

From: Pat Perkel <pperkel@mediacouncil.ca>
Date: October 19, 2016 at 10:32:21 AM PDT
Subject: National NewsMedia Council complaint, Windsor Star
To: tedjkuntz@gmail.com, mbeneteau@postmedia.com
Cc: John Fraser <jfraser@mediacouncil.ca>

Dear Mr. Kuntz,

The National NewsMedia Council has received your complaint about the Windsor Star editorial on the topic of administering and tracking immunization for school children.

We have reviewed your complaint and the article, and find your concern about portraying immunization as mandatory was addressed in discussion about religious and other exemptions, which will let a reasonable reader know that parents have the right to seek such exemption.

We find that describing the Windsor Star article as a violation of the Nuremberg Code and Helsinki Accords is not helpful, as those agreements are concerned with definitions of legitimate medical research rather than public health.

It has been well established in journalistic standards and practices, and in rulings by this and predecessor media councils, that editorial writers have wide latitude to express strong opinions and views that may not be shared by all readers.

The NewsMedia Council has also found that balanced reporting does not require every article to delve deeply into an issue when the great majority of science and expertise rests on one side of the issue.

Given that the editorial meets established journalistic standards for accuracy and fairness, we can find no basis for your complaint.

Kind regards,
Pat

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From: National NewsMedia Council [mailto:info@mediacouncil.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 2:23 PM
To: complaints@mediacouncil.ca
Subject: Complaint Submission from Ted Kuntz, re: The Windsor Star

1. Complainant Information
Name
Ted Kuntz
2. Media Information
Media Name
The Windsor Star

Journalist

unknown/undisclosed

Publication date

09/30/2016

Article headline / link

“Star’s View: Immunization drive long overdue”/<http://windsorstar.com/opinion/editorials/stars-view-immunization-drive-long-overdue>

3. Summary of Complaint**Complaint summary**

In the article the author(s) makes the false statement that vaccination is a requirement in the Province of Ontario in order for children to attend school. Quote: “It’s provincial law that all children by (sic) immunized against infectious disease for the protection of all from the folly of the few.” This statement is a clear misrepresentation of the legal requirements pertaining to vaccinations.

All vaccinations in Canada are voluntary. In Ontario, the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) is the legal instrument that sets out vaccine requirements for school children, as well as providing explicit legal exemptions from vaccination. What is required in the Province of Ontario is up-to-date documentation of either adhering to the recommended vaccine schedule OR a statement of exemption based on conscience, religion or medical reasons.

The author(s) fail to inform readers that parents have the legal right to exempt their children from the practice of artificial immunization.

The Windsor Star appears to be actively engaged in depriving Windsor’s citizens of their Charter rights to fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion, their legal right to security of the person, and their medical right to informed consent.

The efforts of the Windsor Star are also a violation of numerous international Conventions to which Canada is signatory including the Nuremberg Code and Helsinki Accords which defend the basic human right to refuse unwanted medical treatments. These human rights treatise uphold the Informed Consent ethic and reject the moral argument that the creation of alleged benefits for the many justifies the sacrifice of the few, as is so well articulated in the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights; Article 6 – Consent:

“Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be expressed and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice.”

When citizens are denied their right to even know that they have a legal right under the law to exempt their children from vaccines for school or day care, that vaccination is NOT mandatory, and that no one can force them to vaccinate their children against their will in order to go to school, the result is a government and medical industry imposed tyranny supported by a complicit media.

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4. Contact with Media Representative**Name of person contacted**

Editor-in-chief: Marty Beneteau

Date

10/04/2016

5. Submit Complaint

Consent to collection and use of personal information

- Yes

Acceptance of Agreement

- I Accept