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A Look at Media Bias

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65% Say Media has ‘Negative Effect’ on Country

From Congressman Lamar Smith’s floor remarks...

“Americans’ distrust of national news outlets continues to rise because of the media’s persistent bias and one-sided coverage.

A recent Pew Research Center survey found that nearly two-thirds, or 65 percent, of Americans believe the national news media has a negative effect on our country. This is because the media slants stories with their opinions instead of reporting the facts.

For example, the media often praises President Obama’s regulations involving climate change. **But their reports fail to cite the costs of extreme environmental regulations and the loss of jobs.** National news stories also fail to mention that these regulations would have little impact on global warming.

Americans will continue to believe the media has a negative impact on the country until the media provides the American people with the facts rather than tells them what to think.”

Media Bias Poses a Threat to Our Country

From Congressman Lamar Smith’s floor remarks...

“Media bias poses one of the greatest threats to our country. The liberal national media should provide the American people with the facts, not tell them what to think. If voters don’t have the facts, they can’t make good decisions. And if they can’t make good decisions, our democratic form of government is at risk.

Media bias exists everywhere – from the front pages of influential newspapers to daily network newscasts to slanted social media posts. ‘News’ stories have now become opinion pieces.

The liberal national media ignore events that would be scandals if they involved conservatives. **Consider how little follow-up there has been of the politicizing of the IRS, the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi, the illegal immigration amnesties, the secret terms of the Iran deal, and the videos of unborn babies’ organs being sold.**

In short, media bias affects almost every issue that Americans care about.”

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