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A Look at Media Bias

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Americans Trust Fox News

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“According to a new Quinnipiac University poll of registered American voters, Fox News Channel has the most trusted news coverage in both broadcast and cable. Fox News was rated as the most trusted by 29 percent of the respondents, followed by CNN with 22 percent, CBS News and NBC News at 10 percent, ABC News at 8 percent and MSNBC at 7 percent...While Fox, and to a lesser extent CNN, were the big winners in the poll, the opposite was true for ratings-challenged MSNBC. It finished dead last as the most trusted among all the news networks.”

Study of 130k Articles: Media has Liberal Bias

From the *Washington Examiner*...

“A sweeping study of some 130,213 news articles [from 2012]...has proven anew that there was a strong pro-Democratic bias in the U.S. and international press. The study, published in the authoritative journal Big Data & Society... [found that] ‘Overall, media reporting contained more frequently positive statements about the Democrats than the Republicans. Overall, the Republicans were more frequently the object of negative statements,’ wrote the study authors. Their conclusion: **‘The Republican Party...is portrayed in a more negative fashion than the Democrats.’”**

Nets Ignore 30k Criminal Illegal Immigrants Released

From *NewsBusters*...

“[T]he major broadcast networks failed to cover in their evening newscasts the admission from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that federal officials released roughly 30,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records in 2014 while announcing steps attempting to stop the issue. According to the *Washington Times*, ICE claimed on [March 18, 2015] that ‘it had little discretion over most of the criminals it released’ and remains a problem that ICE Director Sarah Saldaña said ‘still concerns me.’”

Big Three Punt on Clinton Foundation Scandals

From the *Media Research Center*...

“While many Americans have by now heard about how former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton chose to bypass her official government e-mail in favor of a [personal] account...even avid news consumers may be in the dark about the troubling fundraising and conflicts of interest surrounding the Clinton Foundation. [Last] week’s news of yet another shady donation to the Clinton Foundation, this time by a construction company with close ties to the Chinese government that happens to have a long history of worker abuse, has been largely ignored by the Big Three (ABC, CBS, NBC) networks. Only CBS News reported the latest revelation...

In fact, the Clinton Foundation scandals have gone largely ignored by the three broadcast networks in 2015, as the swirling controversies have garnered a total of 11 minutes and 13 seconds of airtime on their evening and morning news shows. **ABC has spent zero seconds** on the Clinton Foundation this year...**NBC came in a distant second at only 1 minute and 8 seconds.** **CBS, which broke the Chinese construction company story...devoted 10 minutes and 5 seconds** to the Clinton Foundation scandals.”