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A Look at Media Bias

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89% of Network Coverage of Trump is Negative

From the [Media Research Centers' NewsBusters](#) . . .

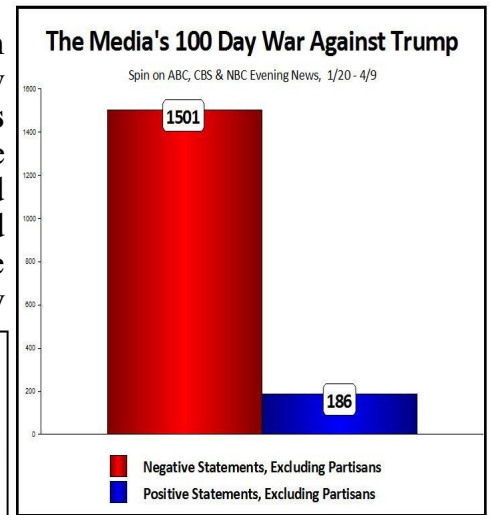
“As President Trump approaches the end of his first 100 days in office, he has received by far the most hostile press treatment of any incoming American president, with the broadcast networks punishing him with coverage that has been 89% negative. The networks largely ignored important national priorities such as jobs and the fight against ISIS, in favor of a news agenda that has been dominated by anti-Trump controversies . . . Eight years ago, in contrast, the broadcast networks rewarded new President Barack Obama with mainly positive spin . . . For this study, MRC analysts reviewed all of ABC, CBS and NBC's evening news coverage of Trump and his new administration from January 20 through April 9. . .”

TV News Pushed Relentlessly Negative Agenda

ABC, CBS and NBC evening news coverage, Jan. 20 to April 9

Temporary Travel Ban	223 minutes	93% negative
Russia Election Investigation	222 minutes	97% negative
Effort to Replace ObamaCare	152 minutes	94% negative
Increased Immigration Enforcement	120 minutes	93% negative
Obama Wiretap Claims	98 minutes	99% negative

Source: Media Research Center

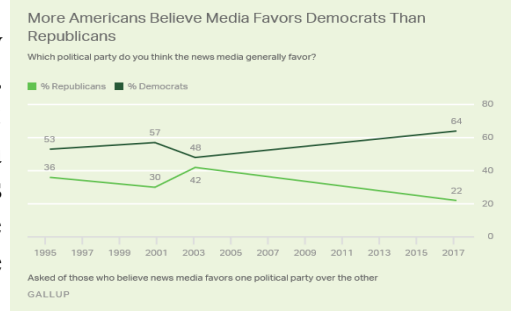


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Two-Thirds of Americans See Liberal Slant in Media

From [Gallup](#) . . .

“Americans increasingly believe the news media generally favors one political party over the other. **Sixty-two percent of U.S. adults say the media has a favorite**, up from about 50% in past years. . . . **Almost two-thirds (64%) of those who believe the media favors a political party say it is the Democratic Party.** . . . This is not new. Americans who perceive media bias have always said the direction of that bias leaned in favor of the Democrats, although the percentage holding that view has varied.”



Majority Believe Media Publishes Fake News

From [Accuracy in Media](#) . . .

“A new poll shows that a majority of Americans believe that both online news sources and traditional media outlets are guilty of publishing fake news. The poll, released by the Monmouth University Polling Institute, found that **80 percent of respondents thought that online news sites published fake news** either regularly or occasionally. **Traditional news outlets fared a little better, with 60 percent of those polled believing that they published fake news**, either regularly or occasionally.”

Wash Post Buries Own Poll Favorable to Trump

From [Accuracy in Media](#) . . .

“A new Washington Post-ABC News poll finds that while Donald Trump is the least popular president in modern times, he would still beat Hillary Clinton if the election were held today. . . . the **Post article on the poll “saved” the information for the last few paragraphs**, while leading with mostly negative news about the president. . . . [The article concludes, ‘Asked how they would vote if the election were held today, 43 say they would support Trump and 40 percent say Clinton.’]. **And that’s what they call burying the lede.**”