

Freedom of Speech and Press

Licentiousness — the excessive indulgence of liberty, contempt of the just restraints of law, morality and decorum.

Decorum — propriety of speech, behavior; suitability of one's own speech and behavior, to one's own character; seemliness, decency.

Decorum is opposed to rudeness, licentiousness, or levity. To speak and behave with decorum is essential to good breeding.

The licentiousness of writers, reporters, authors, is justly condemned. The licentiousness of the press is condemned by LAW, except in a lawless state. For law is the restraint for wise men. But fools have none. As restraint is a god of wise men, but licentiousness is the god of fools.

The State and press have exceeded the limits of law or propriety. They are wanton and unrestrained, and are motivated by licentious desires and thoughts and conduct.

The governor was the licenser in the case of the State raid, but the editor is the licenser for the reporter.