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A Look at Media Bias

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Taxpayers Should Not Fund Liberal News Organizations

From Congressman Lamar Smith's remarks on the House floor...

“Since 2002, over \$362 million dollars in government grants have gone to fund a liberal news organization by the name of Internews.

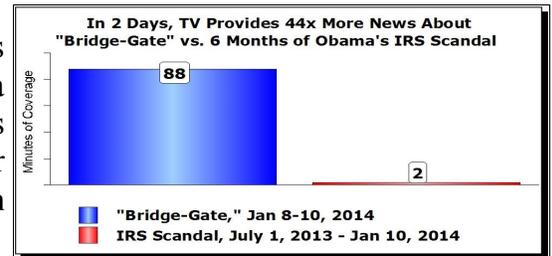
The Business and Media Institute describes Internews as a liberal journalism nonprofit and states that not only does it push a liberal agenda but it also has helped create at least three other liberal organizations.

Why are taxpayers' dollars subsidizing a liberal news outlet? This is a misuse of the public's money. People need unbiased information so that they can form their own opinions and make educated decisions. One of the greatest challenges a democratic America faces today is a biased media. **It is inexcusable and irresponsible for the federal government to give any of the American taxpayers' dollars to a liberal media organization.”**

‘Bridgegate’ Receives 44 Times More Coverage Than IRS

From the *Media Research Center*...

“In less than 48 hours, ABC, CBS and NBC deluged viewers with coverage of Chris Christie's traffic jam scandal, devoting a staggering 88 minutes to the story. In comparison, these same news outlets over the last six months have allowed a scant two minutes for the latest on [the] Internal Revenue Service scandal. **The disparity in less than two days is 44-to-one.”**



‘Journalism Has Died’ at the *New York Times*

From the *Daily Caller*...

“[A recent Senate report] found that the attacks [on Benghazi] were preventable... [However, a *New York Times* article from December concluded that after] ‘months of investigation...’ there was ‘no evidence that Al Qaeda or other international terrorist groups had any role in the assault.’

[To this article, Senator Lindsay Graham proclaimed], ‘To my friends at the *New York Times*: Journalism has died at this paper...’ Senator John McCain also lit into the *New York Times* in a floor speech, referring to the paper as ‘the surrogate of the Obama administration.’”

Times’ Abramson: ‘No Question’ Editorial Stance is Liberal

New York Times’ Executive Editor Jill Abramson was interviewed on a multitude of topics about the *Times*, including if the paper has a liberal bias. She was asked, “**The *New York Times* is often labeled as left-wing, liberal. How do you respond to that?**” She answered that the *Times* has a “cosmopolitan outlook towards the world and to this country and this city” and later conceded that, “**There's no question that the editorial stance of The *New York Times* is a liberal point of view.**”

Networks Rush to Label McDonnell a Republican

From *NewsBusters*...

“Less than 24-hours after former Gov. Bob McDonnell was indicted...all three networks immediately identified McDonnell as a Republican. **The media failed to uphold the same party ID standard when it involved scandal plagued Democratic Gov. [Elliot Spitzer]...**In March 2008, Spitzer was identified as ‘Client Number 9’ in a prostitution ring, but for two straight days ABC and NBC failed to label Spitzer as a Democrat.”