

The media really does need to be objective about Trump ...

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Allegations are being made today about whether the BBC is impartial.

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Trump is saying today that he is going to sue the BBC for \$1 billion and the media is reporting this as if he has a chance of succeeding in his claim, implying this could bring the BBC down.

Let's be clear, libel (defamation) awards of much more than £1 million are almost unknown in UK courts.

In more recent years the maximum realistic award for general damages has been much lower: the ceiling in England & Wales is usually around £215,000 to £350,000 for a single claimant.

So might the media stop reporting this nonsense? It is completely absurd to imply that such a claim has any chance of bringing the BBC down.

     

Those discussing impartiality should be pointing out that Trump needs to get some decent legal advice because any claim for \$1 billion in damages is going nowhere in the UK, especially as he won the 2024 election and has subsequently massively increased his personal fortune, making it almost impossible to imagine how he could prove he has lost anything even if the BBC did commit errors of judgement. This is the sort of case where £1 damages look likely, even if the claimant wins. He should be warned that this has happened.