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A Look at Media Bias

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Newsweek Should Report Facts on Economy

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The Media Fairness Caucus recently unveiled the “Newsweek Wall of Shame,” a collection of the magazine’s very biased cover articles.

Previous covers have featured Vice President Al Gore with the caption, “The Thinking Man’s Thinking Man”; President Obama with the caption, “Yes, He Can”; and Vice President Joe Biden, “A Vice President to be Reckoned With.” This week’s cover reads, “America’s Back! The Remarkable Tale of our Economic Turnaround.”



Apparently Newsweek hasn’t heard that the unemployment rate remains close to 10 percent, with 16 million Americans unemployed, that personal income has fallen over 3 percent since President Obama took office, and that the President’s budget doubles the national debt in 5 years and triples it in 10.

The only way to bring America back is to reverse the administration’s policies of higher taxes, runaway spending, government takeovers, and record debt. Newsweek should report the facts on the economy, not provide free and false advertising for the Obama administration.

Media Show Double Standard on Goldman Sachs Coverage

During President George W. Bush’s first term, the national media gave extensive coverage to the Bush Administration’s relationship with Enron.

The New York Times wrote “their ties are broad and deep and go back many years.” Time Magazine reported on “Bush’s Enron Problem.” A Chicago Tribune headline read, “Bush urged to be open about Enron.”

Eight years later, by comparison, national coverage of the Obama Administration’s connections to Goldman Sachs is scarce. **Goldman Sachs employees gave President Obama over \$1 million in campaign contributions – nearly seven times as much as President Bush received from Enron workers – according to numbers on OpenSecrets.org and as reported by the Washington Examiner.** The Examiner also reported that several current and former members of the Obama Administration have close ties to Goldman Sachs.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not practice double standards.

Networks Advance Climate Change Agenda

The three networks ignored climate change scandals and instead advanced a liberal agenda on the issue, according to a new report by the Business and Media Institute (BMI):

“The three networks ignored ClimateGate for 13 days; NBC finally aired a story on the 14th day. Less than 10 percent of stories mentioning ‘climate change’ or ‘global warming’ brought up ClimateGate and other climate science scandals between 11/20/09 and 4/1/10. Even in the few stories about the climate scandals, network reporters often downplayed the threat to the credibility of the so-called scientific consensus.

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