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A Look at Media Bias

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CUT CAP AND BALANCE

A recent CNN public opinion poll found that two-thirds of Americans support the House Republicans' Cut, Cap and Balance plan, and three-quarters of Americans support a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

The national media have largely ignored these findings. Even CNN failed to report these results from its own poll. Instead, CNN highlighted findings that favored Democrats.

Furthermore, ABC, CBS, and NBC completely ignored the Cut, Cap and Balance bill until recently, according to an analysis by the Media Research Center.

Americans see Media as Biased, Liberal

Americans think the national media are biased and liberal, according to a recent poll from The Hill.

The poll found that seven out of 10 Americans think the national media are biased. And by a margin of more than two-to-one, Americans think the media favor Democrats rather than Republicans.

To restore the public's confidence, the national media should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

The Rest of the Worst in Media Bias

- **"I think the Republicans look stupid and mean ... I'm sorry, this is stupid. This is a no-brainer in terms of a deal. This is a no brainer and they look mean and they look difficult and they're going to lose this."** — Co-host Mika Brzezinski on MSNBC's Morning Joe, July 12.
- **"Where are the concessions that the Republicans are willing to make? I heard the President, just this week, saying yeah, he'd be willing to talk about means testing for people on Medicare. I don't hear any concessions from people on the other side."** — Moderator Bob Schieffer to Florida's Republican Sen. Marco Rubio on CBS's Face the Nation, July 17.
- **"You keep talking about balance, shared sacrifice, but in the \$4 trillion deal that you're talking about, roughly, it seems to be now at about four-to-one spending to taxes ... That doesn't seem very fair to some Democrats."** — USA Today White House correspondent Rich Wolf to President Obama at his July 11 press conference.

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