September 19th, 2014, BBC Scotland Look the Other Way as the Ugly Face of Better Together Appears in Glasgow’s George Square

As groups of men wearing BT badges and with both BT banners and Union flags, entered George Square from opposite ends, surrounding mixed groups of Yes campaigners BBC’s Reporting Scotland at 6.30pm referred to ‘News is coming in of some disruption and scuffles.’ Social media reports, as it happened, described a coordinated attack by Better Together supporters on Yes supporters, showed a dominance of Union Flags and the dominating presence of aggressive adult and teenage males. This was presented as scuffles involving both sides.

The reporter on the scene talked of a change of atmosphere twice but did not explain how this came about. He talks briefly of more union flags and a ‘loyalist element’ as if this disconnects them from the continuum of Better Together support (see the images above).
The same disconnect had not been made for the Yes campaign when the latter group was accused of ‘turning ugly’ after eggs were thrown at MP Jim Murphy.

Again, the BBC reporter mentioned 'people’ leaving after the 'loyalist element' came into the square as the 'loyalists' charged straight into the 'crowd'. This might that have been more accurately reported as 'BT supporting fascists (see images) charge straight into formerly peaceful Yes supporters’.

In the studio, Reporting Scotland presenter Jackie Bird and two unionist politicians note that 'we don't want that on our streets' but there is no acknowledgement of where the blame lies for the attack. The next day (Saturday 20th), the BBC website persisted with ‘Scottish referendum: Police separate rival groups in Glasgow’ (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-29288249), suggesting comparable violence by ‘both sides’ quite contrary to the evidence flooding social media. Those attacking Yes supporters are characterised by the BBC as ‘people waving union jacks’ or ‘Union supporters’ despite the widespread wearing and carrying of Better Together symbols evident in the images above. The BT association is missed. If egg-throwing is part of the behavioural continuum of the Yes campaign’s ideology, a yobbish element, then why are the fascists not part of the BT continuum?

The above piece sent to BBC but not picked up at the time.

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