

Louis Hooper:

Dear editors

I think British newspapers are one of the main causes of British society becoming increasingly hateful. One symptom of this is the hopelessness of IPSO, which, by its inaction, fans the flames of the country's rampant xenophobia, racism & misogyny.

I believe there are only 2 honest newspapers left in the country. The others are, to varying degrees, propaganda, seemingly with little interest in providing evidence-based journalism, unlike our broadcasters, who make every effort to tell the truth. These publications should be called "comment journals", or some such, not newspapers.

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If the newspaper industry had any self-respect (which I doubt), the very least it could do is have a trust-worthy, independent body (unlike IPSO) to both correct the rampant fake news & disinformation printed daily by these publications, and ensure all corrections get equal exposure & prominence to the original lies.

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Also, the press's level of intrusion into people's private lives is another sign of its malevolence, having learnt nothing from phone-hacking, Caroline Flack, etc. There are (very rare) occasions when such intrusion is in the public interest. At minimum, an editor's code should give the same weight to the right of privacy as to freedom of expression. I would like to see a regulator with very strong teeth, so that any newspaper that falls foul of this would never do so again, knowing it would get the same (deserved) fate as the "News of the World".

Yours sincerely,

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