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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Hides Poll on ObamaCare while Bashing SCOTUS

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From Newsbusters....

“With the president’s signature ‘achievement’ on life support, *The New York Times* decided to bury the story in the article ‘Approval Rating for Justice Hits Just 44% in New Poll.’ *Times* reporters....attacked the most prestigious institution in the country, claiming ‘the public is skeptical about life tenure for the justices, with 60% agreeing with the statement that appointing Supreme Court justices for life is a bad thing because it gives them too much power.’ One-third agreed with a contrary statement, that life tenure for justices ‘is a good thing because it helps keep them independent from political pressures.’

While the *Times* seems to insist the court is losing public prestige, it doesn’t want to report on how ObamaCare is still a flop with the public. **They save this for paragraph 16: ‘41 percent of Americans want the Supreme Court to overturn the entire health care law passed in 2010, while another 27 percent want the court to throw out the part of the law that requires most people to buy coverage. The poll, conducted by the *New York Times* and *CBS News*, reveals that more respondents disapprove of the law than approve, 48% to 34%.’”**

Media Spins Obama’s “Private Sector is Fine”

From Media Research Center....

“Straining to find a way to excuse President Obama’s remark that ‘the private sector is doing fine,’ on *NBC Today*, co-host Ann Curry did her best to spin for the White House: ‘He is right in saying that the private sector is doing better than the public sector, is he not? And so that was his point, that this comment was taken out of context.’

Curry’s attempt at Obama campaign damage control was prompted by left-wing guest and MSNBC host Chris Hayes arguing: ‘I would also say that the point he’s making specifically about the difference between where the private sector’s at and where the public sector’s at is a really important one. We’ve lost 600,000 jobs in the public sector....Those layoffs did not have to happen if we had extended revenue sharing from the federal government.’

In his rush to confirm Curry’s framing of the President’s serious stumble, Hayes employed a rather unfortunate analogy to describe the state of the economy: ‘I also think the word ‘fine’ in that context is like if you fell and gashed your head and you were bleeding and your friend said, ‘Are you okay?’ And you said, ‘I’m fine.’ It means you don’t have to rush me to the emergency room.’ In other words, the economic problems facing the nation are merely a gushing head wound for America.”

Big Three Ignore Religious Freedom Rallies

From Newsbusters....

“ABC, CBS, and NBC stayed true to their liberal slant and ignored the 164 rallies across the United States against the federal government’s abortifacient/birth control mandate under ObamaCare. Religious leaders and conservative politicians, like Rep. Michele Bachmann, addressed the tens of thousands of pro-religious freedom activists who attended the rallies. But the Big Three apparently didn’t think this was worthy of coverage on their morning and evening newscasts.

By contrast, CBS played up the supporters of a group of left-leaning Catholic nuns during four on-air segments. Correspondent Andrews hyped how ‘hundreds of Catholics have rallied behind the Sisters,’ and that ‘protests in support of the nuns have been held in almost 50 cities.’ **The networks have been reluctant to cover the controversy since the Health and Human Services Administration announced the mandate on January 20, 2012. It took CBS ten days to cover the story.... ABC and NBC remained silent for two weeks.**

By February 15, the Big Three had spun the story as political food fight between liberal and conservatives and downplayed the Catholic Church’s objection to the regulation, along with freedom of religion aspect. **A MRC study found that out of the 91 talking heads that appeared as part of their coverage of the mandate, politicians outnumbered Catholic Church officials by a margin of 60 to 9.”**

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