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A Look at Media Bias

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Only ABC Highlights Obama's Budget FlipFlop

From Newsbusters...

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“One year ago, Barack Obama backed a budget solution that **would not ‘hike’ tax rates**. Now, the President **rejects this plan, an apparent flip-flop only ABC’s Jake Tapper reported**. House Speaker John Boehner has proposed a plan that increases revenues through the closing of loopholes and the elimination of deductions.

On Wednesday’s *Good Morning America*, Tapper reminded that ‘**what the Republicans are offering sounds a lot like what the President wanted during last year’s budget showdown.**’ He then played a 2011 clip of Obama requesting, ‘Give us \$1.2 trillion in additional revenues, which could be accomplished without hiking tax rates by eliminating loopholes, eliminating some deductions.’ *CBS This Morning* and *NBC’s Today* both ignored this quote.

Instead, *Today* co-host Savannah Guthrie insisted that Boehner is in an ‘unenviable position’ because ‘he has to get the deal, he has to sell it to the far right of his caucus in the House.’ Over on CBS, Major Garrett described the Republican’s response to Obama as ‘bah, humbug.’”

CNN Fails to Report Own ObamaCare Poll

From Breitbart...

“Why spend all the money to conduct a poll if you’re not going to report the results? Oh, maybe this is why:

[A]ccording to polling by CNN, registered voters oppose Obamacare by a margin of 10 points — 52 to 42 percent. Independents like it even less, opposing it by a margin of 22 points — 57 to 35 percent. Clearly, voters didn’t think they were ratifying Obamacare when they pulled the lever for Obama.

Gee, ya think maybe if those numbers were reversed we’d be hearing more about them?... My guess is that as ObamaCare is slowly implemented, and the public learns more of the grisly details, these numbers will only get worse. Things are really going to get bad as ObamaCare explodes the cost of everyone’s health care premiums even more than it did last year. **Obviously, one of the reasons the public will only learn the grisly details as ObamaCare is implemented is due to the fact that the media protected Obama by not making those details well known prior to the implementation.** Obama also moved the implementation past the 2012 election for this reason.”

Media Silent About Liberal PAC Donor’s Meeting

From Breitbart...

“When the conservative movement has a summit of its wealthy donors and supporters, the mainstream media frantically hyperventilates. **Coverage of conservative’s donor retreats and summits associated with the Koch brothers are portrayed as deep, dark, secretive meetings where plots are hatched to take over the government.**

But what kind of coverage does the mainstream media give when the Democracy Alliance, the group founded by George Soros that is comprised of leftist millionaires and billionaires who finance liberal foundations and Super PACs, has its winter meeting? Nada.

How far did the media have to travel to cover the event? Try one block from the White House. The *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* didn’t mention it. But this isn’t surprising; the prevailing narrative in the mainstream media is that only wealthy conservatives have nefarious motives, trading their dough for lower taxes and fewer regulations.”