

# Brian Patrick Byrne

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Brian is an accomplished journalist and videographer. He has written more than 500 articles about politics, technology, and culture during his 5 year career, and has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and BuzzFeed. He also produces short and long-form video that repeatedly draws large audiences.

## Professional Experience

New York, New York

March 2012 to Present

### Freelance Video Producer

- Independently researched, shot, and edited 20-minute documentary about racism, featuring interviews with notorious white nationalists
- Produced viral video that reached 300,000 views and was featured on Good Morning America
- Developing high proficiency in the Adobe Creative Cloud, including Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Audition, and Adobe Photoshop
- Building on five years' experience in video by learning how to shoot 360 video, how to fly drones, and how to produce videos with professional sound and lighting techniques

Vocativ New York, New York/Tel Aviv, Israel

June 2015 to November 2016

### Data Journalist

- Conceived, researched, and wrote article revealing Hillary Clinton's fast food spending. Story picked up by NBC News, and later mentioned on Clinton's personal Twitter account
- Pitched a Facebook video about tunnel boring machines that became one of Vocativ's most successful videos, reaching almost 10 million views
- Produced "The Drudge Report Report," an original investigation into the reporting bias of conservative journalist Matt Drudge. Drudge featured the story, and it received over 100,000 views
- Interviewed the world's most successful competitive eaters for a feature about Nathan's Hotdog Eating Contest. Story later featured in The New York Times
- Hired as intern, but taken on as full-time reporter one month later due to high standard of reporting

Irish Independent Dublin, Ireland/United States

November 2013 to March 2015

### News Reporter

- Anchored remote video reports from the scene of crimes and events that drew more than 100,000 views on social
- Broke exclusive stories for Irish media organizations from high profile criminal court cases in New York and Massachusetts. This involved writing and selling original news stories, providing live radio interviews to Irish radio stations, and producing pre-recorded radio features, also for Irish radio stations

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- Repeatedly went above and beyond to break exclusive stories, including last-minute drive across Ireland to interview the mother of a homeless man who had died on a street in Dublin that same day
- Regularly found exclusive angles to national news stories on short notice. On one occasion, discovered that a man who almost died in a helicopter accident hours earlier was the father of an Irish woman who died in the Air France disaster of 2009, resulting in front page story and national exclusive
- Started on a fixed-term contract, but contract extended due to strong reporting and overall work ethic

Newstalk 106-108 FM Dublin, Ireland

June 2013 to October 2013

### **Researcher**

- Secured on-air interviews with leading political and media figures
- Offered to conduct additional duties such as street interviews, and audio editing, while simultaneously carrying out assigned duties
- Started out as unpaid intern, but later offered paid freelance shifts as a result of consistently high level of work

**Specialties:** Shooting Video/Camera Operation • Video Editing • Sound Editing • Motion Graphics/Animation • Writing • Interviewing • Researching • Fact-checking • Data Visualization • Social Media Management

## Education

**Master of Arts, Journalism**, Dublin City University, Ireland

**Bachelor of Science, Computer Science**, University College Cork, Ireland