

Not Our Crimes



Title of Resolution: Not Our Crimes: the media to report the sex of offenders accurately

Wording of Resolution: This meeting calls on all media to accurately report the sex of those accused of, or convicted of crimes, especially sex-crimes, when statements such as “her penis” are frequently found in the media. It calls on OFCOM to ensure transparency and ensure the media uses clear language such as male and female and identifies as the opposite sex, rather than confusing terms including trans woman for a man or non-binary which has no legal recognition.

The Issue: The media prioritises the feelings of men who stand accused of crimes over their victims. This includes referring to men as women by using she/her pronouns, and using individual's preferred name, opposed to their actual name. This prioritises the feelings of men over their victims, confuses the public, increases the perception of female crimes and reduces trust in the media.

Objectives: The media to accurately report the sex of suspects and offenders, restore integrity to reporting.

Potential: Many organisations from the BBC to newer outlets use preferred pronouns and disguise the sex of offenders. This has the potential to change the reporting standards to ensure accuracy and dignity to victims.

Links

<https://x.com/JournalistJill/status/1895541059431583793>

<https://www.change.org/p/not-our-crimes-a-petition-for-accurate-data-reporting-in-criminal-statistics>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/02/23/scarlet-blake-cat-killing-guilty-jorge-martin-carreno/>

https://www.facebook.com/groups/979838426155911/?locale=en_GB

<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/18973/pdf/>

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/illegal-and-harmful-content/draft-transparency-reporting-guidance/>