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Connect is about TRUTH

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- In a world saturated with the views of the mainstream media which in essence are the views of whoever the mainstream channels are owned or funded by we at CONNECT will do our best to highlight for you an alternative view of the world an alternative to those mainstream views and narratives.
 - And the TRUTH is there are a number of alternative media channels and what they publish are alternative views and narratives and alternative views and narratives are good.
- In a true democracy, everyone and every viewpoint is heard. In an open and free society all viewpoints are also fully tested. Why wouldn't they be if TRUTH is the only goal.
- If, however, TRUTH isn't the only goal, we are looking at agendas. The questions then become what agendas and whose agendas? And where there are agendas there is silencing of TRUTH. That is, censoring of people's outspoken viewpoints.
- Can any of us still not be aware that censoring is going on? Specifically, over the number ONE topic of this time? Watching the media channels as we do, we say this: Censorship is not only dangerous, but it is rife.
- 5 A Word About Censorship

So, how does CONNECT address this issue?

First to say is – like you, we have our viewpoints and beliefs.

We are happy to debate those viewpoints and change our beliefs.

What we will not do is this:

Attempt to change the viewpoints and beliefs of others.

Our goal is only to lay before you a spread of information.

Where we can, we will open the door to further information.

Armed with that information you will decide for yourself.

Decide your own viewpoints - and beliefs - for YOU!

CONNECT welcomes ALL viewpoints and beliefs.

There is no censorship at CONNECT!

6 That is – except when there is!
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The founders of CONNECT believe in freedom and free speech.

We believe everyone should be heard – and all views respected.

The only exceptions, or limitations we will exercise...

...will relate to:

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- 1. any poor quality of the words used, and
- 2. any lack of sensitivity shown towards others.

Politeness and consideration for others are prerequisites for us. That is, along with considered opinion, particularly where it's well researched and referenced, as appropriate.

7 We may share with you what we at CONNECT think. But we will never tell you what YOU should think! What you think – is for you to determine.

8 A Word About Debate

Social media is by no means the right place to debate views. Postings are quickly buried beneath other posts by other people. People are more engaged by visual content rather than words. And many platforms are heavily censored as we know. That said, we do have a private debating channel. It will open whenever people wish to use it. Debate is healthy – as are open minds!

9 A Word about Political Orientation

We do not consider ourselves political in the normal sense. We will not align with any currently existing political party.

The founders haven't voted in general elections for decades.
And the reasoning for this?
The choices presented for us are not close to being appealing.
We explain this by using this simple everyday analogy.

If a shopkeeper cannot sell his products to his customers... ...then one of two things will happen. The shop will either fail or the stock will be changed.

Like the stock, we are waiting for the political system to change.

The maxim is – Never buy what you don't want! It will not serve you – in the long run - to do so. And if you keep buying what you don't want... ... the shopkeeper will keep providing, what you don't want! The shopkeeper remains in business – thinking you are happy. When you're not!

11 In Summary Then

CONNECT is pro-freedom, pro-justice, fairness and TRUTH. We will write about these pillars of a mature healthy society. We hope you will appreciate what we stand for and publish. We will not be idle in waiting for that change in the stock!

We will share with you all manner of things about the world.

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We will share with you, positive stories that lift our spirits. We will also share stories that cause us all to question. Questioning is necessary – in a search for TRUTH.

We will not shy away from being thought-provoking. We wish to prompt you to ask your own questions. To delve deeper into the subjects we cover and share. We even invite you to share with us what you find yourself.

- But in doing this we also know this...

 Some articles may cause offence or distress to some.

 This is not and never will be our intention.

 Our intention is only to inform and to prompt further questions.

 By doing so, we will all get closer to the TRUTH about all things.

 It is our most important foundation stone at CONNECT.
- We are looking forward to being on the journey with you. Made even better by having your friends also CONNECT. Please do share with them our stories and writings. Please do invite them to join you to join us all.

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