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A Look at Media Bias

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Time Magazine Selectively Quotes the Pope

From *Breitbart's Big Journalism...*

“[Pope Francis] used such blunt language to describe abortion as killing that Time magazine has felt the need to tone it down...After listening to [the testimony of a single mother], Pope Francis thanked her and told her:

‘I’ll tell you one thing. You’re a brave woman because you were capable of bringing these two daughters into the world. *You could have killed them inside your womb and you respected life*, you respected the life you were carrying inside you and God will reward you...’

Time said that the Pope’s...message is that ‘single mothers should never be ashamed.’... **[Time] censored out some of the Pope’s most significant statements, [including, ‘You could have killed them inside your womb’]. Time put the...[edited quote] in quotation marks as if it were the entire text of the Pope’s statement...Time magazine wasn’t alone. The New York Times, the Washington Post, the LA Times, and USA Today didn’t bother reporting on the Pope’s references to abortion at all.”**

Networks Ignore Violent Tone of Black Lives Matters

From *Mediaite...*

“[In Minnesota, Black Lives Matters protestors chanted toward police officers], ‘Pigs in a blanket. Fry ’em like bacon...’ **[F]or the major media’s part, it’s way past time for [Black Lives Matters] to be subjected to serious scrutiny...** On the cable news front, Fox and CNN are covering the aforementioned [Black Lives Matters] chant at the Minnesota State Fair... But where’s the 60 Minutes interview with a national leader of [Black Lives Matters] asking for his explanation around the vitriol above? Where’s the major network nightly newscasts playing that chant above for tens of millions to absorb? Where’s the president condemning the movement for attempting to incite violence?...**Major media ignores a movement that openly chants for the death of police officers: How isn’t this a story worth a three-minute package on?”**

Media Skips 20,000 People Restoring Unity Rally

From *Breitbart's Big Journalism...*

“**A hugely successful event drawing an estimated 20,000 people promoting racial harmony...that was put on by talk show host...Glenn Beck has been met with stony silence by the mainstream media...**[The] Restoring Unity rally was held in conjunction with Birmingham area black mega-church Guiding Light Church, and included ‘worship music, prayer and powerful testimony.’...Despite the liberal media rhetoric, however, [Alveda King, niece of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.] said that, **as far as the [mainstream media] goes, ‘the event never happened.’”**

Networks Glaze Over Hillary Clinton’s Email Scandal

From *NewsBusters...*

“**Despite a combined eight hours of air time, the three networks on Friday [September, 4th] allowed a scant one minute and 48 seconds to the latest details of Hillary Clinton’s evolving e-mail scandal.** This, despite the revelation that a top Clinton adviser announced he will plead the Fifth Amendment. [ABC provided 27 seconds of coverage, NBC devoted 47 seconds to the email scandal, and CBS dedicated 34 seconds to the story].”