

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 October to 31 December 2023

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.

Headline	Publications	Characteristics/group	Analysis
More than 100 complaints received			
No articles			
Between 10 to 100 complaints received			
	Publications	Characteristics/group	Analysis
The Covid Inquiry gets worse by the day – can no one take responsibility for anything?	Telegraph.co.uk	Autistic people	Online comment piece describing the experts who advised the government during the Covid pandemic.

		<p>Complainants objected to the columnist's use of the term "spectrummy" to describe them as they considered it to be a derogatory slur against autistic people. Some complainants noted that there was no evidence that the advisors were autistic, and even if this was the case, it would be irrelevant to the story. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.</p>
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British society will pay a terrible price for indulging extremism	The Daily Telegraph	Muslims	Comment piece in print and online about recent protests in support of Gaza. Complainants believed the column to be full of anti-Muslim sentiment and that it would incite hatred against Muslims and contribute towards

			Islamophobia. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
40 BABIES MURDERED BY HAMAS'	Metro	Palestinians	Front page article reporting on claims that Hamas murdered 40 babies in Israel. Complainants believed that the claims were unverified and that the article had been written to incite hatred and fuel discriminatory narratives. Some complainants believed that the article promoted racist tropes and stereotypes. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. A complaint made under Clause 1 (Accuracy) is being investigated through IPSO's usual processes.
Regime-change invasion is surely only hours away and with it the end of Hamas - Comment	express.co.uk	Muslims and Palestinians	Online comment piece about Palestinians and the chant, "from the river to the sea". Complainants considered the language used to be Islamophobic and that it portrayed Muslims as inherently violent and dangerous. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. Complaints were outside IPSO's remit for global jurisdictional reasons.
HORROR AT 'PURE EVIL BEHEADING OF BABIES'	Daily Express	Muslims and Palestinians	Front page print and online article reporting on claims that Hamas murdered 40 babies in Israel. Complainants believed that the article was a false report of events and promoted racist tropes and stereotypes about Muslims

			and Palestinians. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
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