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A Look at Media Bias

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CBS Buries Own Poll on Religious Businesses

From NewsBusters...

“As of [May 6, 2015, CBS’] evening and morning newscasts have yet to report on one statistic from [their own CBS News/*New York Times*] poll: **a bare majority of Americans (51 percent) believe that business owners ‘should be allowed to refuse services to same-sex couples if same-sex marriage violates their religious beliefs.’**”

The poll result even got buried on CBSNews.com. A [May 5, 2015] article on the website spotlighted how ‘views on economy, ISIS [are] more negative,’ and continued with the approval ratings of President Obama and Congress...[The article] didn’t mention the wedding poll findings until the very last paragraph...”

Only 12% Young Americans Say Media Do ‘Right Thing’

From *Washington Secrets*...

“The media limps in dead last among institutions younger voters trust to ‘do the right thing,’ according to a new and massive Harvard University survey. In the school’s Institute of Politics poll of over 3,000 18-29-year-olds, **a tiny 12 percent said they believe the [media] do the right thing. A whopping 88 percent said ‘sometimes’ or ‘never.’ Just [two] percent said they trusted the media to do the right thing ‘all of the time,’ and 39 percent said ‘never.’**”

O’Reilly: Media ‘Overwhelmingly Left’

From the *O’Reilly Factor*

“Tough times for social conservatives in America...The pipeline works like this. Somebody says or does something, a web site distorts the words or actions, takes them out of context. A bigger web site...picks it up with a provocative headline. Then, the mainstream press grabs it and, again, context and content almost always ignored. Just the accusation is played up. So, **it’s very easy to marginalize anyone with strong opinions and since the press is overwhelmingly left, it’s the press cooks and extremists...**

[B]ut if a political [figure] is pro-life, skeptical of climate change, against gay marriage, or calling for welfare reform, that person is brutally assaulted, branded a bigot, anti-woman, anti-gay, against the poor and this image stays with them because **the news...industry is simpatico, generally speaking, with the uber-liberal thought...** Revolting situation that has affected our republic in a major way.”