those equally important individual freedoms and rights.

The truth is that the press values the "rights" of the mob over the rights of the individual. The press can often be likened to a lynch mob. Maybe it's time for some sort of sheriff with a gun that actually has bullets?

Sincerely

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