

# Brian Patrick Byrne

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**Brian has written more than 500 articles about news, politics, culture, and technology during his 5 year career, and is regularly featured in outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Daily Beast. He produces short and long-form video that has drawn audiences of millions, and has a proven track record of finding and effectively sharing original stories via social media**

## Professional Experience

New York, New York

November 2016 to Present

### **Freelance Journalist and Video Producer**

- Producing politics, culture, and technology stories on a freelance basis for The Daily Beast, The Daily Dot, and others
- Produced marketing materials, including photos and video, for Marvel's "Spiderman: Homecoming," featured in Variety
- Independently researched, shot, and edited 15-minute documentary about racism, featuring interviews with notorious white nationalists
- 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

Vocativ New York, New York/Tel Aviv, Israel

June 2015 to November 2016

### **Politics, Technology, Culture 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 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
- Social media management, including timely and strategic posting of content to Facebook page with over one million "likes"

Irish Independent Dublin, Ireland/United States

November 2013 to March 2015

### **Breaking 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
- 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 deadline. 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

### **Radio Producer**

- 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:** Writing • Interviewing • Researching • Fact-checking • AP Style • Editorial Judgement • Data Visualization • HTML/CSS/PHP • Social Media Management • Snapchat • Instagram • Twitter • Facebook • Shooting Video/Camera Operation • Video Editing • Sound Editing • Motion Graphics/Animation

## Education

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

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