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Semantic Summary

Hugh Thorne, operating as BasedWelshman, is a Wales-based far-right YouTuber and anti-lockdown activist who rose to prominence during the 2020 Penally camp protests in Pembrokeshire, where he was identified as a YouTube agitator. His content blends sovereignty discourse, conspiracy narratives, and anti-migrant hotel protest coverage, particularly focused on Llanelli. Active since 2020, Thorne's trajectory traces the evolution of UK far-right digital activism from COVID-era lockdown resistance to organised anti-immigration agitation. He was investigated by Voice.Cymru for his role in bringing anti-lockdown conspiracy culture to Wales and has been documented by the Antifascist Research Collective within wider far-right YouTube networks. Notably, 57 of his videos have been flagged as censored or removed on altcensored.com, indicating sustained platform enforcement. He maintains a presence on BitChute alongside YouTube, operating within the alternative platform ecosystem common to deplatformed far-right creators. His content bridges the Welsh nationalist-adjacent space with broader UK anti-establishment and anti-migrant movements, positioning him as a regional node connecting local Welsh far-right activism to the national anti-migrant protest circuit.

Platform: YouTube / BitChute **Category:** Right-wing / Anti-establishment / Conspiracy / Sovereignty **Status:** Active **Real Name:** Hugh Thorne

Overview

BasedWelshman is a Wales-based YouTube channel run by Hugh Thorne. The channel covers current affairs, protests, "trigger walks," and sovereignty/conspiracy content. Thorne has been active in the UK anti-lockdown movement (since 2020) and anti-migrant hotel protests, particularly in Wales. The channel maintains playlists for Llanelli migrant hotel coverage, current affairs, protests, and "trigger walks." Also active on BitChute. Channel description on YouTube reads "Citizen Gonzo reporting & live stream what MSM won't."

The channel was created on YouTube in November 2014 but Hugh Thorne's active content production began around 2020 during the anti-lockdown movement. As of 2026, 57 videos from the channel have been flagged as censored or removed on altcensored.com, suggesting significant

enforcement action against the channel's content.

Notable Content

- Coverage of Penally camp protests (Pembrokeshire, September 2020) — Thorne was identified as a YouTube agitator at these protests
- "Battle of Westfield Shopping Centre RAW FOOTAGE" (May 2021)
- Anti-lockdown movement coverage and commentary (featured in Voice.Cymru investigation, August 2021)
- Llanelli migrant hotel protest coverage
- EU sovereignty commentary ("EU like Mafia = You will never leave")
- Cardiff anti-lockdown march coverage (streamed by BasedWelshman, noted in Voice.Cymru investigation)

Social Media Presence

- **Twitter/X:** @BasedWelshman (also @basedwelshman2 — possible backup). Account joined September 2022. Low activity: only ~6 tweets, 36 followers, following 11. Appears to be a sparsely used account.
- **Discord:** Linked in video descriptions

Controversies

- Named in Counterfire report on Penally camp protests (Sept 2020) as a YouTube agitator involved in tensions at the site
- Featured in Voice.Cymru's investigation into anti-lockdown conspiracy culture arriving in Wales (August 2021)
- Active on BitChute (platform known for hosting far-right and conspiracy content)
- Involvement in the "Battle of Westfield Shopping Centre" incident (May 2021)
- 57 videos flagged as censored/removed on altcensored.com archive
- Mentioned by the Antifascist Research Collective (network23.org/arc) in relation to wider far-right YouTube networks

Links

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDR8zwHCG3cbVC-uEFNiOLg>
- BitChute: referenced on altcensored.com
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/basedwelshman>

- Twitter (possible alt): <https://twitter.com/basedwelshman2>
- Discord: linked in video descriptions
- altCensored archive: <https://altcensored.com/channel/UCDR8zwHCG3cbVC-uEFNiOLg>

Known Associations

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- **Jupiter Ascending** — 2 mentions

Tags

- activist
- anti-immigration
- anti-lockdown
- basedwelshman
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- content-creator
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- person
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