

Complaints to the BBC: May 2017

The BBC answered over **21,000** complaints from the audience during May 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 rose this month in response to increased BBC coverage, campaign developments and national debates around contentious issues.

Topics raised in complaints included concerns about the composition of the audience for the Election Debate programme on 31 May.

Some viewers contacted us querying a figure shown in a television graphic relating to the Labour party's manifesto proposals on personal income tax on the BBC News at Six on 16 May.

There were complaints from some viewers who felt Laura Kuenssberg's coverage of the Prime Minister's comments on 3 May alleging EU interference in the UK's General Election was biased against the Conservative Party and/or Brexit.

The decision to interview Theresa May and her husband on The One Show on 9 May also generated complaints.

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