



# Must the media give space to every viewpoint, no matter how prejudiced?

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## **Highlights**

- “Floods caused by cow slaughter”, “Godman insults Kerala victims”, “Punish this bigot”, “This is outrageous”. The news breaks, “first on Times Now” (Wednesday).
- Well, of course it is outrageous — can think of several other choice epithets to describe the gentleman’s views, including vile, but why dignify him with any attention, let alone headlines?
- He deserves a mighty ignore. People like him seek publicity for their views; the more you condemn them, the more “outrageous” they become, the more outrageous they become, the more coverage they receive.
- The same goes for the Hindu Sanatan Sanstha member who appeared on a Mirror Now discussion, Monday, regarding the murder of the rationalist Narendra Dabholkar. Her views, and those of her organisation, are also pretty disgusting but they are still invited to TV studios to air them.
- Must the media give space to every viewpoint, no matter how objectionable, in the interests of a “balanced” coverage?

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