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■Must read thread on GB News! ■

Andrew Neil claims that “British people are crying out for a news service that is more diverse and more representative of their values and concerns”

Whose concerns will it REALLY represent?

We investigate... /1



The best place to start is always an analysis of the economic base.

Does this match with the show's focus on the concerns of the British people?

As you'll see below, the two main funders are mega-rich New Zealand and US businessmen… /2

"Co-lead investor in GB News, is the New Zealand-born, Dubai-based Christopher Chandler"

"US media group Discovery Inc is the other co-lead investor. Its significant shareholder is John Malone, the libertarian and erstwhile Murdoch cable rival"

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Still, at least ONE major investor is British…

"The channel's third major investor is British businessman and philanthropist Sir Paul Marshall"

According to Byline Times, Marshall is the man who convinced Michael Gove to throw his political weight behind Brexit... /4

Marshall's hedge fund "successfully bet on the ensuing political and economic chaos after its initial big wins on Brexit"

Meanwhile, he made clear that he is as avariciously "British" as the rest of his investors by…"setting up a fund in Dublin..."

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"...to avoid the impact of crashing out of the EU."!

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So far we have hugely wealthy lovers of "free markets" with only a tenuous connection to Britain

Not a great start, is it?

How about the claim that GB News will be "proudly independent" and focus on "debate that embraces all voices and opinions across Britain"?

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Britain's News Channel

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INVESTORS GIVE GO-AHEAD FOR GB NEWS

GB News has finalised its investment to launch a boldly different 24-hour television and digital news service to bring more choice to British viewers.

The funding round, which was 50 per cent over-subscribed, is supported by **Legatum** and **Sir Paul Marshall** who join **Discovery Inc.** in backing the venture founded by veteran telecommunications executives **Andrew Cole** and **Mark Schneider**.

GB News will start hiring immediately to create more than 140 jobs including 120 journalists. It expects to reach 96% of British television households via Freeview, Sky, Virgin Media, YouView and Freesat. It will also launch a suite of streaming, video-on-demand and audio services.

The channel's co-lead investor, global media and entertainment company **Discovery Inc.** was first on board last year.

It is now joined by co-lead backer Legatum, an investment partnership that uses its ideas and capital to improve lives globally. It focuses on increasing individual freedom and responsibility, while providing a voice to forgotten and marginalised communities.

The channel's third major investor is British businessman and philanthropist Sir Paul Marshall, who is investing in a personal capacity. Investment bank Panmure Gordon acted as sole financial adviser and placement agent to GB News on the transaction.

Chairman Andrew Neil, who will also host a prime-time programme on GB News, said he was hugely encouraged by the confidence investors had shown in the business.

"We're thrilled to have such a broad range of high-calibre investors who share our belief that many British people are crying out for a news service that is more diverse and more representative of their values and concerns," he said.

"GB News is a massive undertaking in a fiercely competitive market but we're confident there's an appetite for a fresh approach to news in Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland."

Chief Executive Officer Angelos Frangopoulos said GB News was an opportunity to add vitally needed plurality to the UK media sector. "This is a significant investment in British journalism at a time when it's needed most," he said.

"GB News will be proudly independent and fearless in tackling the issues people care about, especially in communities outside London. We are now building a superb team who are as passionate as we are about shaking things up and really connecting with viewers."

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This seems somewhat unlikely when ALL CONFIRMED STAFF SO FAR are right-wingers

GB News Chairman and lead presenter Andrew Neil made his name as Rupert Murdoch's lackey at the Sunday Times

As editor of The Sunday Times Neil boasted that "Thatcher's battles were our battles"

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As editor of the Sunday Times Neil was "a delirious sacker. He dumped so many people for being leftish"

And:

"Notoriously, refused to accept the consensus view of Aids, promoting the idea that this was a disease of gay men and drug addicts..."

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"...attacking official advice that heterosexuals too were at risk"

Source: Davies, Nick., Flat Earth News

There's plenty of other evidence out there that Neil is a rabid right-winger (Spectator Chaiman, Iraq war), but what of the other lead recruits at GB News?

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"Chief executive Angelos Frangopoulos, a former boss of Sky News Australia"

"Rebecca Hutson who is joining as head of digital. The former Mail Online director of video will also appear on-air"

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"Lucinda Duckett has been named director of corporate affairs and editorial advocacy. Duckett most notably spent 13 years at News Corp Australia"

John McAndrew, a former director of content at Sky News...named director of news and programmes"

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Headline recruit for GB News is Dan Wootton

Wooton left Murdoch's Sun to join GB News

Simultaneously, he took up a position as a columnist with the Mail on Sunday...

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Can you see a pattern emerging here?

We suppose it’s possible that a TV show funded by mega-rich free market devotees and staffed by ex-Murdoch, News Corp, Daily Mail right-wingers will be “impartial” and embrace “all voices and opinions”

Actually, no we don’t

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Still, at least lead man Andrew Neil is as British as they come:

“I get out of London as much as possible when Parliament is not sitting" Neil boasted in an Independent column on his French chateau.

"I either come here or go to New York”

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His New York apartment was purchased for a mere $3.2 million dollars, consolidating Neil's connection with the ordinary Brit

Said apartment is in Trump Tower, no less

Oh Andrew! You make it too easy!

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It appears that only ONE claim by GB News so far is true

They will be “fearless in tackling the issues people care about, especially in communities outside of London”

As we've seen, the communities GB News will serve do indeed exist outside of London...

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With funding from wealthy investors in New Zealand and the US

Staffed by wealthy corporate journalists like Neil and Wootton, themselves part of globalised, jet-setting elite (Wootton is

from New Zealand)

GB News will do the EXACT OPPOSITE of what it says it will...

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Rather than serving ordinary Britons, GB News WILL IMPOSE ON THEM the libertarian, free market perspectives conducive to members of a transnational, capitalist elite of which Andrew Neil is a part

The evidence is clear. It is in this thread.

RT to spread the word!