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A Look at Media Bias

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Hersh: Media Carries Water for the Administration

From *The Guardian*...

“[Pulitzer Prize winner and left-leaning journalist] Seymour Hersh has got some extreme ideas on how to fix journalism...**He is angry about the timidity of journalists in America, their failure to challenge the White House and be an unpopular messenger of truth...**He says [the *New York Times*] spends ‘so much more time carrying water for Obama than I ever thought they would...’

[N]one of the leviathans of American media, the TV networks or big print titles, challenge [President Obama]. ‘It’s pathetic, they are more than obsequious, they are afraid to pick on this guy...I’ll tell you the solution, get rid of 90% of the editors that now exist and start promoting editors that you can’t control...I would close down the news bureaus of the networks and let’s start all over, tabula rasa.’”

Justice Scalia Ends His *Wash Post* Subscription

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“In an interview...Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia says he no longer subscribes to *The Washington Post*, because it was slanted against conservatives and is ‘shrilly liberal’:

‘It was the treatment of almost any conservative issue. It was slanted and often nasty. And, you know, why should I get upset every morning?...I don’t think I’m the only one. I think they lost subscriptions partly because they became so shrilly, *shrilly* liberal.’”

Networks’ Shutdown Coverage Biased

From *The Media Research Center*...

A “Media Research Center (MRC) analysis of broadcast network evening news coverage shows ABC, CBS and NBC spent the two weeks prior to the [government] shutdown almost universally pinning the blame on congressional Republicans...From September 17 through September 30, the Big Three evening newscasts ran a total of 39 stories about the possibility of a government shutdown. MRC analysts found that a majority of those stories (21) were framed around the idea of Republicans triggering the crisis...and absolutely none that put the onus on Democrats’ failure to negotiate.”

‘Sounds Like I’m Debating the DNC Chairman’

From *The Washington Free Beacon*...

“During a heated interview on MSNBC, RNC Chairman Reince Priebus called out anchor Thomas Roberts for liberal bias...Roberts claim[ed] Obamacare has a ‘mandate by the people reelecting the president and both houses of Congress,’ leading Priebus to accuse Roberts of using ‘talking points’ [and stating] **‘It sounds like I’m debating the Chairman of the DNC...’**” Later, Priebus commented, **“I think you ought to just apply for a job in the Obama administration or the communications department of the DNC.”**

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