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A Look at Media Bias

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President Trump Tweets to Bypass Dishonest Media

From the [Daily Caller](#)...

“Much has been said about the ‘Three Horsemen,’ united against Trump: the Media, Hollywood, and the Democratic Party. So I ask you this question, ‘If the Three Horsemen are against Trump, then who is defending him against this massive attack? . . . **Tweeting gives him a platform in which to respond and defend his actions and positions to the American people.** . . . I truly believe that if the media were more fair and honest in their treatment of Trump, he would Tweet less. . . . Is it possible for the President to get a fair shake from the media? I don’t think so. . . . I’m afraid that the **objectivity of the Fourth Estate is long gone.** . . . As long as [the media] continues to fail [the American people], I want President Trump to run his fingers across that keyboard.”

91% of Trump Media Coverage is Negative

From the [Washington Examiner](#)...

“With the coverage of President Trump putting media bias on display as never before, an influential House chairman and longtime press critic has opened a campaign to call out the ‘mainstream media’ . . . **‘The media and Democrats are so close in association and so close in their philosophical views that we might as well use one word to describe both, and that’s ‘Mediacrats,’** said Texas Rep. Lamar Smith, founder of the House Media Fairness Caucus. . . . ‘How can the media be considered ‘mainstream’ when it doesn’t represent a majority of the American people?’ he asked. ‘It’s more accurate to use the term ‘liberal,’ he said. In an interview, he cited the media’s ills: **91 percent of Trump campaign coverage was negative** [according to the [Media Research Center](#)], **96 percent of media campaign contributions went to Democrat Hillary Clinton,** and **55 percent of the public is weary of the anti-Trump tone in coverage.**”

AP Ignores Suspect’s Illegal Immigrant Status

From [Accuracy in Media](#)...

“A rape which occurred in a Maryland high school bathroom, where a 14-year-old girl was raped by two classmates (one of whom is an illegal immigrant), grabbed national headlines. . . . Some of the headlines read ‘undocumented’ instead of ‘illegal immigrants.’ **ABC News and CBS News declined to use any of those phrases in their pieces, which were Associated Press wires.** [For example, ABC News headlined], ‘2 male students charged with raping girl in school bathroom.’”

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