

Banish brown-envelope journalism

NEWSWATCH: Head of Journalism and Media Studies at Wits University, Professor Anton Harber, says that the recent confession by former *Cape Argus* journalist Ashley Smith that he accepted money in return for writing articles 'friendly' to former Western Cape premier Ebrahim Rasool, indicates there is a potential problem, reports *IOL*, which also reports that *3rd Degree* producer and presenter Debora Patta has apologised to Chrisna de Kock, the FF+ youth leader she accused, during an earlier show, of racism.

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- *IOL*: [Stamp out cheque book journalism...](#) The acceptance by 'bent' journalists of money (read 'bribes') to write biased articles is under the spotlight, and rightly attracting a great deal of condemnation.
- *IOL*: [Debora Patta apologises to student...](#) OK, you're sorry - now **don't** do it again.

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