NAGORNO-KARABAKH AND THE MEDIA – A PANEL DISCUSSION

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Canada's Move Network presents **Nagorno-Karabakh and the Media** panel discussion in two parts.

Taped on Sunday September 6th, the panel comprised of Jirair Tutunjian of Toronto, David Davidian of Yerevan, and David Boyajian of Boston with moderator Kevork Tanielian of Toronto.

The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict has, for decades, been misrepresented by the mainstream media which has acted as a propaganda machine for governments and special interest groups. The panel focuses on the August 14th BBC HardTalk interview with Nikol Pashinyan as springboard to discuss media representation of Armenian issues, the historic background of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, geopolitics, journalistic standards and bias in the media.

The July fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenia resulted in major Azerbaijani losses. As a result, the pro-Azeri propaganda intensified with an endless flow of "news reports" and op-eds poured out of the Azerbaijani propaganda machine.

For a number of years, our panelists--independent writers, journalists and activists--have countered the pro-Azeri accusations and twisted narratives through op-eds and written comments in the letters' sections of the pro-Azeri media. Canada's Move has reached out to them to shed light on the efforts of the biased media and to set the record straight.

Topics discussed:

- Territorial rights of states vs. the right to self-determination
- The illegal handing of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) and Nakhichevan by Stalin to Azerbaijan
- Anti-Armenian propaganda
- Geopolitics
- Threat of genocide
- Journalistic standards and media bias

Viewers and listeners are encouraged to counter bias and misinformation by writing to media sources and correcting the media slanted version.

For questions on how to participate in the debate, contact CanadasMove@gmail.com

https://youtu.be/3OpN9o2GvZk

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Comments

Diran Avedian – 2020-10-05 11:00:49
I find this panel discussion of extreme interest. Furthermore it was done prior to September 27. And the panelists (I believe it was Dr Davidian) had rightly predicted the position of Putin and the Russian Federation as a meek supporter of Armenia, given its interest with Azerbaidjan and the Petrodollars. One should request in the Armenian Parliament the public divulgation of the mutual defence treaty that we have with the Eurasian partners. Are there secret clauses that would make that agreement inoperable in the case of Armenia being attacked (which it was)? The panel discussion is very well moderated and I sent it throughout the world to various correspondents of mine for information . When is part II to appear?

Zohrab Dishakjian – 2020-09-30 21:09:23
David Zenian, this is Zohrab Dishakjian of Haigazian days.....I read your interesting article about Artsakh. Where are you now and what are you doing? We ran away from Beirut in 1976 and moved to Cary, N Carolina. We miss the good old days of Beirut almost every day.....

david zenian – 2020-09-28 10:58:19
May our heros and martyrs rest in please ... I will never forget my fist visit ... It was a true fresh air ... a turning point for me ... I will always remember Mrav !!
https://agbu.org/news-item/mrav-hayrapetians-karabakh/

Hayorti – 2020-09-20 13:52:45
The three panelists covered a lot of ground in their wide-ranging and informative discussion. Thank you to Canada's Move, to Arusyak, Kevork, and to Keghart.org Have you had other comments which you plan to broadcast, or am I the early bird?