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Some background on content of Russia Today (RT)

RT like BBC, Voice of America and Deutsche Welle in Germany are all "state broadcasters" in the sense they all receive state funding support.

Of the 20 main programmes or shows on RT, 17 (81%) have nothing to do with Russia or the state and are run by independent journalists under no editorial constraints from RT.

Several of these cannot get placement on US/UK media or are unwilling to use mainstream media because of censorship or editorial intervention. These include:

US journalists:

1. Larry King Now (30 min interviews)
2. Larry King Politicking – sequence of short interviews
3. Boom & Bust – Ameera David & Ed Harrison, US commentators/analysts on economy - interviews leading economists mainly from US institutions
4. Keiser Report – Max Keiser & Stacy Herbert, US investigative specialists in finance
5. The Big Picture – Thom Hartmann – US investigative journalist- very detailed review of current issues
6. Cross Talk – Peter Lavelle - US journalist - discussion and analysis of current events usually concerning Russian/international interactions
7. The News with Ed Schultz – US journalist
8. America's Lawyer – Mike Papantinio US corporate lawyer
9. Redacted Tonight – DC-based Lee Camp US comedian
10. Watching the Hawks – Tyrel Ventura, Sean Stone, Tabetha Wallace (US investigative journalists) (Sean Stone is the son of Oliver Stone)
11. Kirby's war of words – Tim Kirby US commentator on current events

Russian journalists:

12. Worlds Apart – Oksana Boyko – Russian journalist interviews leading international figures concerning current events or major trends (tends to stick up for Russian position)
13. Sophie & Co – Sophie Shevardnadze – Russian interviewer interviews leading international figures concerning current events or major trends (more laid back)
14. In the Now with Anissa Naouai

British journalists

15. Sam Delaney's News Thing – Sam Delaney - satire
16. Going Underground – Afshin Rettansi – British reporter dealing with current events in in UK-international
17. Sputnik – George Galloway – British left wing politician

Others include: 18. News, 19. Documentary, 20. Interview



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