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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Ignores Radical Politics of Dem Speakers

From *NewsBusters*...

“On October 12, 2015, ABC... and CBS... followed the lead of the New York Times in omitting the extremist history of Louis Farrakhan in their coverage of the ‘Justice or Else’ rally marking the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March. **The Big Three programs also failed to mention that former pastor to then-Senator Barack Obama, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, spoke at the event and claimed that ‘Jesus was a Palestinian’ during his speech...**[Also ignored by the Big Three networks were Rev. Wright’s comments that, according to the Hill,] ‘African-Americans in the United States have much in common with Palestinians in Israel...[and that he] also accused Israel of being an apartheid state.’”

Hillary Clinton’s Gun Sales Claim Gets 3 Pinnochios

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“[Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claimed that], ‘Forty percent of guns are sold at gun shows, online sales.’ Clinton made her statement during a Town Hall meeting, using the recent shootings in Oregon and South Carolina to decry what she called the ‘gun show loophole’ that permits ‘person-to-person’ sales by people who are not engaged in the business of selling firearms... **[The Washington Post fact-checker gave her claim three Pinnochios, stating] ‘By any reasonable measure, Clinton’s claim that 40 percent of guns are sold at gun shows or over the Internet...does not stand up to scrutiny.’**”

Media Skips ‘Chattanooga Five’ Memorial Event

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“An estimated 100,000 people showed up at a memorial event last [month] in Chattanooga, Tennessee to honor and remember the four Marines and one Navy Sailor who were assassinated...in July. **The national news media chose to ignore this massive outpouring of gratitude and remembrance for these fallen American heroes...** [At the event, Admiral James ‘Ace’ Lyons (ret)] said, ‘This Memorial Service isn’t the end. It’s the beginning of the Chattanooga Five Movement to take back America, and that will be their legacy...’ [He continued], ‘We unite, we stand together. They represent the best of America.’”

Americans’ Trust in Media at ‘Historical’ Low

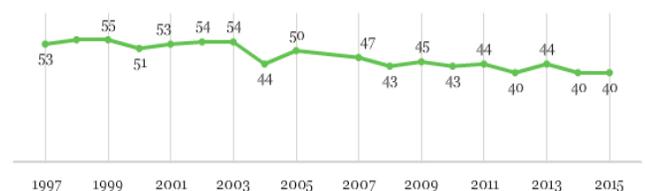
From *Gallup*...

“**[Only] four in 10 Americans [40%] say they have ‘a great deal’ or ‘a fair amount’ of trust and confidence in the mass media to report the news fully, accurately and fairly. This ties the historical lows on this measure set in 2014 and 2012....**Since 2007, the majority of Americans have had little or no trust in the mass media...Trust in the media continues to be significantly lower among Americans aged 18 to 49 than among those 50 and older... [Independents’ trust in the media has decreased over the last year] from 38% to 33%.”

Americans' Trust in the Mass Media

In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media -- such as newspapers, TV and radio -- when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately and fairly -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

■ % Great deal/Fair amount



Gallup trend since 1997

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