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A Look at Media Bias

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Poll: Voters Expect Biased News Coverage

From *Rasmussen Reports*...

“[M]ost voters doubt the accuracy of political news coverage...A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 61% of Likely U.S. Voters now do not trust the political news they are getting. That’s a 16-point jump from 45% last October. Twenty-one percent (21%) still have confidence in the political coverage they get, but that’s down from 33% in the earlier survey....[In February, Rasmussen found that a majority,] thirty-seven percent (37%), of Americans believe the average media reporter is more liberal than they are.”

Networks Ignore EPA Power Grab

From *NewsBusters*...

“On Wednesday night [May 27th, 2015], the major broadcast networks ignored a series of new regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency that...are seen by many as a power grab by the Obama administration to further control America’s waterways.”

Media Support EPA’s WOTUS Rule

From *the Daily Caller*...

“The EPA is on the verge of finalizing a new ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation that would greatly expand the agency’s control over U.S. waters, and may even give the EPA the power to regulate ponds, ditches and puddles...[The] New York Times...published an article detailing how the agency used social media and environmental activist allies to publicly promote its WOTUS rule....

Liberal media outlets leaped to the EPA’s defense...But liberal attempts to label the article as a fossil fuel industry-backed ‘hit piece’ were rebuffed by the Times public editor Margaret Sullivan, who argued it ‘is a solid story that raises important questions about how executive agencies may engage in advocacy.’”

Networks Ignore Executive Amnesty

From *NewsBusters*...

“On [May 26th, 2015], ABC, CBS, and NBC neglected to mention news that the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled earlier in the day against President Obama’s executive amnesty and denied another request that the injunction on the plan should be lifted.”

Media Deceive Public on Obamacare

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“[T]he New York Times is dishonestly pushing an argument that...four words in the Obamacare law—‘established by the state’—were actually an accident...If this were a real news story, and not a front-page editorial disguised as a news article, these reporters would have sought out the opinion of people who disagree...[In contrast], NPR...[interviewed] one of the plaintiff’s lawyers in [King v. Burwell]; he pointed out that regarding this supposed drafting error, ‘those words are in the bill 11 times.’”