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*A Look at Media Bias*

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## Politico Editor: “Mainstream Media Smitten” 09.11.2012

Analyzing recent media coverage of the political arena on a C-SPAN panel on September 5th, *Politico* Executive Editor Jim VandeHei admitted some of the praise for Michelle Obama may not be based only on her speech's merits:

“We just posted an item about the media's reaction. Not a shocker here, Wolf Blitzer saying it was a grand slam; Chuck Todd saying that Michelle Obama owned this .... **The mainstream media tends to be quite smitten with the Obamas so I don't know if we should over interpret it, but there's no doubt that's sort of how all the taste makers in media as we talk what it does have a way shaping certainly the coverage in the morning.** So I think you can anticipate that tomorrow is going to be quite glowing.”

## What If the Media Told the Truth?

From Wayne Allyn Root at *Foxnews.com*...

“....What if the members of the liberal media actually tries playing fair and balanced and telling the truth? Here is what they'd report:

If the media told the truth, they'd challenge Obama's lies that his bailout of GM and Chrysler is a model of success. In reality, they are a model of disaster -- a \$25 billion loss.... If the media told the truth, they'd report that he is the **first president in modern history to never pass a budget**....Obama's budget was so ridiculous that **every single Democrat voted against it**....

If the media told the truth, they'd report that Paul Ryan's plan reforms Medicare and saves it for future generations, with no change for anyone over 55, while **President Obama has stolen \$716 million from Medicare to pay for ObamaCare, with no plan.** They'd also report that Obama's massive January tax increase raises taxes on dividends and interest to levels not seen in decades.”

## Will Powerful Media Re-Elect Obama?

From *Investor's Business Daily*...

“**The departing *New York Times* ombudsman, writing last week in his final column, admitted *Times* staffers are so in the tank for Obama and Democrats that their leftist advocacy 'bleeds through' into their coverage.**

*Times* public editor Arthur Brisbane called the paper's newsroom 'a culture of like minds.' The same could be said for the entire old media still controlling campaign coverage.

....Big media polls have been caught oversampling Democratic voters. And all three presidential debates will be hosted by like-minded liberals, including known GOP-hater Candy Crowley of CNN. Fox was snubbed.

If the major media won't give a Republican presidential candidate a fair shot, what does that say about our democratic process? **Are voters really participating in a free election if the media elite are rigging it for their candidate?”**