

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 January to 31 March 2018

IPSO will publish information on a quarterly basis where we have received more than ten complaints under Clause 12 of the Editors' Code of Practice about the same issue. The information below gives a brief summary of the types of complaints received and the outcome. It is not intended to be exhaustive and the statistics about the numbers of complaints received are accurate up to the end of the relevant quarter. These statistics do not include any cases still under investigation; cases relating to any non-regulated publications; or cases where IPSO received fewer than 10 complaints.

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| Over 100 complaints | | | |
| Bye-EU Tapestry | The Sun | EU Nationals, those who opposed Brexit | Satire referencing the Bayeux tapestry, narrating the events before and after the Brexit referendum. Complainants complained that the article encouraged hate crime and xenophobia against Europeans. No complaint of discrimination against any individual. |
| Vegan activists want farmers' children HURT as veggie politics get VERY DARK | express.co.uk | Vegans | News item reporting claims that vegans were abusing and threatening farmers. Various complaints under Clause 12, primarily focussed on the alleged implication that vegans are violent. No complaint of discrimination against any individual. |
| Can't you show a scintilla of gratitude, Stormzy? | Daily Mail | Immigrants to the UK | A comment piece criticising comments made by a musician about the Government's response to the Grenfell Tower fire, noting his family background. Complainants raised concern that the reference to his family background in this context breached Clause 12. No complaint received from the subject of the story. |

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| Tran and Wife | The Sun | Transgender individuals | A front page splash reporting on the marriage of a transgender couple. Complainants complained that the headline was discriminatory as it trivialised their marriage and was transphobic. No complaint received from the couple; complaints about discrimination against trans people as a group did not engage Clause 12. |
| Between 10 and 100 complaints received | | | |
| Please don't pretend two dads is the new normal | Daily Mail | Single sex couples | Comment piece arguing that children benefit from being raised by two parents of different sexes. Complainants said the article was discriminatory against single sex couples who wanted to have children. No complaint about discrimination against any individual. |
| BULLY BOY Dad of Rangers girl at centre of 'Billy Boys' storm is born-again Christian pastor jailed for battering wife | thescottishsun.co.uk | Rangers Football Club and supporters | Article reporting on the father of a girl seen chanting offensive football chants. Allegiance to a particular football club is not a characteristic recognised by Clause 12. One complaint under Clause 1 (Accuracy) was resolved direct with the publication. |
| Women airbrushed from history by this trans mania | Daily Express | Transgender individuals | Comment piece arguing that the desire to recognise the needs of transgender individuals is undermining the rights of women. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. |