

I am just an ordinary newspaper reader, the polar opposite of a "celebrity". That fact does nothing to diminish my continued disquiet and silent fury at the way the press industry (with some honourable exceptions) resists the very reasonable boundaries that Lord Leveson recommended. He said that he rejected the notion that the press should escape regulation if, as he anticipated, they demurred from participation in a system of independent regulation, and that the Government needed to consider a statutory regulator being established to "ensure compliance with the civil and criminal law".

Thus, it is vital that the PRP recommends strongly to Parliament that the key "guaranteed access to justice incentive (Crime and Courts Act, Sec.40) should be brought into effect.

We need checks and balances in an effective democracy, and, at present, in this regard, things are unbalanced and largely unchecked (in both senses of the word) because of the overweening power of the press industry. Please recommend that the Government acts now in the spirit and letter of Leveson to rectify this, and restore a balance of power between the press and us, the people.

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