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A Look at Media Bias

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Americans Continue to Distrust the News Media

From *Gallup*...

“Americans’ faith in each of three major news media platforms...is at or tied with record lows in Gallup’s long-standing confidence in institutions trend. This continues a decades-long decline in the share of Americans saying they have ‘a great deal’ or ‘quite a lot’ of confidence in newspapers or TV news...” Only 22% of respondents had confidence in newspapers and only 18% had confidence in television outlets.

IRS Scandal Bigger Story if Under Republican Admin

Mark Halperin of *Time Magazine* believes the IRS scandal would be bigger news if it had occurred under a Republican Administration. He opined, **“I think with a different administration, one that was a Republican administration, this story would be a national obsession...”**

Liberal Media is ‘Subverting American Democracy’

From the *O'Reilly Factor* ...

“When the VA scandal story broke, there was no coverage on the nightly network news broadcast for almost two weeks...When the lost IRS email story broke, just three and a half minutes...That is a news blackout...You want media bias, there it is beyond a reasonable doubt...”

Networks Ignore Pres. Obama’s Role in Border Crises

From the *Media Research Center* ...

“[All three networks] have been reluctant to cite the President’s failure to enforce immigration laws as a cause for thousands of immigrants illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexican border. From June 8 through the morning of July 1, ABC, CBS and NBC have offered a total of 45 stories on the border crisis...and in only 5 (11 percent) have they brought up Obama immigration policies as a possible cause for the most recent surge of illegal immigrants, including unaccompanied children, crossing the border.”

Networks Refuse to Cover Negative GDP Report

From the *National Review Online* ...

“[Last month] brought the disturbing news that the U.S. economy had cratered to a -2.9 percent GDP growth rate in 1Q 2014. This was the worst GDP report in five years. Clearly this was big news. Well, evidently not big enough for ABC nor NBC. Between them, neither broadcast uttered a syllable about this vital matter [the night of the report]...”

Negative Obamacare Report Skipped by the Media

From *NewsBusters* ...

“All three broadcast news networks and the two largest Spanish language evening network newscasts refused to cover disturbing news regarding Obamacare. Two audits from the HHS Department’s Inspector General found that 2.6 million unresolved problems in the applications of those seeking health care on the federal marketplace (used in 36 states).”