

Complaints to the BBC: October 2009

The BBC answered just over 23,000 complaints from the audience in September 2009. These ranged from a small number of complaints about potentially serious breaches of editorial guidelines through to a much larger collection of views about programme content and services.

The appearance of a representative of the British National Party on the Question Time panel on 22 October attracted complaints this month. We also received complaints about perceived bias against the party following the broadcast.

Some viewers were unhappy with the changes to the schedule on BBC One and Two on 17 October caused by the extended coverage of the Formula One: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying race which overran.

There were complaints about some of the questions Andrew Marr asked David Cameron during his interview with the leader of the opposition for The Andrew Marr Show on 4 October.

Finally, some viewers complained following reports in the press which alleged a racist term had been used during an off-air exchange between one of the contestants on Strictly Come Dancing and their dance partner.

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