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I want to ask the good people of #Irish Twitter to not share the article in today's Sunday @Independent_ie about the 'mother & baby home' investigation report. It's no scoop, the report will be publicly available from Tuesday. #RepealTheSeal #Stand4Truth

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All today's article does is add to survivors trauma, yet again, by having our personal stories & information splashed across a national newspaper for clicks, likes & increased revenue before WE have read the report. There is zero empathy in the decision to publish.

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Equally, there is zero empathy in the leak. The cynical part of me believes it to be a deliberate act to take the heat off the minister, [@rodericogorman](#), by creating a distraction from the contents so that he, & others, are seen to be outraged. Good for PR.

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I wish that weren't true, but going on the evidence I've witnessed with my own eyes over the last 40 years in terms of trying to access my own records, lobbying for legislative change, trying to find & connect with my birth family, trying to find my father,

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I have zero faith left that any Irish government has the will & the ability to take responsibility for a full & proper investigation. The legislation being brought to government on the same day as the report is to be presented will, effectively, prohibit a single inquest on

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any of the bodies found at the mass graves at the institutions. The truth will literally continue to be buried.

I appreciate how painful this story is in our collective psyche, we all have a part to play, in doing so it means we must face our individual & collective demons.

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It is only when we, as a people, are willing to ask the question, "What role did/do I play in this?" that true responsibility can happen and, as a direct result, healing. That takes enormous courage, but as we've seen in other similar situations it is necessary.

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By sharing the article you are potentially retraumatising survivors & supporting shitty ethics in, what passes for, journalism. Please don't. The report, limited as it is by TOR & redactions, comes out Tuesday for all to see.

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