

# Arguments in favour of self regulation

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Justin Schlosberg of Birkbeck, University of London [draws a thick line between freedom of the press and freedom of media owners](#), and warns that protecting the latter can have dire consequences for free speech rights in the UK.

Times' Editor [James Harding argues](#) for what he calls 'judicial' not statutory underpinning of tougher newspaper regulation

86 [Tory MPs write to the Telegraph to say](#) that State regulation of the newspapers is the greatest threat to freedom of the press in 300 years.

Fraser Nelson, editor of The Spectator and a columnist for The Daily Telegraph, [calls for a truce](#) on both sides of the battlefield for the freedom of the press.

Environment Secretary [Owen Paterson has warned](#) that any state regulation of the press would be a "horrible, slippery slope".

Whatever Lord Leveson says, Britain should hold on to its feral beast of a press – despite all its horror [says former Telegraph editor Dominic Lawson](#)

Former BBC man and former Index on Censorship boss [John Kampfner argues](#) that statutory regulation would hinder still further journalists who preen too much and probe too little

Polis Director Charlie Beckett (who also exec edits this blog) [argues in favour of self-regulation](#) despite all the faults of the press.

[Guardian leader argues](#) for tougher independent not self- or statutory regulation

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