

David Murrel vs. Globe and Mail

Two complaints from the same reader that the Globe and Mail presented opinion pieces supporting the Liberal Party without disclosing the writer's support of the party have been dismissed by the National NewsMedia Council.

David Murrel alleges the articles were not labeled as opinion, and that the authors were not adequately identified as financial supporters of the Liberal party.

The Globe pointed out that the articles were clearly identified as opinion or "insider" pieces, and located on the Globe Debate page. They were among a number of opinion pieces published by the Globe and Mail during the federal election campaign.

In dismissing the complaint, the NewsMedia Council noted both articles were appropriately labeled as opinion. The authors were clearly identified by relevant credentials and/or expertise that outweigh the impact of modest donations made to one or more political party.