

As the Leveson Inquiry reaches its twilight stages, we have heard very moving, eloquent testimonies about press abuse both within and outside of its walls. However, the problem is not only that newspapers can lie to sell copies. Or that they can trample over peoples' lives without any real public interest justification. Or even that it has become acceptable in some newspaper offices for journalists, and their private investigators, to blag, bribe and, in effect, blackmail.