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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Promotes False White House Immigration Message: We're Tough 10.25.2011

President Barack Obama's Homeland Security Department officials released a report that claims Immigration and Customs Enforcement deported a record number of illegal immigrants in the last fiscal year, including an "unprecedented number of convicted illegals with criminal records."

The Obama administration continues to inflate its deportation numbers. The administration includes voluntary removals in its deportation statistics even though they impose no penalties on the offenders and make it easier for illegal immigrants to return to the U.S. In other words, the Obama administration is cooking the books to make it look like they are enforcing immigration laws, when in reality they are enacting amnesty through inaction. Under this administration, worksite enforcement has dropped 70%, making it easier for illegal immigrants to live and work in the U.S. And DHS recently established a working group with the specific purpose of overruling or preventing orders of removal for illegal immigrants. Even President Obama admitted to Hispanic voters that his administration's deportation numbers are 'deceptive.'

Media Pushes 'Occupy Wall Street' Class-warfare Message

Andrew Breitbart's Big Journalism site has acquired a series of emails demonstrating that Dylan Ratigan, host of a political show on MSNBC, has been advising the "Occupy Wall Street" movement on its message and tactics.

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman may not be making a speech in front of the anti-Wall Street camp-out in Zuccotti Park, but he visited on Thursday and blogged about it at nytimes.com Friday morning, "Trying to Unwarp the Debate," concluding with a big wet kiss to the protesters: "Thank you, OWS."

After violating National Public Radio's ethics code by acting as a spokeswoman for Occupy DC protesters, Lisa Simeone was fired Wednesday evening from one of the two public radio programs she hosts, the Associated Press reports. This has led to calls to defund NPR by NewsBusters publisher and Media Research Center (MRC) founder Brent Bozell.

Media Suppresses Obama's Solyndra Scandal

The three broadcast networks are providing virtually no coverage of the Solyndra scandal, a solar energy firm that went bankrupt after getting more than \$500 million in taxpayer money from the Obama administration.

Since its August 31, 2011, bankruptcy filing, Solyndra was covered in only eight news stories by ABC, CBS and NBC's evening newscasts. By stark comparison, these same newscasts cranked out 198 stories on Enron, an energy company with Republican ties, in the first two months of 2002 — a 24-to-1 disparity.

MRC President Brent Bozell says the networks are deliberately dismissing the scandal:

"ABC, CBS and NBC are aiding and abetting in the cover-up of an outrageous scandal linked directly to Obama and his failed economic policies. Even the uber liberal New York Times could not ignore this outrage, spotlighting it on their front page this weekend. Yet these networks are intentionally minimizing coverage to avoid reporting the failure and scandal that resulted under Obama's watch for the same stimulus package they hailed in 2009.

"What further compounds the hypocrisy of ignoring this scandal is the excessive, glowing coverage these same networks are giving the Occupy Wall Street protests. While they gather to oppose 'corporate greed,' the media quietly dismiss the most outrageous scandal in years — and financed by their taxpaying dollars."

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