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A Look at Media Bias

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AIM: Top Misreported Stories of 2015

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“[Accuracy in Media] picked 10 stories [from 2015] for which there were general narratives presented by the mainstream media—narratives that ignored the larger truths to be gleaned from these stories. In other cases, the media missed the story altogether... [Examples include:]

Obamacare’s Continued Fiasco: Obamacare’s fiascos have never ceased, even if mainstream outlets choose not to cover this legislation’s resounding failures. When news broke that MIT economist Jonathan Gruber’s email exchanges with the White House amounted to at least 20,000 pages, this revelation was met with a near complete blackout by the mainstream media.... [And] **Ignoring Benghazi Revelations: ‘[F]or the media, [the attacks in Benghazi are] old news and hardly worth a mention,’** we wrote....But the media are wrong to condemn this as a phony scandal.”

One-Sided Coverage of Climate Change

From *Investors Business Daily*...

“[A]s is routine, stories that counter the narrative about man-made warming are ignored. Here are three more. First is a peer-reviewed paper showing that only 36% of 1,077 geoscientists and engineers surveyed believe in the man-made global warming crisis...[This] certainly is a long way from the oft-cited 97% ‘consensus’ among scientists that man is causing temperatures to change...

Missed story No. 2: Greenland, the alarmists’ coal-mine canary, retained 99.7% of its ice mass in the 20th century... Finally, we have the work of the scholars at the Cato Institute, who have confirmed that climate models that warn of warming have been wrong for decades... **The media don’t want to report such findings, even when they are made aware of them. But ignoring them doesn’t change the facts that are contained within and finally dawning on the public at large.**”

Nets Ignore Clinton’s Classified E-mails

From *NewsBusters*...

“Despite a combined six hours of air time, **ABC and NBC on [the morning of Friday, January 8] skipped the latest release of Hillary Clinton e-mails, 66 of which contained classified messages.** According to Fox News, ‘In one email, Clinton even seemed to coach a top adviser on how to send secure information outside secure channels.’”

Media Buries Negative Obama Polls

From *CNSNews*...

“The NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll found 73 percent say they want the next president to take a different approach from President Obama’s...So NBC...the creator of the poll...chose not to air that bombshell. Instead, they buried it deep in an article on the ‘Meet the Press’ website...for Obama, NBC and the other networks routinely...spike these awful numbers to preserve his ‘legacy...’”

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