

Hi Brianna,

The article, 'I established a terror movement in Australia, and I quit', was an opinion piece by Shayne Hunter. As a former member of the Antifa movement, he believed it was "more dangerous than ISIS" and was entitled to that opinion.

Mr Hunter maintains he had a founding role in setting up the new wave of the Antifa movement around the Reclaim Australia rallies in Brisbane and Sydney.

Kind regards,

On 27 October 2017 at 15:25, Brianna Parkins wrote:

Hi Lisa,

This week on Media Watch we're looking into claims in this [News.com.au](http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/true-stories/i-established-a-terror-movement-in-australia-and-i-quit/news-story/0e09cb729235d4316809b02bf9e54559) article about Antifa in Australia <http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/true-stories/i-established-a-terror-movement-in-australia-and-i-quit/news-story/0e09cb729235d4316809b02bf9e54559>.

We have the following questions:

1. The interviewee Shayne Hunter makes the claim ***It's more dangerous than ISIS*** when describing Antifa. Neither the journalist Corinne Barraclough or [News.com.au](http://www.news.com.au) made an attempt to challenge that statement despite the overwhelming evidence suggesting this claim is untrue. Why was this?
2. In the article Shayne Hunter claims he established Antifa in Australia. Antifa Australia claims this is incorrect, so has an independent expert. Why didn't [News.com.au](http://www.news.com.au) go to a second or independent source to verify these claims?
3. Did [News.com.au](http://www.news.com.au) make any attempt to verify Shayne Hunter's story before publishing?

Our deadline is 9am Monday 30th October 2017. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Thanks,