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A Look at Media Bias

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Journalist: Media ‘Took Sides’ During Campaign 7/14/09



In an article written last week for PoliticsDaily.com, long-time White House correspondent Carl Cannon criticized the media’s coverage of the 2008 election and lamented the overall state of journalism today.

Cannon wrote that the media’s handling of the 2008 election “revealed that it wasn’t only the traditional media’s business model that is broken. Our journalism model is busted, too.”

Cannon was especially critical of the media’s double standard in covering the vice presidential candidates. **The media “simply didn’t hold Joe Biden to the same standard as Sarah Palin, and for me, the real loser in this sordid tale is my chosen profession,” Cannon wrote.**

Media Ignore EPA’s Cap-and-Trade Doubts

The national media have largely ignored Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson’s recent comment acknowledging that there will be very little reduction in worldwide atmospheric carbon concentrations if the United States acts alone in passing climate change legislation.

During a Senate hearing on the cap-and-trade bill last week, Senator Jim Inhofe produced an EPA chart that showed that carbon reductions in the U.S. would not significantly affect global carbon concentrations in the atmosphere. Inhofe then asked Jackson if she agreed with the chart’s conclusions.

“I believe that essential parts of the chart are that the U.S. action alone will not impact CO₂ levels,” Jackson replied.

Among national media outlets, only Fox News reported Administrator Jackson’s admission, according to the Media Research Center.



New York Times Forgets Blagojevich is a Democrat; Media Refuse to Report Obama’s Sinking Approval

• Last week, a New York Times report about Rod Blagojevich, the former Democratic governor of Illinois who was removed from office amid allegations that he tried to sell the state’s U.S. Senate seat, failed to mention even once that Blagojevich is a Democrat.

• Despite the media’s repeated claims that President Obama is overwhelmingly popular, a new Rasmussen poll shows that just 28 percent of voters “strongly approve” of the way that the President is doing his job. Thirty-six percent “strongly disapprove,” giving President Obama an Approval Index rating of –8.

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