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A Look at Media Bias

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MSNBC Promotes Admin Agenda ‘24 Hours a Day’

From *Accuracy in Media...*

“MSNBC’s substitute anchor, Kristen Welker...asked [Glenn Greenwald] to ‘respond to critics who claim he’s become ‘more of a spokesman for Edward Snowden.’ His response:

‘Every journalist has an agenda. We’re on MSNBC now, where close to 24 hours a day the agenda of President Obama and the Democratic Party are promoted, defended, glorified. The agenda of the Republican Party is undermined...Sure, I do defend him, just like people on MSNBC defend President Obama and his officials and Democratic Party leaders 24 hours a day.’”

Fox News Number One for 12th Straight Year

From *Accuracy in Media...*

“Fox News continued its ratings dominance by finishing in first place among all cable news networks in 2013, for the twelfth straight year...The network beat CNN and MSNBC combined in both Total Day and primetime viewers. Fox finished fourth overall among basic-cable networks in Total Day...In primetime, Fox ranked sixth among all cable networks.”

NBC Interviews Democratic Activist About Obamacare

From *Breitbart...*

“A NBC News report highlighting happy Obamacare customers failed to mention that one of the ‘average citizens’ it profiled is a Democratic political candidate and Obama campaign worker.

NBC News...described Joyce Moore [as] ‘a Pennsylvania financial planner’ who ‘runs her own retirement and estate planning business.’ NBC said Moore was happy her existing insurance was canceled due to Obamacare...What NBC News...failed to mention is that Moore is a longstanding Democratic activist who, in November 2013, ran as a Democratic candidate [for office] in Pennsylvania...NBC News includes no mention of Moore’s Democratic activism or work on the Obama campaign.”

Top Reporters Agree, Media Leans Left

From the *Daily Caller...*

“[*Politico*’s Chief White House Correspondent Mike Allen asked a panel of reporters], ‘Does the media lean left?’...All four panelists replied, ‘Yes...’ In an effort to explain their one-word responses, they all swept over the same terrain – that Washington journalists need to get out of town and talk to real people, have real world experiences, acquire a few evangelical relatives and work a minimum wage job at some point in their lives...[One panelist, *NYT*’s Mark Leibovich, stated that], “One of the many reasons [it is] seen as being out of touch with the rest of the country is the group think that goes on here.”

Networks Ignore Trapped Ship’s Mission

From *NewsBusters...*

“A group of climate change scientists were rescued by helicopter after being stranded in the ice [for eight days]. But the majority of the broadcast networks’ reports about the ice-locked climate researchers never mentioned climate change. The Russian ship was stranded in the ice while on a climate change research expedition, yet nearly 98 percent of network news reports about the stranded researchers failed to mention their mission at all. Forty out of 41 stories on the network morning and evening news shows failed to mention climate change had anything to do with the expedition.”