

As someone who spent more than 30 years working on national newspapers I am anxious that the promises made as a result of the Leveson Inquiry should not be forgotten. If newspaper publishers continue their arrogant stance against regulation backed by royal charter, they should pay the price that Leveson recommended and that David Cameron promised to support. Self-regulation of the press has proved to be a sham. For too long publishers have been allowed to hide behind the pretence of a moral code that has done nothing to protect the public at large from abusive intrusion and outright illegality. Please recommend to Parliament that Leveson's 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act) should be brought into effect as Parliament had intended.

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