

MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

A Look at Media Bias

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman

Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), Co-Chair

Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN), Co-Chair

12.02.14

Media Ignores 3,000 New Regulations

From *Investor's Business Daily*...

“[Routinely], right before a big holiday weekend, when almost no one is paying attention, the Obama administration announces hundreds, sometimes thousands, of new regulations...[Last] week, news broke that businesses and consumers should get ready for more than 3,000 new regulations that will hit the economy in 2015. The national media yawned. According to the Daily Caller, the administration’s ‘Unified Agenda for Fall 2014’ contains ‘189 rules that cost more than \$100 million.’ That’s a \$20 billion a year tax on small businesses, families and corporations.”

Media Touts Executive Amnesty

From *Breitbart's Big Journalism*...

“The mainstream media eagerly push[ed] an administration talking point that former Presidents...enacted executive amnesty too. [According to Mark Krikorian, the executive director for the Center for Immigration Studies], ‘The administration and its media cheerleaders are grasping at straws when they point to minor actions by earlier administrations as precedents for their sweeping executive amnesty scheme. Obama proposes to lawless amnesty almost twice as many people as were lawfully amnestied by Congress in 1986.’”

NYT Publishes Officer's Address

From the *Investor's Business Daily*...

“Media Malfeasance: Short of handing local rioters a locator map, the [New York Times] provides enough information to find the home of the police officer some still accuse of murdering Michael Brown for no good reason [in Ferguson, Missouri]...Officer Darren Wilson’s address isn’t news that’s fit to print. Nor is it excusable for a newspaper to needlessly jeopardize the life of anyone in pursuit of an agenda.”

Journalism Students to ‘Put Bias Aside’

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“Texas A&M has revived [its journalism] program with the goal of teaching future journalists how to be objective and unbiased in their reporting...The program will be directed by veteran journalist Dale Rice, [who stated], ‘Our underlying philosophy is we teach students how to put bias aside to cover a story. They learn to gather information, report it fairly and report both sides of the story.’”

Media Ignores Presidential Flip-Flop on Immigration

From *NewsBusters*...

“CBS ignor[ed] the President’s glaring flip-flop, his repeated claims that he doesn’t have the ‘legal’ power to [change immigration law on his own]. ABC and NBC both covered Obama’s past admissions, but only briefly. [As of November 20, 2014], NBC allowed 12 seconds and ABC a meager 91 seconds...”

Media Dismisses the Gruber Controversy

From *Investor's Business Daily*...

“What does it take for reporters to pursue a scandal story these days? Apparently, more than video proof of lying and obfuscation by top officials to get a massive entitlement enacted...Not only have Gruber’s comments been treated as if they never happened, the TV networks haven’t shown any interest in the next round of Gruber stories...What can you expect from reporters who spent all of 2009 and early 2010 cheerleading for ObamaCare...The Gruber comments reveal their dereliction of duty...”