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## 1. Why Are The People Who Appear In Irish Mainstream Media Trying To Incite Hatred & Division ?

About two weeks before Ireland was due to lift all restrictions on October 22nd we began to see a ramping up of hate speech in the media. Why ?

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2. This is probably the most concerning thread I've written. Whether somebody wants to take the v or not that is up to them. Many feel safer having taken it and that is entirely their prerogative.

I have never been anti v, what I do believe in though is informed consent.

3. Many have good reason not to take the v. Potential side effects from 1st dose or waiting for more long term data. Considering it has only been on the market since Dec 2020 that is entirely understandable.

The vilifying though of those who haven't "complied" is very worrying.

4. Before we look at the more immediate events in the last 2 weeks we have to go back to

March 2021 to witness the first case of hatred. Prof Gerry Killeen from UCC & Zero Covid ISAG wanted to sort Ivor Cummins @fatemperor out with a good hurley and no witnesses.



**Ger Killeen** 14:49

Sorry-still getting used to what the return key does in Slack. the above is from that ~~muppett~~ Ivor Cummins. Frankly, I'd prefer to sort this out with a good ~~hurley~~ and no witnesses, but perhaps it's time we took him on up front like this? Having said that, I don't think I'm the right person and think Paul might be better placed to do so as he's got the skills to deal with all the statistical smoke and mirrors in an ~~instantaneousway~~ that I can't. Let's also consider the possibility of a set up, with a rigged presenter etc. I don't know my way around the Irish system so worry that my naivety/rage/straight talk might be exploited here for the sake of a fake news video clip. Could also simply be a distraction from all the positive things we've got cooking right now. Your thoughts, my friends?

5. Let's not forget that Killeen was regularly given a platform on MSM to talk about Zero Covid

(which has failed miserably). It was only Gript that covered the story. The rest of the mainstream

media buried it as it didn't fit the narrative.



**Ger Killeen** 15:10

As for Ivor, I agree with Paul, particularly about denying him the platform on regular media. In two minds for now though, so keen to hear what everyone thinks. Like Ciara Kelly, Michael McNamara and whole string of other charlatans, we may have to take him on so he can expose himself as paper thin and nasty. Ivor, however, is a particularly slippery snake, so it's a bit like Carl Henegan or Sunetra Gupta-won't be so easy, needs some thought and would need preparation in advance if we went for it.

6. You would think that it would be in the public interest to know what is going on behind the scenes when somebody is being threatened by a Professor in the public eye.

All we heard was crickets from the media.

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7. RTE presenters and their guests have been equally as culpable in stirring up hatred and division.

On Sep 10th in an online article on the RSVP web site which very few people have seen, RTE's Ryan Tubridy said

“Non-vaccinated people should be “disinvited” from weddings”.

8. When I went to search for this article I discovered that it had been deleted from the site.

Unfortunately for RSVP and Tubridy I used the Wayback Machine to access the spidered page (Wayback Machine archives all web pages). Below is the article in its entirety.

# RTE's Ryan Tubridy says non-vaccinated people should be 'disinvited' from weddings

'They don't want somebody coming along with the mark of Cain going 'I don't believe in the vaccine' - well then get out, and you're not invited and you're disinvited'

RTE star Ryan Tubridy has shared that he supports the idea of leaving unvaccinated people off the wedding guest list.

The veteran radio presenter chatted to his RTE Radio One listeners Friday morning about an emerging trend in the US where wedding guests are being asked to provide evidence of their vaccine status to attend the nuptials.

While invitations used to host footnotes asking guests to leave their kids at home or make charitable donations, some couples are planning on leaving unvaccinated friends or family members off the guest list, or hoping to set up mobile antigen testing sites the day before their weddings to provide a pandemic-free environment for the event.





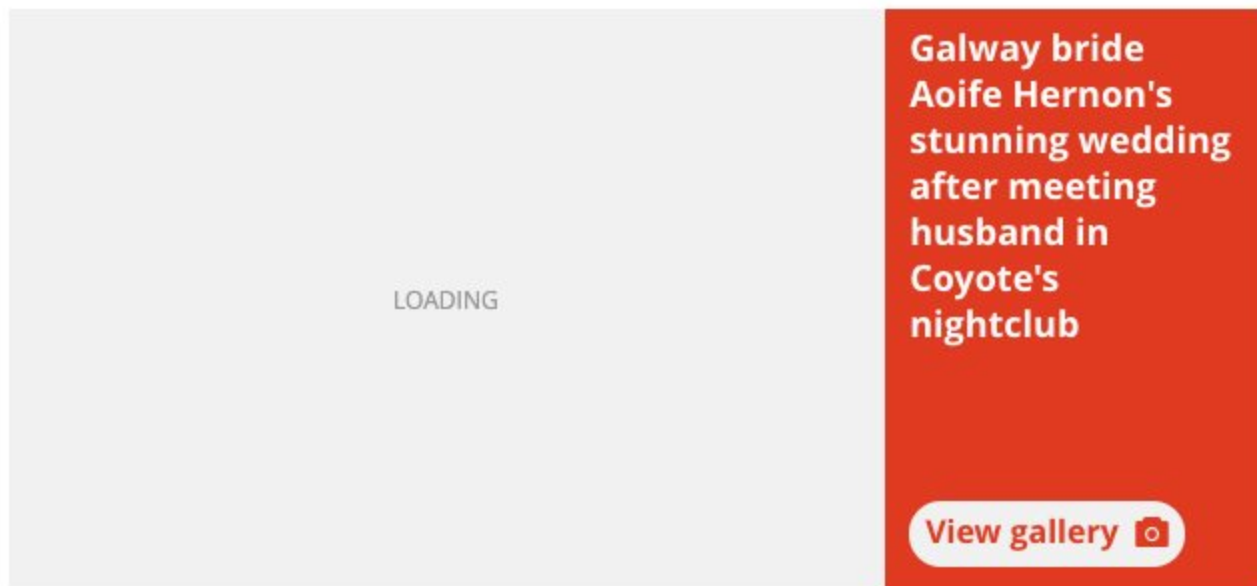
 Ryan Tubridy enjoys the sunshine near his home in County Dublin

"They're politely worded notes telling guests 'you must be vaccinated' or 'you have to get a COVID test' or both," he explained to viewers.

"According to wedding planners over in the states, they're saying this is the new etiquette now. Couples are not shy about asking guests about their vaccination status."

Typical wedding protocol involves bringing a gift and not wearing white, but now guests must consider their COVID health status too.

"This is what they're saying, because obviously they don't want to have a super spreader event, and they don't want somebody coming along with the mark of Cain going 'I don't believe in the vaccine' - well then get out, and you're not invited and you're disinvited because you're a greater risk to everyone else" Ryan said.



"They have to do it, and there are so few people who are against the vaccination thing now really, that it would be unusual to get a no, but in the states is 50/50 nearly."

The presenter mulled over the fact that the pandemic will have certainly caused family fall out due to the differing beliefs people can hold about the virus.

"I would imagine it causes great friction and arguments so I really wouldn't fancy having that problem."

9. Another RTE presenter Joe Duffy got egg on his face after he slated Irish footballer Callum Robinson for not getting the jab.

Robinson did his talking on the pitch by scoring 5 goals in the next 2 matches



10. RTE's role of shame didn't end there though. Journalist Joe O Shea appeared on the Claire Byrne show speaking of the unvaccinated

"that we have to start making their lives complicated as well"

He also said



11. "But you can compel people, or you can let them know that if that is the decision you take, then unfortunately we cannot have you in our spaces, we cannot have you with the risk you pose to society, to our people, to our loved ones"



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Journalist Joe O'Shea would like to see restrictions imposed on unvaccinated people.

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12. I wrote a full  on Mr O Shea's appearance on the Claire Byrne show as well a previous newspaper article that he wrote prior to the show.





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# 1. "Why Did Journalist Joe O Shea Appear On RTE's Claire Byrne Show Inciting Hatred And Division"

Maybe it has something to do with an article he wrote in the Irish Mirror

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13. Interestingly back in May 2021, RTÉ's Head of Strategy, Rory Coveney (Simon Coveney's brother) said hate speech should be banned.

No conflict of interest there either with his brother

14. Maybe RTE should get their own house in order first before they start lecturing others when their own presenters and guests are involved in the very thing they claim they want to stamp out.

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15. The broadsheet journalists also jumped on the bandwagon. Sinead Ryan from the Independent spoke of unvaxxed people not being allowed into public spaces.

This was the same Sinead Ryan who had questioned vaccines 10 years earlier.

What changed ?



A screenshot of a Twitter post. At the top left is the profile picture of Sinead Ryan, a woman with blonde hair. To her right is the name **@sinead\_ryan** with a blue verification checkmark, and below it the handle **@sinead\_ryan**. A small blue Twitter bird icon is in the top right corner. The main text of the tweet reads: "Good. Unvaxxed people shouldn't be permitted into restaurants, pubs or indoor venues. If they won't protect themselves, the rest of us must do it by dissociation." Below this is a quote tweet from Philip Ryan (@Philip\_Ryan), also verified. His text says: "Use of Digital Covid certificates likely to be extended beyond October 22 amid surge in Covid cases independent.ie/world-news/cor...". The timestamp "11:29 AM · Oct 14, 2021" is at the bottom left, and an information icon (i) is at the bottom right. Below the tweet are icons for a heart (662 likes), a lightning bolt (retweet), and a link to "See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter". At the very bottom is a rounded rectangular button with the text "Tweet your reply".

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16. Pat Kenny from Newstalk who has been stoking fear for 18 months also got his orders to create division in a letter he read out called

"Are You Happy To Mix With The Unvaccinated After October 22nd"



17. 2 days later Kenny had Leo Varadkar on where they spoke about a "pandemic of the unvaccinated" which is the same theme Kenny had used in the letter he read out

He also said he couldn't rule out more restrictions but for who. The unvaccinated ?

[newstalk.com/news/varadkar-...](https://www.newstalk.com/news/varadkar-...)

18. The following week Prof Kingston Mills appeared

Mills wanted the Covid pass extended everywhere. Kenny even asked who people should call if they know that pubs are admitting people without checking the pass

Stasi Ireland.

[newstalk.com/listen-back](https://www.newstalk.com/listen-back) (Oct 18th 5:30min)

19. You would think that would be enough vilification but no there was more. Senator Regina Doherty said whether

"society will allow those 300,000 people...to put everybody else's health in jeopardy"

**JRD**  
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Speaking about unvaxxed people, Regina Doherty (FG) questions whether "society will allow those 300,000 people...to put everybody else's health in jeopardy".

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20. Another Senator, Garret Ahearn called for an extension of vaccine apartheid throughout the winter, admitting that part of its function would be to coerce people into getting vaxxed



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21. Fortunately Senator Sharon Keogan stood up for the people when she addressed the hate campaign in the Irish media against unvaccinated people. (Thanks to [@JRDo000](#) for all those excellent clips)



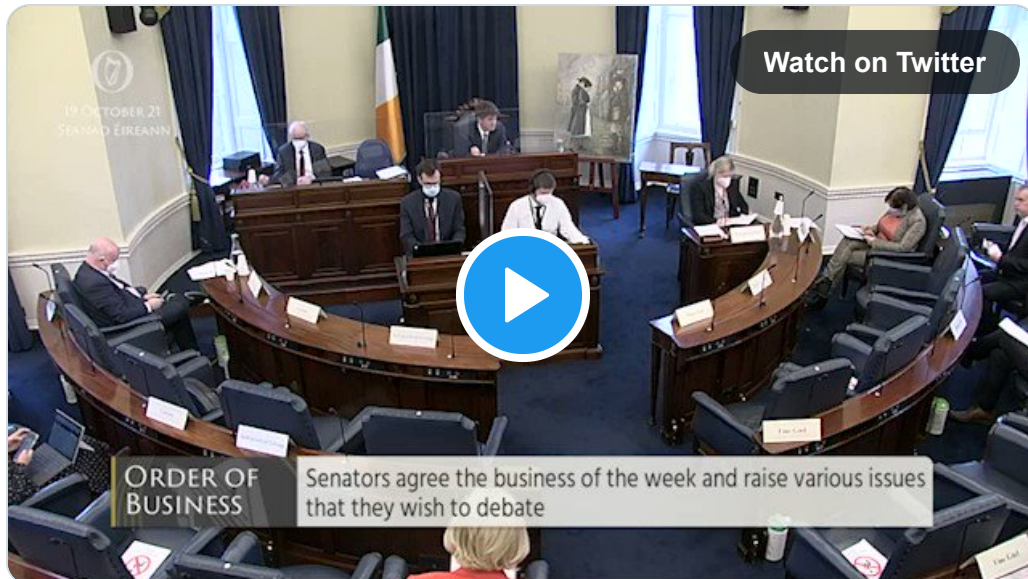
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Finally, an Irish politician addresses the hate campaign in the Irish media against unvaccinated people.

Sharon Keogan saying what needed to be said.

"Follow the science means shut up and do what we say"



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22. Game of Thrones actor Liam Cunningham aka Davos Seaworth also took publicly to vent on Twitter saying "Maybe a window sticker saying 'unvaccinated driver'"

1930s and 40s Germany anyone ?



liam cunningham

@liamcunningham1



Got into a cab over the weekend with an unmasked unvaccinated driver who said 'It's my choice, it's none of your fuckin' business' when asked why no vaccine. Maybe a window sticker saying 'unvaccinated driver' would help people have a choice not to be driven by a knuckledragger.

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23. I leave the final word to Health Minister Stephen Donnelly who blamed the unvaxxed for putting pressure on the health care system and children's operations being cancelled.

Quite extraordinary considering it has been failing for years.





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Stephen Donnelly reiterates his earlier disgusting attempt to blame unvaxxed people for the long-standing failings of the health system that he is in charge of.



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24. Ireland's media and politicians are sending out all the wrong signals to people. If you were a cynic you would be forgiven for thinking that it was an orchestrated campaign in the lead up to not lifting the restrictions.

That could never be the case though. Or could it ?

25. 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.