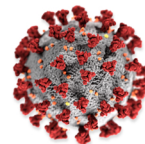


MEDIA = VIRUS



Creating 'panic porn': Are journalists scaremongering about Covid-19? A 2020 article by George Claassen, who will defend his bosses and tries to ensure that News24 is seen as the go-to publication for truth and honesty. We are featuring this article to analyse his words. To those who are awake, it will boil your blood. To those who find News24 the source of all truths, it will strengthen their belief in this publication. By hiding behind carefully selected academic and scientific studies, prof. Claassen tries to explain the media's innocence, while at the same time praising MSM for a job well done.

QUOTE: When was the last time you read the news and didn't feel sad or scared? - Many

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scaremongering

noun [U] + disapproving
UK ˈskeɪ.mən.ɡɪŋ/ US ˈsker.mən.ɡeɪ.ŋ/

the action of spreading stories that make people feel worried or frightened:

Creating 'panic porn': Are journalists scaremongering about Covid-19?

news24 George Claassen

It does not help if the messengers, the media, are blamed as the culprits when people do not arm themselves with reliable information. *Hiding behind the "messenger" label. It's not that simple. You ARE responsible for your published articles, News24!*

The internet is rife with health scams and quackery. But there are also very good science websites and reliable news media where trustworthy information from medical scientists strengthen the health professions' task to inform patients. *True, but many are ignored by MSM.*



As the Covid-19 pandemic unfolds, can the media be accused of spreading 'panic porn', asks George Claassen.

"The best of prophets of the future is the past," wrote the English poet Lord Byron in a letter to a friend in 1821.

His words came to mind when I was researching the way the media had been reporting the threat of the possible pandemic of bird flu, the H5N1 virus, in 2006-2007.

A number of questions arise: After being accused of a frenzy of scaremongering and quickly losing interest when the predicted immense dangers of H5N1 did not materialise, did the media learn any lessons from the way they reported on the avian flu more than a decade ago? Are we in the media, in our reporting of the Covid-19 pandemic, indeed guilty of scaring the public? And is journalists' knowledge of intricate science and statistics to report on and interpret all the manifestations of the pandemic good enough?

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As Sandman emphasised, the problem is not panic, the problem is denial. The media have a duty, as scientists do, to winnow deep truth from deep nonsense.

Correct, but MSM deliberately denies many facts that supplies an answer to: **How Deadly Is This Virus Really?**

If you are "just the messenger" then your opinion should not be raised. True or not?

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A model is only as useful as its inputs are accurate - garbage in, garbage out

Study: corona vaccine makers earn \$1,000 per second | Financial

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The coalition estimates that the three pharmaceutical companies will jointly make \$34 billion in pre-tax profits this year, or \$93.5 million a day. The companies have sold the vast majority of their doses to rich countries, while the world's poorest countries remain largely unvaccinated.

"It is obscene that only a few companies make millions of dollars in profits every hour, while only 2 percent of people in low-income countries are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus," said Maaza Seyoum of the African Alliance and the People's Vaccine Alliance Africa.

Pfizer, BioNTech and Moderna have used their monopoly positions to prioritize the most profitable contracts with the wealthiest governments, according to the PVA. Pfizer and BioNTech delivered less than 1 percent of their total deliveries to low-income countries, while Moderna delivered just 0.2 percent.

netherlandsnewslive.com/study-corona-vaccine-makers-earn-1000-per-second-financial/284602/

If these three pharmaceutical companies would provide their vaccines without profit, perhaps more people could be persuaded to take the jab.

To profit from a pandemic is unethical in our opinion. News24, time to be as good as your local investigative journalism qualities and get on this one - without fear.

They won't do it. They do not have the guts nor the will. Perhaps, just perhaps, they're not allowed to do so...

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Pfizer, BioNTech, Moderna making \$1,000 profit every second: analysis



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Pfizer, BioNTech and Moderna are making combined profits of \$65,000 every minute from their highly successful COVID-19 vaccines while the world's poorest countries remain largely unvaccinated, according to a new analysis.

I have yet to see where News24 and other trustworthy media have been practising scaremongering about the virus.

Prof. Claassen probably does not read his own publication - which includes Business Insider, or is he like so many others, blind to reality? If he was working for an ethical private company, he could be fired for blatantly lying and for damaging the company's reputation. We have to be very wary with those using selective academia for their one-sided version of truth.

WWII WAS 17X DEADLIER THAN COVID-19

World War II was the deadliest military conflict in history. An estimated total of 70-85 million people perished, or about 3% of the 1940 world population - Wikipedia.

Comparing completely unrelated and different events to drive home a point is pure scaremongering. Agree?

BUSINESS INSIDER TRENDING

More Americans have now died from Covid-19 than the number of US soldiers killed during World War II

John Halliweather, Business Insider US

Dec 11, 2020, 6:43 PM

'Loved ones, not numbers': Inside a British funeral business as Covid deaths surge

Deaths with, not due to Covid.

21 May

Critically ill Covid-19 patients more likely to die in Africa - including SA - than in other regions

Poor health services - goes for all critical illnesses.

health24 Compiled by Zakariah Ebrahim

One of SA's largest funeral homes sees 300% increase in funerals in the Eastern Cape in December

From Covid or from depression, suicide, delayed operations etc.

news24 Canny Maphanga

Worst of Covid-19 is yet to come for Africa: WHO

Scaremongering heading. Worst is not only Covid, but from many restrictions.

AFP

Children in Brazil are dying from Covid-19 at alarmingly high rates

Context: transparencia.registrocivil.org.br/especial-covid#prazos

AFP

UK's health service is running out of blood test tubes - doctors say it could lead to 'catastrophe'

Did it happen?

Barthany Dawson, Business Insider US

Sep 05, 2021, 01:38 PM

Excess deaths due to pandemic much higher than reported Covid-19 toll: WHO

Excess deaths could be for many reasons.

AFP

People in India are being cremated in parking lots - families have to take tickets and wait

1,400,000,000 people live in India - context.

Bill Borlock, Business Insider US

Apr 30, 2021, 12:09 PM

Vietnam identifies a highly contagious new coronavirus variant with strains from the UK and India

Another day, another variant. Scaremongering heading.

Yolena Dzhurava, Business Insider US

May 03, 2021, 03:33 PM

A silent media?

Media should never be silent, but their reporting should be unbiased. It's not.

I could not find any evidence that News24 was creating fear and panic in its reporting on Covid-19. The media endeavour to be messengers of the truth, however ghastly that truth may be. Again, should News24 keep quiet about the dangers of the virus merely not to create panic and fear in society? We are here to report the news accurately and truthfully, as the Press Code requires. I still have to find any evidence that News24 is not doing this on Covid-19.

A few weeks ago, News24 was for the second year in a row named as the most reliable news source in South Africa by the University of Oxford's Reuters Institute.

A quality news organisation cannot withhold the facts from the public. Forewarned is indeed forearmed.

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World's top climate scientists told to 'cover up' the fact that the Earth's temperature hasn't risen for the last 15 years

- Leaked United Nations report reveals the world's temperature hasn't risen for the last 15 years
- Politicians have raised concerns about the final draft
- Fears that the findings will encourage deniers of man-made climate change

By TAMARA COHEN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Scientists working on the most authoritative study on climate change were urged to cover up the fact that the world's temperature hasn't risen for the last 15 years, it is claimed.

A leaked copy of a United Nations report, compiled by hundreds of scientists, shows politicians in Belgium, Germany, Hungary and the United States raised concerns about the final draft.

Published next week, it is expected to address the fact that 1998 was the hottest year on record and world temperatures have not yet exceeded it, which scientists have so far struggled to explain.

The report is the result of six years' work by UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is seen as the world authority on the extent of climate change and what is causing it - on which governments including Britain's base their green policies.

daily.mail.co.uk/news/article-2425775/Climate-scientists-told-cover-fact-Earths-temperature-risen-15-years.html