

MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

A Look at Media Bias

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman

Big Three Networks Push for Gun Control:

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From *Breitbart*...

“A new study of coverage by the big three networks of President Obama's anti-gun crusade shows an overwhelmingly positive slant toward the President's policy ideas at an 8 to 1 ratio.

The study conducted by the Media Research Center...reviewed the evening newscasts as well as the three networks' morning shows. **The results showed that stories that pushed for more gun control vastly outnumbered stories that opposed gun control by 99 to 12, or a ratio of 8 to 1.**

Additionally, gun control advocates appeared as guests on 26 occasions, compared to only 7 times for gun rights advocates.”

Media Censor Pro-Life Marches:

From *Breitbart*...

“The annual March for Life is consistently the largest perennial public demonstration in America. Yet it is virtually censored by the [liberal national] media...

Over 500,000 men, women and children marched through Washington, D.C. to protest the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion... **Neither ABC nor CBS reported on the pro-life march. NBC gave them a scant 15 seconds of air time and posted one crowd shot that simply described the crowd as ‘thousands of anti-abortion demonstrators...’**

The blatant bias is proof of the mainstream media's political alignment and intent: to destroy all forms of conservative political opposition...Liberals in the media are using the power of propaganda to censor the magnitude of opposition to abortion by selective reporting.”

Major Networks Ignore Costs of ObamaCare:

From *NewsBusters*...

“For two nights in a row, NBC, ABC, and CBS have ignored...[that] the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) revised its projections of the cost of ObamaCare’s insurance subsidies. **The CBO now estimates that the subsidies...will cost 29 percent more than the CBO initially projected in 2010. The projected 10-year cost has increased by \$233 billion...In addition, the report estimates that 7 million workers will lose their employer-sponsored health insurance due to ObamaCare, almost twice as many as the CBO previously estimated.**

Why let the image of ObamaCare, hailed in the media as the president’s crowning achievement, be tarnished with critical news about its negative consequences?”

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough Selectively Highlights Poll Results:

From *NewsBusters*...

“On *Morning Joe*, Joe Scarborough gloated at length over survey results indicating that the public's trust in Fox News has declined...**But he conveniently failed to mention that Fox News remains the network that more people trust than any other...**

[He referenced a recent Public Policy Polling survey that found that though trust in Fox News slightly declined], **at 34%, Fox News remains the network more people trust more than any other. MSNBC comes in at a paltry 8%...So Scarborough's network trails Fox News by wide margins in trust categories. But Scarborough conveniently lets that slide. Doesn't this just contribute to our lack of trust in MSNBC, Joe?”**