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A Look at Media Bias

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Media's Coverage of DREAM Act One-Sided

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During the lame duck session, Democrats in Congress want to pass the DREAM Act, which uses taxpayer dollars to give illegal immigrants in-state tuition at public universities. The national media are doing their best to help.

For example, out of 13 recent articles regarding the DREAM Act in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and *The Los Angeles Times*, 11 were overwhelmingly one-sided and sympathetic to illegal immigrants. That means 85% were biased.

One such article in Sunday's *Washington Post* began with the headline, "Undocumented Youths Chasing a Dream." While the term "conservative" was used to describe opponents of the legislation, not one of the left-wing amnesty groups or activists mentioned in the article was described as "liberal."

The national media should give Americans all the facts about immigration, not just one side.

New York Times Shows Double Standard on Leaks

The New York Times recently decided to print classified State Department documents obtained illegally by WikiLeaks. But one year ago, the Times declined to print information released during the ClimateGate scandal that showed that scientists were so determined to advance the idea of human-made global warming that they worked together to hide contradictory temperature data.

Regarding its decision to print the WikiLeaks documents, the Times wrote: "For The Times to ignore this material would be to deny its own readers the careful reporting and thoughtful analysis they expect when this kind of information becomes public."

In contrast, here is part of the Times' November 2009 statement explaining why they did not publish the ClimateGate documents: "The documents appear to have been acquired illegally and contain all manner of private information and statements that were never intended for the public eye, so they won't be posted here." The New York Times' double standard reveals its clear, liberal bias.

Time Magazine's Wishful Thinking Proves False



In May 2009, a Time cover story declared the Republican Party an "endangered species."

The article's author, Michael Grunwald, wrote: "The party's ideas — about economic issues, social issues and just about everything else — are not popular ideas. They are extremely conservative ideas tarred by association with the extremely unpopular George W. Bush, who helped downsize the party to its extremely conservative base." Grunwald further speculated that the GOP could become a third party in America.

Just 18 months later, American voters showed that Time's cover story was nothing more than wishful thinking. Republicans took control of the House by picking up at least 63 seats — the most in a mid-term election in more than 70 years — and gained significant ground in the Senate.

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