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A Look at Media Bias

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Networks Ignore 'Climategate' Scandal

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ABC, CBS, and NBC are the winners of this week's Media Fairness Caucus' highly uncoveted "Lap Dog Award" for the most glaring example of media bias. **The networks took two weeks to devote any coverage to the "Climategate" scandal on their evening news programs.**



We now know that prominent scientists were so determined to advance the idea of human-made global warming that they worked together to hide contradictory temperature data, according to *The Wall Street Journal*. **But for two weeks, none of the networks gave the scandal any coverage on their evening news programs. And when they finally did cover it, their reporting was largely slanted in favor of global warming alarmists.**

The networks have shown a pattern of bias on climate change. **During a six-month period, four out of five network news reports failed to acknowledge any dissenting opinions about global warming, according to a Business and Media Institute study.** The networks and the rest of the national media should tell Americans the truth, rather than hiding facts that don't conform to their liberal agenda.

CNN Climategate Report One-Sided



On Sunday, CNN twice ran a report by correspondent Mary Snow about Climategate. **Both times the report aired, host Don Lemon interviewed a guest or reporter who disputed the credibility of Climategate without interviewing any global warming skeptics.**

One of the guests said "I don't see any importance" in the emails, and later referred to Climategate as "a bit of a joke." CNN did not allow a dissenting opinion.

NYT Shows Double Standard on Unemployment

In September 2002, while President Bush was in office, *The New York Times* portrayed a negative image of a drop in the unemployment rate -- from 5.9 percent to 5.7 percent. The headline read, "Unemployment Fell in August, **But Drop Is Called Insignificant.**" The first line of the article read, "The labor market improved slightly last month **but offered little hope that the economy would soon emerge from its prolonged weakness.**" Later, the article stated that the decline was "almost meaningless" and that the "drop in the unemployment rate should be ignored."

In stark contrast, the *Times* recently painted a positive picture of the small drop in unemployment from 10.2 percent to 10 percent -- nearly double the unemployment rate from 2002. On Dec. 4, the *Times*' report featured the headline, "U.S. Economy Lost Only 11,000 Jobs in November." The first line read, "The nation's employers not only have stopped eliminating large numbers of jobs, but appear to be on the verge of rebuilding the American work force, devastated by the recession."

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