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A Look at Media Bias

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ABC Skips Own Poll: Record Low for Obamacare

From *NewsBusters*...

“According to an ABC News/Washington Post poll, support for ObamaCare is at a ‘record low’ level. Yet, viewers wouldn’t know that from watching the network. Journalists on [the June 7th, 2015 telecast of] World News and Good Morning America [the following morning] failed to cover the poll from their own network. According to the Washington Post, **‘The survey finds opinion on the health-care law among the worst in Post-ABC polling; 54 percent oppose, up six percentage points from a year ago.’**”

Schieffer: Media Wasn’t ‘Skeptical Enough’ of Obama

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“CBS’ Bob Schieffer, who retired [at the end of May] from the network after 46 years...was interviewed by Fox News’ Howard Kurtz to discuss how the media have changed, and whether or not there is a liberal bias...:

Kurtz: But isn’t it the job of journalists to be skeptical of the young phenom [Obama]?

Schieffer: Yeah, it is, and I don’t know, maybe we were not skeptical enough...

In the case of Obama, the media were so enamored of him that they chose not to scrutinize him...**The media normally love digging up dirt on politicians, but in Obama’s case they gave him a free ride...**”

Bias Should be Reserved to the ‘Opinion’ Section

From *the Fort Worth Star Telegram*...

“I write as a voice from the conservative right...My expressions appear on a page entitled ‘Opinion,’ and readers should assume everything on that page to be biased. **It is unfortunate that some news stories appear elsewhere in newspapers and through electronic media that are slanted.** They are not supposed to be biased — a violation of journalistic standards...**Studies have consistently shown that news reporting from the major networks and high profile newspapers favor liberal policies, officeholders and candidates who promise a bigger government...**”

Lemon: Liberals ‘Least Tolerant,’ ‘Easily Offended’

From *TruthRevolt.org*...

“[A] longtime liberal media veteran with a couple decades of coverage under his belt blame[d] ‘liberals and progressive[s]’ for a ‘dangerous’ culture of ‘political correctness run amuck’... Don Lemon, host of CNN Tonight, [stated] **‘After almost 25 years in the news business, you know who is the most easily offended and the least tolerant: Liberals and progressive – because many of them don’t really want to hear anyone else’s opinion but their own.** Here’s a tip, if you only agree with people who hold your same political affiliation or who are of your particular race, gender or ethnicity, you are part of the political correctness run amuck problem. You are actually thwarting progress instead of advancing.’”