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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 24 main programmes or shows on RT, 21 (87.5%) have nothing to do with Russia or the Russian government/state and are run by independent journalists under no editorial constraints from RT or the Russian authorities.

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

US journalists:

1. Larry King Now (30 min interviews)
2. Larry King Politicking – sequence of short interviews
3. Boom & Bust – Lindsay France, 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 World According to Jessie Ventura – US journalist commentary and investigations
6. On Contact – Chris Bridges US journalist commentary and reviews
7. The Big Picture – Holland Cooke – US investigative journalist- very detailed review of current issues
8. News with Ed Schultz – US journalist
9. Cross Talk – Peter Lavelle - US journalist - discussion and analysis of current events usually concerning Russian/international interactions
10. The News with Ed Schultz – US journalist
11. America's Lawyer – Mike Papantini US corporate lawyer
12. Redacted Tonight – DC-based Lee Camp US comedian
13. Watching the Hawks – Tyrel Ventura, Sean Stone, Tabetha Wallace (US investigative journalists) (Sean Stone is the son of Oliver Stone)
14. Kirby's war of words – Tim Kirby US commentator on current events

Russian journalists:

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

British journalists

18. Renegade Inc. – Ross Ashcroft – UK journalist, thematic current issue reviews and analysis
19. Sam Delaney's News Thing – Sam Delaney - satire
20. Going Underground – Afshin Rattansi – British reporter dealing with current events in in UK-international
21. Sputnik – George Galloway – British left wing politician

Others include: 22. News, 23.Documentary, 24. Interview



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