

Entity: Dan Wootton

Entity: Dan Wootton

Semantic Summary

New Zealand-born British right-wing journalist and broadcaster; former GB News host, MailOnline columnist, and executive editor of The Sun, now running the independent subscription platform "Dan Wootton Outspoken". His significance is as a mainstream media figure who amplified right-wing populist narratives — immigration, anti-lockdown, anti-woke, Brexit — to millions, providing a platform for far-right-adjacent figures such as Laurence Fox and Katie Hopkins. His GB News show was suspended in September 2023 after Fox made sexually derogatory on-air comments about journalist Ava Evans which Wootton failed to challenge; Ofcom found the show breached broadcasting rules, and he left GB News in March 2024. In July 2023 Byline Times published allegations that he used fake online identities to deceive men into sending sexually explicit images; a police investigation ended without charges but a civil case continued. He also testified at the Leveson Inquiry in 2012.

Basic Information

- **Type:** Person / Journalist / Broadcaster
- **Status:** Active (independent platform "Dan Wootton Outspoken")
- **Role:** Former GB News host, former MailOnline columnist, former Sun executive editor
- **Background:** New Zealand-born British journalist; former executive editor of The Sun
- **Platforms:** Dan Wootton Outspoken (independent), X/Twitter, formerly GB News, MailOnline
- **Full name:** Daniel John William Wootton

Role in Ecosystem

Dan Wootton is a prominent right-wing media figure who hosted a daily show on GB News from 2021. His significance in the ecosystem is as a mainstream media figure who amplified right-wing populist narratives — immigration, anti-lockdown, anti-woke, and Brexit — to a GB News audience of millions. His show was a platform for far-right-adjacent figures like Laurence Fox and Katie Hopkins.

In September 2023, Wootton's show was suspended after Laurence Fox made sexually derogatory comments about journalist Ava Evans — comments Wootton failed to challenge on air. Ofcom found the show breached broadcasting rules. Wootton left GB News in March 2024 and launched an independent subscription platform.

In July 2023, Byline Times published allegations that Wootton used fake online identities to deceive men into sending sexually explicit images. A subsequent police investigation ended without charges, but a civil case continued. The scandal significantly damaged his media career.

Money IN (Funding Received)

Date	From	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
2021-2024	GB News	Unknown	Presenter salary	REPORTED	Media
2021-2023	MailOnline	Unknown	Columnist	REPORTED	Media
2024-	Dan Wootton Outspoken	Unknown	Subscription platform	REPORTED	Public

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Laurence Fox	Guest on his show; Fox made comments that led to suspension	Wikipedia
GB News	Former host (2021-2024)	Wikipedia
Byline Times	Published allegations about fake identities	Wikipedia
The Sun	Former executive editor	Wikipedia

Key Controversies

- **Jul 2023:** Byline Times alleged he used fake identities to obtain sexual images from men
- **Sep 2023:** Suspended from GB News after Laurence Fox's on-air comments about Ava Evans
- **2024:** Ofcom found GB News show breached broadcasting rules
- **Mar 2024:** Left GB News, launched Dan Wootton Outspoken
- Leveson Inquiry witness (2012) — testified about phone hacking practices

Notes

- Born 2 March 1983 in Wellington, New Zealand; moved to UK aged 21
- Won "Showbiz reporter of the year" at British Press Awards (2010, 2013, 2018)
- Broke "Megxit" story in The Sun (Jan 2020)
- Openly gay; engaged to Alan Longair (since 2020)
- His GB News show was a significant platform for right-wing/far-right adjacent discourse

Tags

- anti-immigration
- anti-lockdown
- anti-woke
- brexit
- channel
- commentator
- dan-wootton
- gb-news
- journalist
- katie-hopkins
- laurence-fox
- person
- twitter

Revision #1

Created 2026-08-21 11:58:12 UTC by Admin

Updated 2026-08-21 11:58:12 UTC by Admin