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A Look at Media Bias

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Trump's Immigration Plan Popular

From *Congressman Lamar Smith's floor remarks...*

“For days the media have saturated the news with stories savaging President Trump for his immigration executive orders. The President wants to protect Americans by temporarily halting the admission of refugees from seven countries considered security threats to the United States. **Despite the media's heavily biased coverage, the American people still agree with the president.** A USA Today poll found that 53% support “registering immigrants from Muslim-majority countries.” Only 41% oppose it.

Even the poll was slanted against the president. The question asked implied that all Muslim-majority countries were affected, which is not true.... **The media did everything they could to turn the public against the president. But it didn't work. The American people are smarter than the media thinks.”**

NBC Quotes 6 Critics, 1 Support of Trump Policy

From *Accuracy in Media...*

“Quoting Bill Clinton's Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who is not a neutral source of information, in an analysis of President Donald Trump's foreign policy does not seem impartial or neutral.... The analysis also quoted two scholars (Ian Bremmer and Barnett Rubin) and three political leaders (Germany's Merkel, France's Hollande, EU's Donald Tusk) who criticized Trump and the only quoted Trump ally is one of Trump's aides, Steve Bannon. That doesn't seem like a fair analysis, does it?”

Conservative SCOTUS Picks Get Partisan Label

From the *Media Research Center's NewsBusters...*

“An MRC analysis of labels used on ABC, CBS and NBC morning and evening news shows during the 24 hours after each of the past six Supreme Court nominations demonstrates a pattern. GOP nominees . . . were labeled by reporters as ‘conservative’ a total of 36 times, while Democratic nominees . . . were called ‘liberal’ a mere seven times — all on CBS. In fact, there were more occasions (10) when reporters either denied that a Democratic nominee was liberal, or labeled them ‘centrist’ or ‘moderate.’ Republican nominees were never described as ‘centrist’ or ‘moderate.’”

Media Omits Obama, Clinton Support of Gorsuch

From the *Media Research Center's NewsBusters...*

“NBC and ABC danced around explicitly explaining that liberal Democrats like Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden and Chuck Schumer previously supported Neil Gorsuch when he was up for an appeals court judgeship. Only CBS This Morning went beyond the bland notation of the now-Supreme Court nominee's ‘unanimous’ approval.”

Mexican Government: AP Report is False

From the *Washington Times...*

“Mexico said that the Associated Press' account of a call between President Trump and his Mexican counterpart is inaccurate. ‘The assertions that you make about said conversation do not correspond to the reality of it,’ the Mexican government said in a statement on the wire service's reporting. ‘The tone was constructive,’ . . . ‘and it was agreed by the presidents to continue working and that the teams will continue to meet frequently to construct an agreement that is positive for Mexico and for the United States.’”