



WS 7 voluntary manslaughter: Loss of control

Click on the link to the Daily Mail article. Read the article and then answer the questions.

[Daily Mail article from September 2010](#)

1. What does this Daily Mail headline mean?
2. Can you see anything wrong with the use of the last word in the headline? How would you explain his misunderstanding to the writer?
3. Can you see anything else in the headline that might be misleading?
4. Give a case example of each of the 2 points mentioned in the headline
5. Which law are they referring to?
6. Why does the writer say that Sara Thornton would probably not have faced a murder charge had she been tried under the new law?
7. Can you think of an argument to suggest he is wrong and she could still fail in the defence?
8. Do you think the new law has improved matters in respect of:
 - a. People who lose control following their partner's infidelity?
 - b. People who lose control due to violence?
9. Lord Lloyd says "*It is little short of astonishing that Parliament should be asked to tell a jury whether sexual infidelity is enough to cause a man or woman to lose their self-control*". I think maybe he meant to say judges rather than Parliament, but why do you think he is astonished that Parliament (or a judge) should be asked to tell the jury whether sexual infidelity is enough?