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A Look at Media Bias

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Scientists Confirm Media Bias

From *Science News*...

“Scientists developed an algorithm that, after churning through more than 200,000 quotes from 275 news outlets, discovered bias in their quote choice....[F]or an objective algorithm to latch on to political leanings is a neat feat....[They conclude that] Media bias exists. To quote their paper: ‘There is systematic bias in the quoting patterns of different types of news sources. We find that the bias goes beyond simple newsworthiness and space limitation effects, and we objectively quantify this.’”

Americans Trust Fox News More than President

From *Mediaite*...

“A new survey by St. Leo University finds more Americans trust Fox News than trust President Barack Obama when it comes to the issue of climate change....While 17% of people picked Fox News as a reliable source on climate change, only 11% selected President Obama...”

‘Face the Nation’ Host: ‘Destroy’ GOP

From the *Breitbart’s Big Journalism*

“On June 7 John Dickerson will replace Bob Schieffer as the host of CBS News’ ‘Face the Nation.’ CBS News president David Rhodes — whose brother Ben is a top Obama official most famous for editing the truth out of the infamous Benghazi talking points — said of Dickerson, ‘John is first and foremost a reporter — and that’s what he’ll be as anchor of ‘Face the Nation.’...”

[Omitted is] that in a column...published in the days leading up to President Obama’s second inauguration, **Dickerson demanded Obama stop working with Republicans and declare war....[His column stated]:**

‘The president who came into office speaking in lofty terms about bipartisanship and cooperation can only cement his legacy if he destroys the GOP. If he wants to transform American politics, he must go for the throat. Obama’s only remaining option is to pulverize. Whether he succeeds in passing legislation or not, given his ambitions, his goal should be to delegitimize his opponents....’”

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