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## A Look at Media Bias

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### **Krauthammer Slams Media's 'Appalling Double Standard'**

From the *Media Research Center*...

"Charles Krauthammer delivered a rebuke to the media's presumption that raising [the issue of Rev.] Wright would be illegitimate... **'I think there is an appalling double standard here.** It's okay for the *Washington Post* to run a five thousand word front page story on a prank that [a candidate], at the age of 15, committed. And yet it's somehow illegitimate, the low road or whatever, for people to bring up the fact that the adult Obama had a 20-year relationship with a racist anti-American preacher whom he considered, spoke about, and wrote about as his mentor and spiritual advisor.

**'That,' Krauthammer emphasized, 'is a double standard unlike any I've ever seen...in principle, if you want to [discuss Rev. Wright], it would be completely legitimate and I think the double standard ought to be denounced rather than accepted as everybody does.'**

### **ABC Omits Questions on Fast and Furious Investigation**

From *Breitbart*...

"[On ABC's *This Week*], George Stephanopoulos heavily promoted his interview with House Speaker John Boehner. One would think Stephanopoulos would ask about Operation Fast & Furious, as promotional spots for the show implied that he would. Especially since Speaker Boehner recently sent a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder asking for his complete cooperation with the investigation into Operation Fast and Furious.

Alas, it was too good to be true. **Despite the promotions and even a blog by Mr. Stephanopoulos dedicated to the topic of Fast & Furious, the segment was cut out of the interview.**

More people within ABC News...know about Fast & Furious. **They are intentionally ignoring the issue."**

### **Media Omits Coverage of Catholic Groups' Suit of Obamacare:**

From *Investor's Business Daily*...

"One would think the largest legal action in American history in defense of religious liberty would be a major news story. But ABC, CBS and NBC don't judge news events by their inherent importance as relates to the future of our freedoms.

On May 21, 43 Catholic dioceses and organizations sued the Obama administration over its narrow idea of how a 'religious institution' can be defined under the ObamaCare law. **Never has the Catholic Church undertaken something of this magnitude.**

**ABC and NBC completely ignored this action on their evening newscasts, while CBS *Evening News* devoted just 19 seconds to this historic event.**

The Catholic Church, with 60 million Americans describing themselves as Catholic, has... promis[ed] "we will not comply" with a health law that strips Catholics of their religious liberty. **If this isn't "news," then there's no such thing as news."**

### **4-to-1, Liberals Dominate Panel Discussion on Gay Marriage**

From *NewsBusters*...

"On NBC's *Meet the Press*, American Conservative Union president Cardenas squared off against left-wing pundits **on the subject of President Obama announcing his support for gay marriage.** The liberal bloc of guests included MSNBC host Chris Matthews, CA Lt. Gov. Newsom, and Post columnists Capehart and Parker.

Parker cheered Obama's use of the word 'evolving' to describe his flip-flop on gay marriage: 'I think that's the perfect word to describe this conversation...' Matthews eagerly gushed over Obama's announcement: 'if you're a gay person, I don't see how you cannot feel something strongly about this, because for the first time ever, the leader of your country... [is] with you.' Newsom agreed and added: '...The substance is millions of people's lives were affirmed.'

Near the end of the discussion, when Cardenas attempted to respond, Host David Gregory cut him off: 'I've got to make that the last word, we're out of time.' Cardenas remarked: 'Oh, boy, how about that?'

**Gregory only asked for input from Cardenas twice throughout the 15-minute discussion."**