

# OFCOM COMPLAINT - GB News's The Neil Oliver Show - 14 April 2024

## Programme details

Programme title: The Neil Oliver Show

Date of broadcast: 14 April 2024

Time of broadcast (24 hour clock): 18:53

Channel / station\*: GB News

## Your complaint

### **Subject: (please use 255 characters or fewer)**

GB News's Neil Oliver Show on 14 April 2024 breached Ofcom's broadcasting rule 5.1, by airing false, unsubstantiated claims about climate change which went unchallenged by the presenter.

### **Description: (please use 1500 characters or fewer)**

The host interviewed guest Jasmine Birtles, who stated that: "one of the co-founders of Greenpeace, Patrick Moore, he's recently said that if we get to net zero, half of the population of the world will die. Now many will say that that's part of the point, you know 'the agenda', the 'depopulation agenda', if it does exist, is to remove seven and a half billion people from the world."

GB News broke Rule 5.1, by failing to report with due accuracy and impartiality. There is no evidence to support the claim that the implementation of net zero carbon reduction targets is a deliberate attempt to cause mass deaths and thereby "remove seven and a half billion people from the world". This claim, and the suggestion of the existence of a "depopulation agenda" is an unfounded conspiracy theory.

On the contrary, scientific authorities are clear that failing to achieve carbon reduction targets would pose a grave threat to human life, including through risks such as catastrophic disruption to farming systems, resulting in mass-starvation. The host failed to provide any opposing viewpoints or clarification on the inaccurate information, thereby violating the impartiality rule

Lastly, the claim that Patrick Moore is "one of the co-founders of Greenpeace" has been publicly rebutted by the organisation. Greenpeace have stated that "Patrick Moore Did Not Found Greenpeace" – yet no mention of this was made during the programme:  
<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/news/greenpeace-statement-on-patric/>