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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Should Report the Facts

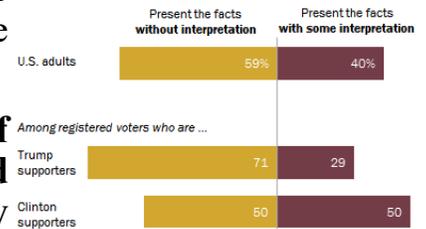
From the Pew Research Center...

“A key question that news organizations . . . is to what degree journalists should present the facts with some interpretation, giving their audience guidance in navigating all the information that comes at them.

A majority of U.S. adults (59%) reject the idea of adding interpretation, saying that the news media should present the facts alone, a recent Pew Research Center survey found.”

Majority says news media should present facts without interpretation

% who say that in covering events, the news media should ...



Note: Only registered voters are included in Trump supporters and Clinton supporters.
Source: Survey conducted Sept. 27-Oct. 10, 2016.

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Media Bias Threatens Democracy

From Congressman Lamar Smith...

“**Media bias is a direct threat to our democracy.** When the media doesn’t report the facts or reports them in a biased manner, Americans can’t make good decisions. And if Americans can’t make good decisions, our democracy is at risk.

Americans understand this. A recent USA Today/Suffolk University poll found that a majority of Americans believe the media poses a threat to our democracy.

Due to its blatant bias, particularly over the last few months, the national media has lost much of its credibility. **In fact, the same poll found that less than eight percent of voters trust the Big Three networks to provide fair and balanced coverage of the news.** Americans agree, the liberal national media is neither objective nor trustworthy.

Media Ignore Illegal Immigration

From Congressman Lamar Smith...

“**A new report by the Wilson Center has found that illegal immigration across the southern border is on pace to break the previous record set in 2014.** The record should not come as a surprise. The administration’s policies encourage illegal immigration.

The number of apprehensions at the southern border in August reached its highest point for that month in the last five years. **This record-setting pace of illegal immigration was largely ignored by the media.** Neither the Big Three networks nor the national daily newspapers covered the report.

The administration’s failure to enforce immigration laws has caused the new record surge. Americans are understandably concerned about illegal immigration. It’s unfortunate that the media does not consider it newsworthy.”

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