

# MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

*A Look at Media Bias*

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman

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## Only 5% of White House Press Corps are GOP

From *Investors Business Daily*...

“A new poll and survey by Politico Magazine gives you an idea of just how biased against President Trump and conservatives the media really are. And the bias appears to be built-in. Politico surveyed 63 members of the White House press corps. Of those, **only 5% were Republicans.**”

## How Many Republicans Trust the Media?

From the *Pew Research Center*...

According to a Pew Research Center Poll, **only 11% of Republicans trust the mainstream media** to report the news accurately compared to 34% of Democrats.

## Poll Shows Media is Not Mainstream

From the floor remarks of Congressman Lamar Smith...

“The national media’s continued crusade against President Trump further demonstrates that it is not ‘mainstream’. A Morning Consult poll found that a majority of Americans believe the media is ‘out of touch with everyday Americans.’ Most significantly, **37 percent said they trusted President Trump to tell the truth while only 29 percent said the media is truthful.**”

## MSNBC’s Joy Reid Boosts Dem Candidates

From *Newsbusters*...

“MSNBC host Joy Reid appears to be so excited about the possibility of Democrats taking control of Congress in the 2018 midterms, she’s already started a segment to promote Democratic candidates.... On Sunday’s AM Joy, Reid ended the show with the ‘first installment of a new segment’ as she showed no subtlety in naming it ‘**Flip This House.**’”

## Are We Losing Our Democracy?

From the floor remarks of Congressman Lamar Smith...

“Are we losing our democracy? CNN has censored and refused to air an ad by Trump for President, claiming that it is inaccurate. Of course that’s their opinion and they are entitled to it. What they are not entitled to is to violate the Constitution’s protection of free speech. Where are all the editorial boards of the media who rightfully advocate for free speech? Why are most silent? **To censor a political ad because CNN disagrees with it is to threaten our democratic form of government.**”