

Complaints to the BBC: October 2017

The BBC answered just over **16,000** complaints from the audience during October 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.

This month we received complaints from people who were unhappy about the portrayal of violence in the historical drama *Gunpowder*, in particular the execution scenes.

The BBC Two documentary *Abortion on Trial* led some viewers to contact us with concerns that the programme was biased in favour of abortion.

Finally, there were also complaints about BBC News coverage of Theresa May's speech at the Conservative Party Conference. Some felt it was biased against the Prime Minister and failed to focus on the detail of the announced policies.

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