

Complaints to the BBC: June 2017

The BBC answered **28,000** complaints from the audience during June 2017. These ranged from a small number of complaints about alleged breaches of editorial guidelines through to a much larger collection of views about programme content and services.

As during previous General Elections, audience reaction was higher this month in response to increased BBC coverage of campaign developments and national debates around contentious issues. Complaints covered a wide variety from claims of inaccuracy or bias (from many directions) within individual reports or bulletins, through to wider concerns,

How particular interviews with politicians were conducted led some to complain that presenters interrupted too often or not frequently enough; others believed this suggested bias against or in favour of the politician or party being held to account.

Specific topics raised included concerns about the composition of the audience for the Election Debate programme which had been transmitted on 31 May.

Some viewers also contacted us about The Andrew Neil Interviews on 1 June to say they were unhappy with the way in which Andrew Neil questioned Liberal Democrat leader, Tim Farron.

Some audience members felt the interview with Theresa May on 16 June in the aftermath of the Grenfell fire lacked balance.

There were also complaints from viewers who felt that some BBC news coverage of the Grenfell Tower fire was sensationalist or insensitive.

The BBC's responses to some recent significant issues can be read on the [BBC Complaints website](#).