

## The David Kelly Affair

Governments are allowed to 'spin' – i.e. to place the most favourable interpretation that they can on the facts. In fact, in our system of government, spinning is an essential part of their job, just as it is the job of any advocate in any adversarial system. What they are not allowed to do is *lie*. And they **did not lie**.

The BBC, on the other hand, is a public-service broadcaster and has a duty not to spin. But not only did it spin, it **lied. Repeatedly.**

**That's all there is to this affair.**

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