

Editorials



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Definition: An editorial is (1) "an article in a newspaper or other periodical presenting the opinion of the publisher, editor, or editors.
(2) A statement broadcast on radio or television that presents the opinion of the owner, manager, or the like, of the station or channel."
Random House Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged, 2nd edition, 1987

Editorials are regular features of newspapers and news magazines such as Time, Newsweek, or U.S. News and World Report. Other non-news periodicals may feature editorials written by editors or guest editors.

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