

# Download Libel And The Media The Chilling Effect

In a legal context, a chilling effect is the inhibition or discouragement of the legitimate exercise of natural and legal rights by the threat of legal sanction. The right that is most often described as being suppressed by a chilling effect is the US constitutional right to free speech. Defamation, calumny, vilification, or traducement is the communication of a false statement that harms the reputation of, depending on the law of the country, an individual, business, product, group, government, religion, or nation. A prominent critic of the HPV vaccine has won a libel case in Japan, in a setback for scientists attempting to counter poorly founded claims that the procedure could have dangerous side effects. ?By David Hooper, Brid Jordan, Kim Waite, Oliver Murphy\* The Defamation Act 2013[1] received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013. The big question for all practitioners and publishers is how much difference will it really make?, Libel And The Media The Chilling Effect.

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