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A Look at Media Bias

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Why the Media Attack Trump

From [Congressman Lamar Smith's Floor Remarks...](#)

“it’s no surprise that the media’s credibility has hit a record low with the American people, according to a recent Gallup poll. The media attack President Trump because he proved their predictions wrong and their candidate lost.

They attack him because they are mostly liberal Democrats and he is a conservative Republican. They attack him because he is reversing many of the policies of President Obama, whom they openly supported. They attack him because he is going around them directly to the American people with his Twitter messages. They attack him because they can’t intimidate or control him.

The media’s hate is poisoning the country. **Wouldn’t it be better for our country if the media gave the American people the facts, rather than told them what to think? Wouldn’t it be better for our country if the media treated the president fairly and without malice?”**

68% Say Media Tougher on Trump than Obama

From [Fox News...](#)

“[According to a recent Fox News poll], 68 percent [of Americans] think the press has been ‘tougher’ on Trump than Obama.”

Morgan: ‘Partisan’ Media Coverage ‘Un-American’

From [The Hill...](#)

“Former CNN host Piers Morgan called media coverage of President Trump ‘un-American’ during an interview with Fox News in which he questioned his former network’s coverage of the new administration.

‘I think that [U.S. media coverage of Trump] is un-American. I don’t think it’s a patriotic thing that they’re doing,’ Morgan said . . . ‘I think it’s nakedly partisan.’ . . . ‘They’ve got to look at what they’re doing here and ask themselves, is this legitimate journalistic rigor? Or is it incredibly partisan, often nakedly abusive treatment of a new president? And I think I’m afraid it’s bordering on the latter.’”

Can the Media Regain Its Credibility?

From the [Statesman Journal...](#)

“[The Media] had done everything possible to throw the election to Hillary in their terribly biased coverage — and Hillary still lost! It was a stunning rebuke of the media’s influence and credibility. . . .

At this point, I think there are two possible ways this plays out. One way is for the media to remain in denial about their bias and to continue their march to irrelevance. I don’t happen to think that would be good for America. The other way is for the media to develop the stomach and self-honesty to take a serious look at themselves, and change. . . .

America desperately needs a vibrant, objective and impartial fourth estate. . . . [T]here needs to be a core of impartial news organizations who reliably and fairly report the news. We don’t have that today.”