

Student Media Guidance

Right To Reply

What is the right to reply?

The right of reply is offered to those who are subject to significant criticism, allegations or other comments. There is not definitive format when integrating a reply into a piece, however, it must acknowledge and reflect the response given in a fair manner. The respondent should be provided the content—or given enough detail—to be informed of the argument presented in the piece. Sufficient detail should be provided to allow for an accurate, informed response. A response may be paraphrased rather than using direct quotes but should not misrepresent its meaning. If the paraphrasing of a response is misleading, a correction is required, potentially rendering the piece libellous.

The reply must be published alongside any content which makes an allegations or criticism. There is no set timeframe which must be given to the respondent but unless there is a pressing need to publish, the respondent should be given at least 48 hours. The response timeframe may change depending on the complexity of the content.

Checklist

