

Into the Unknown

Eight Million Stories

- To misquote the famous film and TV series *The Naked City*: 'There are eight million stories in the naked city. We can't tell you all of them'.
- News values. Tony Harcup and Deirdre O'Neill (2017) 'What is News? News Values Revisited (Again)', *Journalism Studies*, 18: 12, pp. 1470-88.
- Filters. Edward Herman and Noam Chomsky (1988), *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media*, New York: Pantheon.

The Five Filters

- The size, ownership, and profit orientation of the mass media.
- The advertising licence to do business.
- Sourcing mass-media news.
- Flak and the enforcers.
- Anti-communism as a control mechanism. (Now supplemented by anti-terrorism).
- **News values, filters, media laws and government actions work, singly or together, to produce structural and systemic absences, blind spots and lacunae in the mainstream news media.**

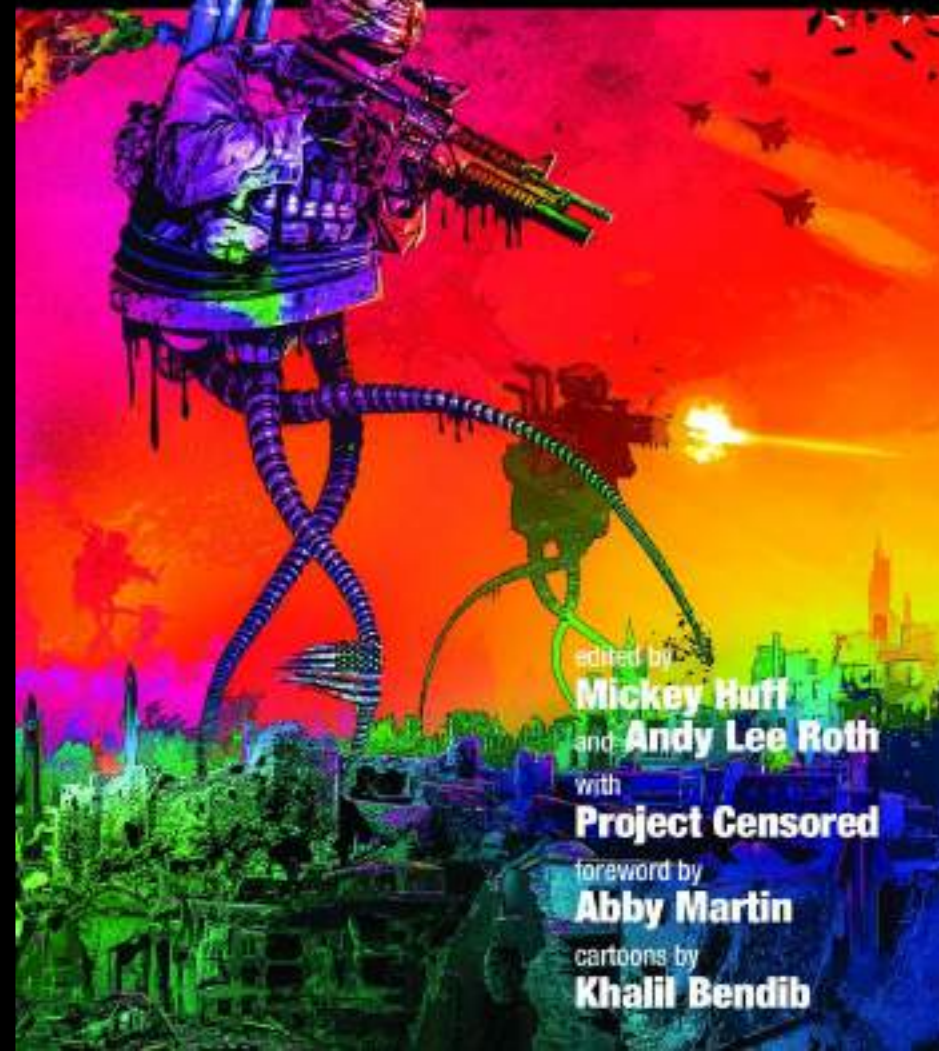
"If journalism is the rough draft of history, this book goes a long way to getting the record right the first time, stopping fake news in its tracks."

—PETER KUZNICK and OLIVER STONE, *The Untold History of the United States*

THE TOP CENSORED STORIES AND MEDIA ANALYSIS OF 2017-2018

CENSORED2019

FIGHTING THE FAKE NEWS INVASION



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The Top Ten Censored Stories of 2018

- Global decline in rule of law as basic human rights diminish.
- 'Open-source' intelligence secrets sold to highest bidders.
- World's richest one percent continue to become wealthier.
- The dangers of mobile phones and Wi-Fi.
- *Washington Post* bans employees from using social media to criticise sponsors.
- 'Russiagate'. [More to do with 'fake news'].
- The potential benefits of regenerative agriculture.
- Congress passes intrusive data sharing law under cover of spending bill.
- Indigenous communities helping to gain acknowledgment of Rights of Nature in legal systems around the world.
- FBI racially profiling 'black identity extremists'.

The Validated Independent News Programme (VIN)

- By highlighting important but underrated independent news stories, VIN 'seeks to inform a broad public about news stories that corporate media have marginalised, distorted or entirely ignored'.
- The validation process 'aims to ensure that the independent news stories featured here are not only serious and trustworthy works of journalism, but also that they provide information and perspective on their subject matter that cannot be found in corporate news media'.
- For the current report, 351 students under the guidance of fifteen faculty members from thirteen campuses across the US identified, reviewed and summarised more than 300 independent news stories published since March 2017.
- Such hands-on learning helps to develop students' critical thinking and media literacy.
- The project gives students a public voice, which helps to develop their self-confidence.

Easter special

Chickens, eggs ... and chocolate

In Observer Food Monthly



food monthly

Free magazine

Ireland crush England for the grand slam

In sport



Stewart Lee: Don't blame the Russians

In the New Review

www.observer.co.uk | Sunday 18 March 2018 | £3.00

The Observer

Revealed: 50m Facebook files taken in record data breach

Exclusive

- Whistleblower tells of bid to influence votes
- Tech giant suspends controversial data firm

Carole Cadwalladr
by Emma Graham-Harrison

The data analytics firm that worked with Donald Trump's election team and the winning Brexit campaign harvested millions of Facebook profiles of US voters, in one of the tech giant's biggest ever data breaches, and used them to build a powerful software program to predict and influence choices at the ballot box.

A whistleblower has revealed to the Observer how Cambridge Analytica – owned by the hedge fund billionaire Robert Mercer, and headed at the time by Trump's key adviser Steve Bannon – used personal information taken without authorisation in early 2014 to build a system that could profile individual US voters, in order to target them with personalised political advertisements.



The Cambridge Analytica Files

Full interview
Whistleblower Christopher Wylie lifts the lid

Cover story
New Review

Like or dislike
The algorithm that reveals all about you

Report, page 9

Facebook
How its destructive ethos imperils democracy

Observer Comment, 44

Whistleblower Christopher Wylie. Photograph by Antonio Olmos for the Observer

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‘Dark Money’

Carole Cadwalladr on the Cambridge Analytica scandal, *Guardian*, 26 September 2018:

‘One of the most important revelations has been about the multiple criminal acts that we now know took place during the referendum ... and it’s also been one of the most frustrating. Many of the allegations have now been proven and yet simply ignored. We seem to have accepted as a country that it’s OK to break the law. I’m struggling with this at the moment as I am with the reluctance to investigate the evidence we produced of Russian interference. Even after Damian Collins, the Conservative MP who is chairing the parliamentary fake news inquiry, made clear calls for the government to say what it was doing, there’s been a deafening silence’.

‘Dark Money’

‘The one constant in the time I have been reporting this story has been the lack of mainstream broadcast coverage, the absence of other newspapers picking it up, the failure by even senior, well-respected journalists to understand the issues at stake, the wilful misinterpretation of the facts by the right-wing press, the almost total silence from both the government and the opposition’.

Climate Change

- October 2018. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change produces a report that warns that there is only a dozen years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5C, beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.
- It argues that if we are to limit warming to 1.5C, there will have to be profound and far-reaching changes to energy systems, the way we manage land, how our cities are organised, and transportation.
- In short, changes to our whole way of life.
- What did the UK national press have to say the next day?

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**DR WHO'S
ARMY OF
A-LISTERS**

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**FREE
INSIDE**
Britain's
No1 footie
pullout



27
pages of
sport



**Conor:
I want
MORE
mayhem**

PAGE 7 AND STARSPORT

SHOW CURSE SENSATION

STRICTLY COME GROVELLING

By PETER DYKE
CAUSE: Strictly
star Karen White and
dance partner Rylan
Jones last night issued
a joint apology
after they were caught
snogging in the street.
The couple, who has a
girlfriend, and married
Laila Khaled have
Full story: P4-5



Shamed stars say sorry for boozy snogs



WHO'S THAT GIRL
Star Jodie Whittaker
SEE PAGES 10&11



CURSE STRIKES AGAIN

Strictly stars: We are sorry for drunken snog

BY NICOLA METHVEN

SEANN Walsh and Katya Jones have apologised after being caught kissing. The Strictly pair were filmed in a drunken street clinch. Walsh said: 'I'm truly sorry.'
FULL STORY: PAGE 3

SHAMED
Walsh & Katya
in rehearsals

DANCE On
Saturday's
Strictly



Pair apologise to their real-life partners after they are caught kissing



First for football

Liverpool let off as Mahrez misses penalty for Manchester City

The Game podcast



The young woman who stood up to the new Nazis

Demos

Brexiteers set limit for May's trade deal with EU

PM is told customs arrangement must end by next election

Francis Elliott Political Editor
Brian Wetherhead Business

Brexiteers insisted Theresa May last night that she could keep the last of the EU customs arrangements only until 2020, in negotiations with the liberalised world.

The prime minister hopes to unlock talks that have become stuck over the so-called Irish backstop with a commitment to leave all of the UK in the European Union, prevent customs arrangements after the transition period ends in December 2020.

The consensus was condensed by Jacob Rees-Mogg in a "serious breach" of trust after it was reported by The Times last week. "Yesterday, however, leading Conservatives have again said that they were prepared to give May any deal for tomorrow."

They wanted, though, that any extension could run only until the next election in 2022. "After that we can leave who will be in charge, we must be fully out by then," a senior Brexit supporter said.

The EU moved quickly, however, to change its stance that any extension beyond 2020 would be enough to break the deadlock. "Anything a hard border in Ireland has to be an all-or-nothing deal — that means Brexit, election proof," a European official said.

The dispute over the nature of a so-called temporary customs arrangement means that the prime minister faces a choice of doing a deal with Brussels, which could lead to further cabinet resignations, or walking away.

Domestic Brexit, the Brexit secretary, is understood to be one of those in the cabinet wanting a deal that leads Britain to EU customs arrangements immediately. The Brexit leader can suggest other Leave supporters, but last week to warn that "an extended period in the negotiation will make Brexit more untenable and the Conservatives will be seen to have letched Brexit."

He feared that Brexiteers would go so far as to vote down the budget this month, although other Leave figures privately insisted it was inevitable.



Pets in the Westminster dog March in central London yesterday, where Brexiteers called for a second vote on Brexit.

But, while some see it as a political move on the part of the EU, the EU leader to suggest that both sides were on the brink of a deal.

The draft EU paper will be open to negotiation with the government on October 17, under progress on a withdrawal agreement, including the border issue. According to diplomatic sources it will be water to some, but any other free-trade agreement that

the EU has negotiated and will have "unique" features.

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Amazon scheme supports extremists

Andrew Norfolk
Chief, management in business

Amazon has agreed to fund a harder-to-find charity whose leading ideology supports child marriage, female genital mutilation and training people to die for religious beliefs.

Under its charitable programme, the internet giant will make donations to the London-based group whenever its supporters buy products.

The Muslim Research and Development Foundation (MRDF) has been described by the government's religious extremism commissioner, Lord Alton, as "the most harmful organisation in the UK."

Its founder and former chairman is Hafizur Rahman, a South Asian immigrant scholar whose beliefs and actions he labelled "one of the most dangerous men in Britain" by the head of the counterterrorism unit, Jonathan Marshall.

Dr Marshall believes that: # Muslims should not be questioned about holding their views; # Homosexuality is an evil crime; # All western values should be based on Allah and must be rejected.

He has several times spoken at the annual conference, which he said, "is the future paradigm of the world." He also claimed that some western countries were discussing whether to sell nuclear weapons "as a means to be able to be used as a weapon" for people in conflict.

Mr Khan said: "Hafizur Rahman's views are misogynistic, racist and homophobic. They promote a regressive, un-Islamic view of the world that we must reject. We must ensure that they are not able to be funded." MRDF, which promotes the cleric's belief that "Islam is Islam, in one of many charities that have successfully applied to join the Amazon charity programme since it was launched in the UK last autumn."

Online shoppers who buy Amazon products through the scheme which is charity to which the retailer sends 15 per cent of the purchase price. Since its launch five years ago in America, Amazon has donated more than 100 million to eligible charities.

The company claims it only accepts registered charities that do not "engage

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IN THE NEWS

Mental health refusal

Seven of thousands of children suffering anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts are refused specialist NHS mental health treatment, according to a study by a think tank. Page 4

Second Pret death

Pret A Manger was in dispute with a former supplier after it emerged that a second person who had eaten there had died. The victim was said to have had an allergic reaction. Page 1

Sperm quality falling

The quality of sperm is dropping because men are eating too much fast food, say experts after research by fertility clinics. Page 2

Saudi journalist killed

Saudi Arabia has been accused of murdering its best known journalist, Jamal Khashoggi. In its latest report, the UN Human Rights Council says that a 15-year-old girl was involved. Page 3

RBS name change

Bank of Scotland is considering dropping its corporate name after suffering reputational damage from the financial crisis and not years of restructuring. Page 3

Farah's marathon win

Ms Farah has achieved her first marathon victory, setting a European record of 2:15:10 on a course near to Chicago. He finished 15 seconds ahead of his nearest rival. Page 5

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR FREE

SORRY, WE HAVE BEEN RUMBA-ED!

STRICTLY PAIR APOLOGISE AFTER DRUNKEN SMOOCH **Page 3**



Premier League



FULHAM 1-5 ARSENAL



STON 0-3 CHELSEA



LIVERPOOL 0-0 MAN CITY



YOUNG RUNNERS DIE AT MARATHON



Big turnout:
Runners at
start of the
13-mile race
in Cardiff
yesterday
HUW EVANS

MEN COLLAPSE IN FRONT OF LOVED ONES MOMENTS AFTER FINISH

TWO runners died moments after crossing the finishing line in a half-marathon yesterday.

A man in his 30s collapsed in front of his wife and one-year-old child.

And a man in his 20s lost his life after running the race with his girlfriend.

Both runners suffered cardiac arrests and died later in hospital.

Cardiff Half Marathon organisers

by TOM BEDFORD

said everyone connected with the race was 'devastated'.

More than 25,000 people had taken part in the 13-mile event, held in ideal weather conditions.

One runner said: 'I heard someone was taken ill at the end of the race, but to discover two people have died is

truly shocking. It is a well-organised race with a lot of medical back-up.

'I'm just so sad for the people and their families.'

The event started at Cardiff Castle at 10am and finished outside the civic centre. Matt Newman, chief executive of the organiser Run 4 Wales, said: 'It is

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BARBARA WINDSOR
**HELP US FIND
A CURE FOR
DEMENTIA, SAYS
BRAVE STAR**



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LEO MCKINSTRY
**The PM must
not undo her
good work on
the economy**

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NHS in new medication scandal

DIABETICS FACING DEADLY HOSPITAL CARE RISK

By Giles Sturtick
Chief Reporter

TENS of thousands of diabetics in hospital are having their lives put at risk by being given the wrong medication.

A staggering 290,000 inpatients were given dosage errors last year and almost 10,000 suffered potentially fatal incidents because of poor insulin management, a report showed.

The scandal was revealed by research charity Diabetes UK, which found medication

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Sean Walsh and dance partner Karyn Jones

CURSE OF STRICTLY

**Married dancer and
comic: 'So sorry
for drunken kiss'**

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THE TIMES

APRIL 25 2016, 1:01AM, THE TIMES

Climate change lobby wants to kill free speech

MATT RIDLEY

A letter by peers about this newspaper's coverage of global warming is part of a systematic campaign to shut down debate

Daily Mail

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SIMON COWELL
I've made millions but
I have such dark needs

UNMASKED

ANDREW NORFOLK,
THE TIMES NEWSPAPER AND
ANTI-MUSLIM REPORTING
— A CASE TO ANSWER

A REPORT BY BRIAN CATHCART
AND PADDY FRENCH | JUNE 2019

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**MEDIA REFORM
COALITION**

BYLINE

Press Gang

The Times and Andrew Norfolk

- The report analyses in detail three stories in *The Times* by Andrew Norfolk, the paper's chief investigative reporter.
- The first, in August 2017, alleged that Tower Hamlets council had placed a white, five-year-old Christian girl with Muslim foster carers, who had mistreated her.
- In July 2018, Norfolk accused a human rights charity, Just Yorkshire, of publishing a highly negative report about the Labour MP for Rotherham, Sarah Champion, which resulted in death threats being made against her.
- In November of the same year, he alleged that Rotherham council had encouraged a British Pakistani to contact the son he had fathered as the result of a rape, for which he had been convicted, and to seek the legal right to visit him and to play a role in his upbringing.

The Times and Andrew Norfolk

- *Unmasked* contains extremely detailed analyses and critiques of these stories, and the book's authors, Brian Cathcart and Paddy French, argue that many of their central allegations are unfounded and that they also contain other kinds of serious inaccuracies. They conclude that:
- Common threads in the reporting raise serious questions about Norfolk's impartiality and motivation and suggest that he has, knowingly or unknowingly, breached standards of conduct and ethics that we believe responsible journalists would observe.
- Untrustworthy sources relied upon; expert evidence ignored; quotations abused; important information omitted wholesale.

The Times Responds

- 27 June 2019. Second Leader. 'Press Gang; Politically Motivated Campaigners are Trying to Smear and Suppress Fine Reporting'.
- 'The *Times* journalist Andrew Norfolk has become the target of an extraordinary personal attack ... This is a mischievous and ideologically motivated attempt to smear a reporter long recognised as one of the bravest and most scrupulous in his field'.

The Times Responds

- ‘The groups behind this latest attack on Norfolk are campaigners for what they tendentiously call "reform" of the media. By this, they mean statutory regulation and the suppression of content at odds with their own narrow agenda. Implacably hostile to independent self-regulation embodied by Ipso, most would force the press to sign up instead to the state-approved regulator Impress, funded by Max Mosley’.
- ‘Though the authors hedge their invective with caveats, the intent is clear. It is to deter and hamstring journalists from investigating controversial stories. In an era when news risks being obscured by propaganda, it is vital that sensitive issues be debated rather than suppressed’.
- Not one of the 500 words in this rant answers any of the report’s charges of inaccuracy.

Press Gazette to the Rescue

- 27 June 2019. '*Times* Condemns “Extraordinary Personal Attack” on Journalist Andrew Norfolk “Anti-Muslim Reporting” Claim’.
- The article not only liberally quotes (185 words) from *The Times*’s ‘defence’ in its own pages, it also gives a good deal of space to ‘a *Times* spokesperson’ whom they have clearly interviewed.
- There is one quote of eleven words from the 66-page report, and none from its authors.
- Now imagine the story headlined ‘Detailed Report Criticises *Times*’.

And the Rest?

- Nothing from even the liberal rump. Omertà.
- We are constantly told that the nationals are fierce rivals engaged in a dog-eat-dog struggle to bring us the hottest news, but this is a fiction. If it were true they would leap on any opportunity to expose low journalistic standards at other papers. The truth is that in this industry dog does not even bite dog.
- The phone-hacking scandal is not the exception that it may seem.
- Journalists can dish out criticism and abuse to their hearts' content, but they are remarkably un-self-critical and loathe being criticised by others. Criticism is either wildly mis-represented (*The Times*) or simply ignored.
- When Corporal Jones in *Dad's Army* said 'They don't like it up 'em' he was clearly referring not to Germans but to journalists.

Silence, Complicity and Corruption

- Brian Cathcart: 'The effect of this is obviously corrupting. If Andrew Norfolk can get away with omitting all inconvenient and contrary information relating to his stories, or burying it in the 19th paragraph, then why can't every other reporter? If the industry can be counted on to circle the wagons around anyone who is challenged, on whatever terms, then who needs to care about ethics and standards?'
- No wonder that trust in the national press is at an all-time low, and lower than in any other EU country. No wonder paying customers are deserting most of the daily press in ever greater numbers. And no wonder they are turning to other sources of news.