

Question 1: Do you have any comments on the drafting of the proposed amendments to the Broadcasting Code set out in Section 4? Please provide drafting suggestions where appropriate.:

All of it

Question 2: Do you have any comments on the draft explanatory guidance set out in Section 4? Please provide drafting suggestions where appropriate.:

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Question 3: Do you agree that the proposed rules should apply to radio as well as to television?:

no

Additional comments:

In all honesty, this is simply Mary Whitehouse conservatism at it's worse. The OFCOM argument is flawed in so many ways, rather than dealing with the bigger issues of what the public service broadcasters have done, you chose to go into war against smaller, open broadcasters and amazingly have done it in such an overt way.

Think of the people versus Larry Flint, think about what these companies have been able to do and think about the future of broadcasting. OFCOM are playing to a public service remit that is supposed to protect the consumer but when you read the report, is so obvious that their role is to protect the incumbent broadcasters, the very same broadcasters that caused OFCOM do the report in the first place.

Digital media and interaction, the convergence of all media ? all completely ignored for the sake of garnering public opinion, protectionism and the stalling of said convergence on a national scale. The publication of this report shows just how biased, just how flawed the system of communications governance in the UK is.

I hope these small broadcasters win out, not just for the sake of competition or choice but for a world where convergence, digital expression and fairness wins out.