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# 1. Who Owns Independent Newspapers In Ireland And Who is Controlling The Covid Narrative

The media in Ireland has constantly been a source of fear mongering throughout the last 18 months. New Short 1/10

# Irish Independent

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**Welcome back:**  
Nursing homes reopen to visitors

Sarah Heslin (left) made her visit to her mother Mary Scanlon extra special at Castlebrin Nursing Home in Ashery, Co Galway, yesterday when she gave her an Easter Bunny. Residents at nursing homes and long-term care facilities are now allowed two visits a week. SEE PAGE 8 PHOTO: RAY EMMAN



**Customers denied home protection cover if they had Covid**

Charlie Weston  
NATIONAL FINANCE EDITOR

INSURANCE companies have been called on to treat consumers fairly after it has emerged that people are being turned down for mortgage protection cover if they have had Covid-19. This is now putting their home-purchase plans at risk. Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe said the Government was engaging with the industry on the issue. It comes as a number of people have contacted the Irish Independent saying they cannot get mortgage protection insurance if they have or had the virus.

A number of these are frontline workers, including nurses. Difficulties are also being experienced getting life and critical illness cover, as well as mortgage protection insurance.

It affects those suffering from Covid, those who had the virus in the past and frontline workers who have underlying conditions and are seen as vulnerable to the virus.

Mr Donohoe told Independent TD Marian Harkin: "I am aware of reports of some customers experiencing issues in obtaining mortgage protection cover as a result of having higher-risk conditions, particularly in the context of Covid-19." He said that "in the context of Covid-19, we expect insurance firms to treat their customers fairly".

Full report: Page 2

# Surge in cases threatens easing of Level 5 curbs

5km limit may be lifted but doubt over construction and full school reopening

Philip Ryan, Eilish O'Regan and Galipe Gattavechian

A SURGE in new Covid-19 cases could threaten any significant easing of restrictions next month. There is increasing concern across the three Coalition parties ahead of crucial meetings on lifting coronavirus restrictions. Senior Government spokesmen denied concerns about allowing the construction industry to fully reopen next

month and also cast doubt over the remaining years of secondary school students returning to classes if the numbers of new cases continue to rise over the coming week. There is an acceptance within the three Government parties that the 5km travel ban will be eased but non-essential inter-county journeys will still be prohibited. More outdoor activities are expected to be permitted

from April 5 but Government sources suggested people will not be allowed to gather in gardens to socialise. It is more likely that small groups of people will be permitted to exercise or socialise outdoors in parks and other areas. The National Public Health Emergency Team (Nphet) drew attention to the daily case count which was high at 520 yesterday. Deputy chief medical officer Dr Hones Glynn said: "It is not inevitable

we will see a deterioration but it does require us to monitor it and proceed very cautiously." Dr Glynn indicated the HSE may also target certain areas of the country with additional public health measures such as increased testing. "What may be required is the coming while, however, is an enhanced response in some areas that are finding incidence particularly stubborn to get under control," he said last night.

"Are there additional things that we can do to try and bring down disease in areas that are finding it particularly stubborn?" "We are looking at things like testing and other measures," he said. It comes as concern has emerged at the rise of Covid-19 in primary school children who are testing positive for 30 to 60 cases of the virus a day.

Full report: Pages 4-8



2. I have focused primarily on RTE and The Irish Times but The Independent is equally as culpable in its Covid coverage. It's sole goal has been to terrify people and keep them dumbed down for the last 18 months. They have been very successful at it.


3. The Independent group was initially owned by Denis O'Brien who still has an interest in many Irish radio stations. O'Brien is a member of the WEF and has attended Bilderberg meetings.

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**Denis O'Brien**  
Chairman, Digicel Group

4. On 30 April 2019 Mediahuis acquired Independent News & Media for 145.6 million euros, which gave Mediahuis control over the Irish Independent and the Sunday Independent, respectively Ireland's top-selling daily and Sunday newspaper, among other assets.

[thejournal.ie/inm-mediahuis-...](http://thejournal.ie/inm-mediahuis-...)

5. Mediahuis is a newspaper & magazine publishing, distribution, printing, TV, radio and online media company founded in 2014 with assets in Belgium, the Netherlands, Ireland and Luxembourg. They have been on a media buying spree for the last few years.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediahuis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediahuis)

6. Thomas Leysen is the chairman and the largest shareholder of Mediahuis. Like O'Brien, he has strong ties to the Bilderberg Group. He is a member of the steering committee (as is Michael O'Leary). He is also a member of the Trilateral Commission.

[bilderbergmeetings.org/background/ste...](http://bilderbergmeetings.org/background/ste...)

7. For the last 18 months we have seen how inextricably linked the WEF, TC & Bilderberg group are. These are the groups who are controlling and shaping the media narrative and the Independent is no different.

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1. Who are Ireland's Bilderberg, Trilateral Commission and Council of Foreign Relations group members & what is their connection to Davos & WEF ? New  1/21



**The American Empire and its Media**

Est. 1954      Est. 1921      Est. 1973

**BILDERBERG MEETINGS**      **COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS**      **THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION**

The infographic shows a central hub of connections between these three entities and a wide array of media outlets, including NY Times, FT, WSJ, TIME, CNN, FOX NEWS, and many others. Each media outlet is accompanied by a small portrait of a person, likely a key figure or member associated with that outlet.

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8. The Independent has received huge money from the Govt to run Covid ads. It was never going to bite the hand that feeds it.

Its journalists have never asked any hard questions. They have been told to stick to the narrative.

The Independent is just another propaganda machine.

9. I'd just like to say a special thanks to [@maxbiaggi30](#) for informing me of Thomas Leysen's links



**Ivor Cummins** @FatEmperor · Sep 25, 2021



When asking not to be defamed is a 'threat' - but they come out with this risible exploitative propaganda anyway.  
So here's the FULL correspondence with Sam, including all the detail and of course published data he artfully omitted:  
[thefatempor.com/interesting-em...](https://thefatempor.com/interesting-em...)



**Sam McBride** @SJAMcBride

Replying to @SJAMcBride

This is the story over which Ivor Cummins - who calls himself The Fat Emperor - threatened to sue when I started questioning him. Cummins has multiple income streams - one alone brings in between £58,572 & £4.5m a year (he refused to say how much).  
[belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/column...](https://belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/column...)



**Paddy Hart**  
@maxbiaggi30

Sam works for the Belfast Telegraph, owned by Mediahuis.

Majority shareholder, with 50.6%, Corelio.

Corelio Chairman is Thomas Leysen, Sam's Big Boss.

Tom's Wikipedia page is very interesting.

Tom's on the Bilderberg steering Committee and the Trilateral Commission.

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10. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.