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## *A Look at Media Bias*

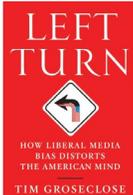
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## Media Bias Changes Election Outcomes

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From *Investor's Business Daily*:

“That the media reek of liberal bias has been proved so many times in so many ways it’s now axiomatic. Less certain is whether that bias affects public opinion. Now comes a study that says it does -- big time.”

**“How big? Well, if not for the bias that benefits Democrats ... Sen. John McCain would have won the 2008 presidential election — and by a near-landslide 56% to 42% — instead of losing 53% to 46%.”**

“This is the most startling of the conclusions reached by Tim Groseclose, a professor of political science at UCLA who has expanded on an innovative study he conducted from 2002 to 2005 and has put the findings in a new book, *Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind*.”

**“[According to Groseclose] media bias aids Democratic candidates by eight to 10 percentage points in a typical election, every mainstream national news outlet has a liberal bias, and only four of 100 news outlets examined lean right and even those can’t be considered far right.”**

## NYT Shows Double Standard on Religion in Politics

From *National Review*:

“Bill Keller, the executive editor of *The New York Times*, argued in a column that reporters should demand more specific answers from the Republican presidential candidates about how their faith informs their political views. **But the questions are comically tendentious: He asks nothing of the incumbent president, and asks the Republicans about tenuous associations when his newspaper showed no comparable curiosity about Bill Ayers et al.**”



“*The Times* itself has long demanded that presidents place Scripture above the Constitution, so long as the holy words in question were written by Justice Harry Blackmun.”

## The Rest of the Worst in Media Bias

From the Media Research Center:

- **The NBC and CBS morning news programs ignored a recent Gallup poll that found President Obama either trailing or tied with his Republican challengers.**
- **Following Wednesday’s NBC News/Politico Republican presidential debate, which will last one hour and forty five minutes, MSNBC will devote more time (two hours and fifteen minutes) to a group of 10 left-wing commentators – with only two non-liberals mixed in – to analyzing what the Republicans and conservatives said.**

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