

# MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

## *A Look at Media Bias*

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## **Networks Ignore House Planned Parenthood Hearings**

From *Live Action News*...

**“If you turn to the mainstream networks for your news, you likely wouldn’t know that the House Judiciary Committee [in September] began their investigations of Planned Parenthood. Undercover video evidence alleges that the abortion provider is illegally profiting from the sale of fetal parts....**

[MRC’s] Newsbusters has been covering the numerous undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress. They’ve also followed the media’s reaction, or lack thereof. **Following the first hearing, they reported that ABC, CBS, and NBC failed to provide coverage. Unfortunately, this is consistent with their lack of coverage on the videos which have caused such a controversy and inspired the investigations...How can [Americans know the truth] when the media refuse to cover the situation fairly or at all?”**

## **Contrary to Media, Hispanics Not Single Issue Group**

From *Breitbart’s Big Journalism*...

**“[The media often claims that Hispanics do not support the same policies as Republicans]. The lie is broadcast daily in the mass media...Two facts jump out at you when you take time to look below the surface of Hispanic [support]... **First, Hispanic[s are] far from monolithic, and second, immigration is not the most important political issue for a large majority of Hispanic[s]...****

When you look deeper, it turns out there is a political reason why the liberal media promotes the politically correct theme that Hispanics are a single issue voting bloc. That view serves the Democrat Party by forcing Republican strategy into a blind alley: Appealing to the Hispanic vote by playing identity politics is a losing strategy for Republican candidates because it follows the Democrats’ playbook...

**Hispanic citizens know that illegal labor is taking jobs from their children and their legal immigrant friends. Moreover, recently published U.S. Census data reveal that since the 2008 recession, employment growth among immigrant workers is higher than for native-born Americans. Hispanic citizens are victims of illegal labor just as much as other citizens...let’s talk about jobs, about education, about health care, and also about national security and terrorism. And let’s talk to all voters about sanctuary cities, open borders and jobs taken from American workers by illegal labor.”**

## **‘Fact’ Checker Targets Republicans 2-to-1**

From *Breitbart’s Big Journalism*...

**“The Washington Post’s fact-checking rampage against Republicans and right-of-center claims marches on...[Breitbart reported that] for the first three months of 2015, the WaPo fact-check column targeted Republicans twice as often as Democrats...By the end of March...Republican and right-of-center claims [were fact checked] a total of 32 times....Democrats and left-of-center claims were fact-checked 16 times, exactly half as many.**

In the almost six months since...[through September 22], the ratio has remained almost as bad, with Republicans and right-of-center claims being targeted 60 times, compared to just 38 for Democrats. **So far, throughout all of 2015, Republicans have been targeted 92 times, Democrats only 54.”**