

Dear Panel,

Since the Leveson report into the ethics and culture of the newspaper industry in the United Kingdom, I do not believe anything has changed with regard to the misbehaviour of some the leading newspapers and their proprietors.

They have set up their own regulator, IPSO, which is not independent, but acts largely on behalf of the industry. It has become, in effect, a wrist-slapping group, many of whose members judge each other's spheres of influence on the basis of their own (relative) morality.

I believe more action needs to be taken against the proprietors of newspapers who fill the cover of their paper with lies, and, when it is proven that they were lying, publish a tiny apology tucked away deep in the newspapers, long after the damage has been done, and the misinformed public have subconsciously taken on board the message behind the original headline.

Too much influence, not enough accountability. It was the case before Leveson, and remains so now.

Thanks for reading.

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