

Is Talking About Media Ownership Anti-Semitic?

Huffington Post: Asserting that the corporate press is owned by powerful people has anti-Jewish "undertones"

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In a hit piece on UKIP founding member and MEP Gerard Batten, Huffington Post columnist Asa Bennett makes the bizarre implication that questioning media ownership is an act of anti-Semitism.

The article, entitled [Meet Gerard Batten, The UKIP MEP Scare-Mongering About Islam, Immigrants And Bilderberg](#), cites a quote by Batten in which he points out that media owners are amongst the attendees at the annual Bilderberg Group conference of global power brokers. "Look who owns the media, it is owned by powerful people and they go to powerful meetings like this," Batten said during an interview with Alex Jones last year.

"Batten's focus on media ownership draws concern from Jewish groups for its undertones," writes Bennett, before quoting Mark Gardner, from the Community Security Trust (CST), who states, "Gerard Batten stresses that he does not believe the more extreme conspiracy theories about the Bilderberg Group, but any notions of secret political and media power can risk echoing well-worn anti-Semitic ideas."

Apparently, according to Asa Bennett, Mark Gardner and the Huffington Post, merely voicing the opinion that the corporate media is owned by powerful people and that media ownership is becoming increasingly consolidated (both of which are manifestly provable facts), makes you a Jew-hating anti-Semite.

The article cites no example whatsoever of where Batten has made any anti-Jewish or anti-Semitic remarks. This is a classic case of an ad-hominem attack where name calling and baseless smear is used to attack someone's character in the absence of facts.

The reality is that just [six corporations own all the major media outlets](#) and that the press has never been more centralized into the hands of a powerful few. All of these six companies - Viacom, Disney, GE, News-Corp, Time Warner and CBS, have at one time or another been represented at Bilderberg meetings.

Another twist of irony is the fact that the Huffington Post is itself owned by a huge media conglomerate in AOL, which purchased the leftist news outlet in 2011 for \$315 million dollars. Before their split in 2009, AOL owned numerous television networks and Hollywood production companies thanks to its 2000 merger with Time Warner.

Bennett also implies that merely talking about the Bilderberg Group, of which Batten has been a fierce critic, or ascribing any influence to the organization is a baseless conspiracy

theory.

Bennett obviously failed to research the fact that Bilderberg chairman [Étienne Davignon bragged](#) about how the euro single currency was a brainchild of the secretive group, with [documents uncovered by the BBC](#) proving that the euro was being discussed by Bilderberg members as far back as 1955, nearly 50 years before it came into effect.

He also omitted [leaks out of the 2006 Bilderberg conference](#) in Ottawa which show that the cabal was plotting for the housing bubble to burst and the economic collapse two years in advance, along with the plethora of other examples proving Bilderberg has exercised kingmaker power as well as setting the consensus for global policy on numerous occasions.

Bennett also erroneously dismisses Batten's assertion that "the European Union had been originally proposed by the Nazis." This is an absolutely verifiable fact and is proven by [US Military Intelligence report EW-Pa 128](#), also known as The Red House Report, which details how top Nazis secretly met at the Maison Rouge Hotel in Strasbourg on August 10, 1944 and, knowing Germany was on the brink of military defeat, conspired to create a Fourth Reich - a pan-European economic empire based around a European common market.

As is routine for establishment hit pieces targeting populist voices with the "conspiracy theorist" jibe, Bennett's article is heavy on smear and insinuation but thin on factual honesty.

The mass media has done its level best to check UKIP's runaway success by contriving all manner of ludicrous hit pieces directed at the party and its leader, Nigel Farage, whipping up leftists into a fervor by constantly smearing UKIP members as racist and extremist.

However, the only extremism in evidence has been directed against UKIP itself by crazed leftists, including an assault on Batten's home after a [brick was thrown through his window](#) last week. Another UKIP candidate, Bobby Anwar, was [viciously attacked](#) by his Labour Party supporting neighbors who assaulted him with a sharp metal object. Nigel Farage has also been physically attacked on numerous occasions.

Current polls show that [UKIP is enjoying a last minute surge of support](#) and remains on course to triumph in this week's European elections, illustrating how constant attacks by a discredited establishment have helped and not hindered the party's popularity.

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