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Mission Statement

The Real News Network is a non-profit, independent, viewer-supported news and analysis service. TRNN is sustained by viewer donations and foundation support.

The mission of The Real News Network is to engage viewers in solving the critical problems of our times. We speak truth about power and identify common struggles and historical trends, acknowledging the role of racism and class struggle in the issues we cover. We believe that only a non-profit, viewer-supported model can produce the uncompromising and relevant journalism that we need.

“The people must know before they can act, and there is no educator to compare with the press.”

Legendary Journalist Ida B. Wells
Letter from the Executive Director

When I agreed to serve as the new Executive Director of The Real News Network earlier this year, the world was a very different place. Just a few dozen people in the US had been confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, and a democratic socialist was briefly enjoying frontrunner status in the Democratic primary. Today, I am writing in the midst of a mounting economic crisis brought on by the pandemic raging across the globe, watching a historically bankrupt centrist getting ready to challenge the increasingly unhinged white supremacist populism of the right in November, all while a movement for racial justice refusing to wait for half measures takes to the streets instead.

The corporate media — committed to propping up the system failing all around us so dramatically — is structurally incapable of giving ordinary people what they need to navigate this crisis. That’s because what’s necessary is not just a few occasional good stories in a sea of misinformation, but a whole new relationship to the media, built on bonds of solidarity and mutual connection rather than driven ruthlessly by the commodification of attention.

This is why I signed on to lead The Real News — because I believe that in a moment of historical crisis like our own, we need media that serves the people more than ever. And because I know that the incredible team here — supported by viewers like you — is rising to meet this challenge.

If you, like me, believe in the mission of The Real News, please consider making a contribution to help keep us strong in 2020 and beyond.

John Duda
Executive Director
Our greatest editorial strength is our ability to offer an in-depth look at why things happen.

We provide a platform for experts who can shed light on the conditions that helped shape the world in which we live, whether they are journalists, historians, economists, advocates, or others.

Last year, we extensively covered Brexit through interviews with economist Leo Panitch. We provided breaking news coverage on the coup in Venezuela. We also provided coverage of the Tohono O’odham Nation that viewers could not get elsewhere. Most importantly, we provided deep dives into the systemic issues of our times.

Story Highlights for 2019

In Caracas, Ordinary Venezuelans Speak To The Real News About Venezuela’s Crisis

Theresa May’s Resignation Could Mean A Hard Brexit

Brexit, Boris, And British Parliament Come To A Head After 3 Years

Tohono O’odham Nation: ‘All These Areas Can Collapse’

Fifth Democratic Debate Showed The Deep Divide Within The Party

Should Democrats Attack Trump Or Fight For Working Families?

Eddie Conway’s Update On Forgotten Political Prisoners

Exclusive: The 911 Call This SWAT Team Doesn’t Want You To Hear

The Murder Of Joshua Brown: Tragic Coincidence, Or Something Bigger?

Whistleblowers Save our Democracy, Says Daniel Ellsberg

Roger Waters: Militarism Is Exacerbating The Climate Crisis

US Violates Nuclear Non-Proliferation Obligations, Undermining Credibility With Iran And N. Korea

Right Wing Nationalist Rulers: An International Movement That Threatens Our Future

 Stateless In Malaysia
What Our Viewers Were Watching in 2019

Engagement in 2019

- 52% YouTube
- 717k Fans/Subscribers
- 48% Facebook
- 342k Fans/Subscribers
- 23% Website
- 29 Million Views
- 77% YouTube
- 22,179,441 Views
- 6,517,066 Website

Top Stories

#1
Epstein May Be Just One Part Of An Intricate Network Of Sex And Power

#2
UN Security Council Debates The Future Of Venezuela

#3
Billions From Deutsche Bank Despite Trump’s Bankruptcies, Defaults, And Financial Malfeasance

#4
Cops Raided This Black-Owned Business Eight Times, And They Still Weren’t Done

#5
Trump’s Latest Iran Sanctions Show An Unraveling Of US Foreign Policy
# Financial Overview

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Timothy Finn
Nestadt Family
Barbara Bogard
Robert Acheson
*Extraordinary Personal Gifts
Board of Directors

Danny Glover

Danny Glover combines his acting career with a dedication to the common good. He is well known for his film and television works, including the Lethal Weapon series, Beloved, To Sleep with Anger, and Freedom Song. He serves as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations, works on behalf of AIDS victims in the U.S. and Africa, and helps a wide range of organizations advance the causes of civil rights and economic justice.

Baruti N. Kopano, Ph.D., Co-Chair

Baruti N. Kopano, Ph.D. is chair of the Department of Multiplatform Production and associate professor in the School of Global Journalism and Communication at Morgan State University. He teaches courses in mass media law, African American rhetoric and communication, radio station operations, management, programming, and finance. Before joining the Morgan faculty in 2005, he was an associate professor of mass communications and co-director of the Black Studies Program at Delaware State University.

Robert Lang, Co-Chair

Robert Lang is the founder and president of Toronto-based Kensington Communications, a television production company with an established international reputation for ground-breaking documentary specials, innovative factual series, and interactive digital media productions. He is a documentary filmmaker, a founding member of the Documentary Organization of Canada (DOC), and the founder of the Crosscurrents Documentary Fund at Hot Docs, North America’s largest documentary festival.
**Dimitri Lascaris**

Dimitri Lascaris is a lawyer who focuses on human rights and environmental law in Canada. In 2012, Dimitri was named by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine* as one of the 25 most influential lawyers in Canada, and in 2013 he was named by *Canadian Business Magazine* as one of the 50 most influential persons in Canadian business. He is the former justice critic of the Green Party of Canada. In 2018, he was elected to be a member of the Green Party of Quebec’s Executive Committee.

**Susan Nestadt**

Susan Nestadt is the founder of ULUNTU, a center for early childhood education and services for young, vulnerable parents in Baltimore. She serves on the Board of the Safe and Sound Campaign, the Baltimore Outreach Center for Homeless Women and Children, and the Baltimore Streetcar Campaign. Previously, she worked for Catholic Charities’ Sex Abuse Unit for over 20 years. Susan has a B.A. from the University of the Witwatersrand in early childhood education, an M.Sc. from Goucher College in dance therapy, an M.Sc. from Johns Hopkins University in special education, and an M.S.W. from the University of Maryland.

**T.M. Scruggs**

T.M. Scruggs is an ethnomusicologist whose geographical specialty is Latin America and the Caribbean. He taught at the University of Iowa from 1994 to 2009, as well as universities in Nicaragua and Venezuela. He now lives in Berkeley, California.
Our Team

Steve Horn  Adam Coley  Andrew Corkery  Rosette Sewali  Will Arenas  Taylor Hebden  Jocelyn Dombroski  Cameron Granadino

Daryl Lewis  Queenie Coulton  James Daley  Dwayne Gladden  Kayla Rivara  Aman Azhar  Stephen Frank  Jaisal Noor

Taya Graham  Stephen Janis  Eddie Conway  Marc Steiner  Oscar Leon  Jacqueline Luqman  Kelly McAdams  Charles Lenchner
What’s Next?

As we’re designing and preparing our 2019 Annual Report, the world is under siege by the worst pandemic in 100 years. Every day new restrictions are enforced to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Millions of workers are at risk of losing their jobs. The entire TRNN staff is working remotely. Life is surreal, and it’s naive to assume that anything will return to the pre-pandemic “normal.”

Consequently, looking to the future can seem a pointless exercise.

Yet one thing this crisis has proven is that The Real News Network is resilient and flexible, and can respond quickly under stressful conditions. We have instituted processes so our 32-person team could work from home and still interact effectively. We ensured that all staff members would get paid. Our editorial team is combing through the barrage of information bombarding our viewers to make sure we offer the most relevant fact-based coverage and thoughtful analysis in a timely manner.

So, yes, we are planning for the future. And it’s a future that we began envisioning months ago.

In 2019 TRNN staff undertook a strategic planning process and set a course to make our coverage more compelling and accessible, responding to the needs of viewers in this increasingly fast-paced world. We know you have a plethora of news and analysis outlets to choose from, and we want to make sure you choose TRNN.

Here are some of our plans for the upcoming year:

• An updated website that is easier to navigate and more interactive.
• New weekly show formats, using the successful weekly TRNN production Police Accountability Report as a prototype.
• Election coverage, from local to international, that is thorough and covers stories that other news outlets don’t.
• Continuing up-to-date coverage of COVID-19 and ways to create a world that is safer and more responsive to crises.

We can’t predict what world events will bring, but we can predict that TRNN will be there to help make sense of it.