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1. “Has There Been Any Balance In Irish Media & In Particular The Claire Byrne Show Since Covid Arrived”

The short and sweet answer to this question is NO and I’m going to show why in this

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2. Back in June 2020 I realised something wasn’t right. Back then I was just focused on the figures. It was only when the figures didn’t stack up and the lockdowns continued did I think there might be another agenda at play in the Govt, NPHEt & the media

3. What was bothering me was the lack of balance in the media and in particular RTE. There only seemed to be one viewpoint or narrative permitted. In a democracy that is a dangerous place to be. I asked some of my friends what they thought on Facebook in June 2020 🙌

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I'd love to know people's opinion on how they think the mainstream media are doing whilst reporting on COVID-19 and the Lockdown in both Ireland and the UK (or anywhere for that matter) ? Do you think they are scaring people and being entirely honest with them ?

4. The answers were quite revealing

Project fear... it seems to have worked for half the population....I don't watch it any more

5.

 I think much of the media have shown themselves to be as out of touch as the Westminster Elite they report on. So much so that I no longer have any interest in what they have to say. In particular I am horrified by the BBC, I foolishly expected them as a unique organisation who are uniquely funded by us to dig in and be of public service. Unfortunately it was business as usual with the exception of the quality of questions they were asking, which were quite often laughable in their stupidity. I think as you can tell I'm seriously unimpressed.

6. Comment from me 

Stopped watching it weeks ago! Tabloid journalism at its worst!

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I totally agree with you.

I would expect the Sun, Mirror, Mail etc to be sensationalist but even the broadsheets have been covering it appallingly. Be it from the Left or the Right. Quality journalism has been dying for a while I feel, seems like this is the final nail in the coffin



7. Comment from me 🙄

what has become increasingly obvious over the last 3/4 months is that if you question the narrative being put out there by the media then you are "persona non grata".

I have hardly seen any alternative viewpoints entertained or other experts interviewed questioning whether we are doing the correct thing.

People just seem happy to accept it. I find that quite worrying...

8. So what I decided to do was to go back through the Claire Byrne twitter feed since Jan 2020 and see exactly who RTE were turning to and who the experts were that were giving their opinions on Covid on The Claire Byrne Show

9. Bear in mind that this may not be 100% accurate but its close enough to form an opinion. The numbers in brackets are the total amount of appearances by each Professor/Doctor guest on the Claire Byrne Live Show talking about Covid

10. Luke O Neill (5)

Sam McConkey (4)

Cillian De Gascun (3)

Tomas Ryan (3)

Anthony Staines (1)

Paul Moynagh (1)

11. I went through the Twitter feed twice to double check the video clips and tweets. I just wanted to check I hadn't missed any one and desperately looked for a Doctor/Professor or just anybody with an alternative viewpoint. I couldn't find any. Nada, Zip, Zilch, Nobody.

12. So what do all of the above have in common. Every single one of them is a Zero Covid fanatic apart from Cillian De Gascun who is advising the government and Paul Moynagh who takes a more middle of the road approach

13. In Ireland there has always been a massive problem with authority type figures. They are almost worshipped as deities. They can't be questioned. The general public fawn over the so-called experts and never question them either. If its on RTE, then it has to be right.

14. Claire Byrne has also failed dismally in questioning these "experts" but she isn't the only one. Miriam O Callaghan is equally culpable on Prime Time as is Matt Cooper on The Tonight Show and Ryan Tubridy on The Late Late.

15. The only journalist who has tried to provide any kind of balance was Ivan Yates on The Tonight Show and unfortunately he was retired in July. In June/July 2020 Yates did a brilliant job of eviscerating Tomas Ryan and asking him tough questions.

16. Why is there no balance or practically none on the Claire Byrne Show ? Why have they never invited on Prof Dolores Cahill or Ivor Cummins [@FatEmperor](#) ? The reason is simple. Cahill & Cummins deal in science and facts. Zero Covid cultists don't, they deal in anti-science.

17. What are RTE and The Claire Byrne Show so afraid of that they won't allow another viewpoint ? It's pretty straight forward really and a damning indictment. They don't want the public to know the truth. RTE knows the truth and is suppressing it.

18. There has undoubtedly been an agenda at play from the get-go. RTE are under instruction from the Govt to propagandise and keep the nation terrorised. They have been told not to have any or hardly any alternative viewpoints as the public may then begin to ask questions

19. By keeping the public in the dark they won't know any better. The public are too trusting. This shows no sign of abating in 2021. If you tune into The Claire Byrne Show or any of the others you will predominantly see the Zero Covid crew in action and no opposing view.