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Question 1: Do you agree with our proposals in this section? Please explain your reasons and provide any relevant supporting evidence.	Confidential? – Y / N
Question 2: Do you agree with our proposals in this section for working with platforms? Please explain your reasons and provide any relevant supporting evidence	Confidential? – Y N I am concerned that Ofcom’s approach to mis and disinformation introduces political bias. Contentious issues, such as the origin of COVID-19, appear to have a set of “acceptable” and “unacceptable” viewpoints which may indeed change over time. There appears to be a degree of groupthink among the BBC, Ofcom and other leading providers of news. Ofcom should scrupulously avoid pre-determining political questions via characterisations of misinformation/disinformation and instead commit to maintaining free speech, and encouraging freedom to exchange different ideas on any topic.
Question 3: Do you agree with our proposals in this section? Please explain your reasons and provide any relevant supporting evidence. We are particularly interested in any views and evidence about whether a Media Literacy Week would be impactful.	Confidential? – Y / N
Question 4: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact on specific groups of persons?	Confidential? – N I am not satisfied with the approach that Ofcom takes to equality and balancing the interests of different groups. In particular, there is clearly a conflict in current political discourse between advocates for women’s rights and the rights of transgender individuals. However, there is an apparent unwillingness to permit the free exchange of views in this area for fear of being seen to undermine transgender rights. Media should be free to use clear language in discussing, for example, the sex of an accused offender, rather than abiding by preferred pronouns.

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	<p>Similarly, there should be freedom to discuss issues around conflicting religious beliefs, without suppression of political discourse based on ideas of racism.</p> <p>My experience of Ofcom decision-making is that it lacks objectivity and is subject to political bias against views that are not in alignment with currently fashionable opinions.</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposals on the Welsh language?</p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>