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A Look at Media Bias

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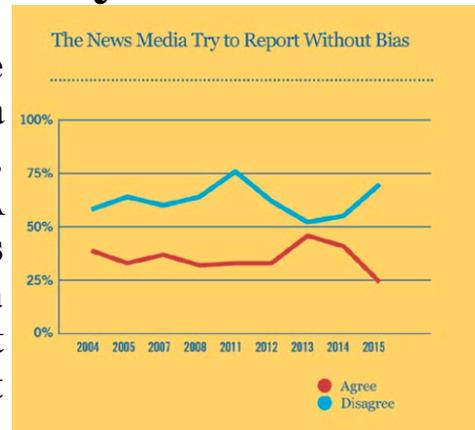
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Poll: News Media is Intentionally Biased

From the *Washington Examiner*...

“Nearly three quarters of Americans believe the news media reports with an intentional bias, according to a new survey. The 2015 State of the First Amendment Survey, conducted by the First Amendment Center and USA Today...shows that only 24 percent of American adults agree with the statement that ‘overall, the news media tries to report the news without bias,’ while 70 percent disagree. When the question was asked last year, 41 percent agreed, a 17-point difference.”



Networks Ignore Supreme Court EPA Ruling

From *NewsBusters*...

“The networks showed scant interest in covering the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling against the Obama administration and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the regulation of power plant emissions as NBC ignored the story completely with ABC and CBS combining to spend only 29 seconds on the decision...”

With NBC’s Nightly News refusing to acknowledge the ruling concerning the EPA, ABC’s World News Tonight dedicated 10 seconds of 46-second news brief to the 5-4 decision that [the] fill-in anchor described as ‘dealing a blow to President Obama’ as they ‘rul[ed] against an EPA regulation that would limit toxic emissions from power plants.’”

AZ Paper: Border Fence too High to Jump Safely

From *Breitbart’s Big Journalism*...

“A mainstream Arizona newspaper is decrying the small section of the Arizona-Mexico border that has a 14-foot-high primary fence because it is too high for illegal immigrants to safely cross. The article, ‘Border Fence Jumpers Breaking Bones,’ includes the claim that sections of the border with a 14-foot-high fence are ‘as tall as a two or three-story house’ and tells the stories of several women who broke bones and were treated extensively to healthcare and surgeries at the expense of U.S. taxpayers....”

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the advocacy article is that [it] did not mention why a segmented border security fence exists. The fence, which contrary to left-of-center media assertions does not encompass most of the border, was built largely to stop violent criminals from their routine entering and exiting of U.S. communities.”