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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Give Democrats' Side on Reconciliation 3/10/10



The Senate's reconciliation procedure is designed for legislation to balance the budget.

Now the Administration wants to use reconciliation to force a health insurance scheme on the American people.

This health care scheme under reconciliation means decisions made by the government, behind closed doors, against the wishes of the American people.

A recent New York Times article claimed that Republicans have used reconciliation in the past, but failed to acknowledge that it has never been used before to enact a massive policy change like that of a trillion-dollar government health care mandate.

And the national media have largely ignored the fact that many Democratic leaders, including the President, previously voiced strong opposition to reconciliation.

In fact, the non-partisan fact-checkers at PolitiFact determined that the President's support of reconciliation is a "full flop" from his earlier comments opposing it.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not just present the Democrats' point of view.

Media Wrongly Criticize Sen. Bunning

Last week, the national media took turns criticizing Sen. Jim Bunning for taking a stand on out-of-control government spending. On ABC's *World News*, Diane Sawyer described Sen. Bunning's actions as "**the politics of no.**" She said Bunning "kept thousands of unemployed workers from getting their benefits and forced some highway construction projects to stop."



On CBS, Katie Couric described Sen. Bunning's stand as "**one of the stranger episodes on Capitol Hill.**" Correspondent Nancy Cordes said that "400,000 Americans risk losing their unemployment benefits over the next seven to ten days ..." Several media outlets incorrectly referred to Sen. Bunning's stand as a filibuster.

In truth, Sen. Bunning simply wanted to find a means of funding the legislation rather than adding to the national debt, which currently stands at over \$12 trillion.

ALG Launches TimesCheck.com

Americans for Limited Government (ALG) President Bill Wilson recently announced the launch of TimesCheck.com, a fact-checking website devoted solely to monitoring the New York Times.

"Ordinary Americans who recognize that The New York Times has become over-loaded with agenda-based editorials that masquerade as straight news finally have a new outlet devoted toward the exposure of biased coverage," said Wilson.

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