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### [NSS criticises BBC video promoting Operation Christmas Child](#)

Posted: Thu, 12 Dec 2019

The National Secular Society has said the BBC "allowed itself to be used" to promote "propaganda for fundamentalist Christianity" in producing a video on the Operation Christmas Child shoebox scheme.

The NSS has written to the corporation's complaints department... [Read More »](#)

### [Scrap 'discriminatory' Thought for the Day, says former presenter](#)

Posted: Wed, 02 Oct 2019

The National Secular Society has urged the BBC to reform its Thought for the Day slot on Radio 4 after the former presenter John Humphrys described it as "discriminatory".

Appearing on ITV's *Good Morning Britain* on Wednesday, Humphrys called Thought for the... [Read More »](#)

### [BBC dilutes protections for religious ideas after NSS lobbying](#)

Posted: Mon, 08 Jul 2019

The BBC has watered down some protections for religious ideas but retained a clause placing a premium on depictions of the Islamic prophet Muhammad in new [editorial guidelines](#).

The corporation has removed a requirement that content "likely to cause offence"... [Read More »](#)

## [NSS: religious offence-taking must not curtail free speech at BBC](#)

Posted: Tue, 13 Nov 2018

The National Secular Society has urged the BBC to treat free expression "as a positive value" as it raised concerns that new guidelines defer excessively to religious sensitivities.

In [response](#) to a consultation on the [draft guidelines](#) the NSS warned that the... [Read More »](#)

## [Public backs reform of Thought for the Day, poll finds](#)

Posted: Tue, 31 Jul 2018

Fewer than one in five British people think BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day* should always feature religious content, a new poll has found.

A survey undertaken by Censuswide, commissioned by the National Secular Society, suggests the British public backs reforming... [Read More »](#)

## [NSS challenges BBC Today's "PR exercise for C of E"](#)

Posted: Thu, 21 Dec 2017

The National Secular Society has written to the BBC over an episode of Radio 4's *Today* show which it said amounted to a "PR exercise for the Church of England".

The [episode](#) was broadcast on 14 December from Lambeth Palace, the C of E's headquarters. It featured... [Read More »](#)

## [BBC should portray religion in critically-informed way, says NSS](#)

Posted: Wed, 20 Dec 2017

The National Secular Society has said the BBC should portray religion in "a fair and critically-informed manner" after the Corporation pledged to increase the religious content in its programming.

On Wednesday the BBC published its Religion and Ethics Review... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC allows Today programme to be used to promote Church's evangelism campaign**

Posted: Thu, 01 Jun 2017

The National Secular Society has criticised the BBC for allowing the first *Thought for the Day* slot of June to be used by the Church of England as a platform to promote its latest evangelism initiative.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby spoke on Radio... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC to increase non-Christian religious broadcasting**

Posted: Mon, 14 Nov 2016

After criticising itself for devoting too much of its religious broadcasting to Christianity, the BBC is to consider increasing its religious broadcasting to allow more time for minority faiths.

Religious leaders have been invited by BBC director-general Lord... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC's output "too Christian" says head of religion and ethics**

Posted: Tue, 17 May 2016

An internal review has found the BBC's religious output is "too Christian" and recommended an increase in its Muslim, Hindu and Sikh programming.

Aaqil Ahmed, the broadcaster's head of religion and ethics, compiled the report following consultation with non-Christians... [Read More »](#)

## **NSS launches new app to bypass Thought for the Day**

Posted: Fri, 01 Apr 2016

The National Secular Society will today launch a new app that will allow Radio 4 listeners to avoid Thought for the Day when listening to the BBC's *Today* programme.

The application will enable listeners to pre-select alternative content during the religious... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC Trust rules against presenter who asked Christian Concern campaigner if she was a bigot**

Posted: Thu, 10 Mar 2016

Former BBC presenter Iain Lee has said he is "flabbergasted" after the BBC Trust [ruled](#) his interview with a Christian campaigner was a "serious breach" of editorial guidelines.

In the interview, which took place in November 2015, Lee was in discussion with... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC continues to reduce its unpopular religious programming**

Posted: Thu, 29 Oct 2015

The BBC's latest annual report indicates a general reduction in the hours the Corporation devotes to religious broadcasting. The only increase was on BBC1 which devoted 86 hours to religious programmes in the 2014/15 period while in the previous year it was... [Read More »](#)

## **Help turn Thought for the Day into a “philosophy slot”**

Posted: Thu, 24 Sep 2015

The National Secular Society has backed calls for BBC Radio 4's Thought for the Day slot to be converted into a "philosophy slot", open to non-believers and believers alike.

The proposal has been put forward on Open Democracy's *Our Beeb* website – an online... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC Trust: Religious radio programmes are “least popular” and “least well received” – but we won’t change them**

Posted: Thu, 20 Aug 2015

A consultation on speech radio by the BBC Trust has found that religious programmes are the least liked and least well received radio shows, but stated that the BBC has no plans to change them.

The BBC Trust, the governing body of the BBC, has a "responsibility... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC cuts religion on radio by 37 per cent**

Posted: Mon, 09 Feb 2015

The latest BBC Annual Report indicates that although religious broadcasting on radio has declined by 37% over a year, the amount of religion on TV has increased.

The 2013-14 report shows that there were 611 hours of religious programming on radio compared to... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC Trust upholds NSS complaint over conflation of race and religion**

Posted: Tue, 20 Jan 2015

The National Secular Society has welcomed a ruling from the BBC Trust upholding its complaint over the way in which the BBC framed a story concerning the allocation of places at a Sikh faith school as a 'race issue', rather than as an issue of religious freedom.... [Read More »](#)

## **New BBC consultation 'an opportunity to challenge Thought For The Day'**

Posted: Fri, 05 Dec 2014

The BBC has launched a new consultation asking listeners what they like and dislike about its speech radio output. The NSS is calling on its supporters to use the opportunity to again raise the contentious issue of *Thought For The Day*. The consultation can... [Read More »](#)

## **Big changes for religious reporting**

Posted: Thu, 15 May 2014

The BBC has announced that it is replacing its present religious affairs correspondent, Robert Pigott, with Caroline Wyatt who is currently its defence correspondent.

Pigott has been covering the BBC's religion mandate for ten years and from July joins the... [Read More »](#)

## **BBC Trust rejects Thought for the Day bias complaint**

Posted: Wed, 02 Oct 2013

The BBC Trust has rejected a complaint of bias from the National Secular Society concerning a *Thought for the Day* slot broadcast immediately after its successful High Court challenge to prayers

during council meetings.

The slot, broadcast on 14 February 2012... [Read More »](#)

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