



Statement of Editorial Independence

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2. To safeguard this editorial independence, all decisions, concerns, or complaints about editorial decisions are handled within the editorial structures of *Frontiers*. These structures include the Editor and members of the Editorial Board.
3. Furthermore, no member of The Forum's executive staff or volunteer leadership (Board of Directors and Council) shall get involved in, interfere with, or even comment on editorial decisions.

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