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**IFCN's unaccountable accountability**

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To: Bryan White &lt;zebrafactcheck@gmail.com&gt;

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Bryan,

Many of the staff at Poynter have been reluctant to deal with you in the past. This is because you seem intent on filing as many complaints as possible, never accept any sort of evidence that contradicts your preconceived viewpoints, and consistently argue in bad faith even when given thoughtful and meaningful answers. No answer has ever satisfied your concerns, and indeed, our answers seem to inspire you to make more complaints with the intent of wasting the time of Poynter staff and frustrating our extremely important work. By all appearances you seem to be a classic case of what is known as a "vexatious litigant." I am telling you this so you understand the reason that so many of your missives to Poynter have been ignored. They've been ignored because of your long track record of poor behavior over many years and with many different members of the Poynter staff.

I would be open to engaging with you if there were some reasonable accommodation to be made to your numerous complaints on all Poynter work -- perhaps you could streamline your current complaints into a single one-page letter that Poynter staff could answer within 90 days, alongside a written promise of to limit yourself to no more than two complaints per calendar year. If that is not agreeable to you, I am not sure what is left to discuss. I am also highly concerned that you are now confronting Poynter staff in person. Please consider this a formal request to limit your communications with Poynter staff to email, in order to ensure the dignity, safety and security of our employees.

Finally, for your information, I report directly to the president of the Poynter Institute. I am cc'ing him on this email so he can be fully apprised of this latest communication.

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