## MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS A Look at Media Bias

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## Media's Coverage of DREAM Act Shows Bias 12/15/10

It's hard to imagine a worse example of media bias than the national coverage of the socalled DREAM Act.

Seldom were the facts given to the American people. The national media said it applied to "65,000 youngsters." The legislation actually would give amnesty to at least 1 to 2 million illegal immigrants up to the age of 30. And no one in the national media mentioned that no

hearings had been held on the bill and no committee had approved it.

The DREAM Act would mean fewer jobs for American workers. And the Congressional Budget Office said it would cost taxpayers billions of dollars. But you won't hear that from the national media.

Even if the national media won't, Congress should put the interests of American workers and taxpayers first. That's what the last election was all about.

## **ABC Barely Mentions Its Own Poll on Health Care**

A recent ABC News/Washington Post poll found President Obama's health care law has reached a new low in popularity, but ABC barely covered its findings.



The poll found that just 43% of respondents support the health care legislation, compared to 53% who oppose it. Furthermore, by a 15-point margin, more respondents strongly oppose the law than strongly support it. But ABC's World News and Good Morning America each only devoted one brief mention to the poll.

ABC should give Americans the facts on health care, not hide information that contradicts their liberal agenda.

## **CNN's Guest Selection Shows Bias**

CNN's coverage of the so-called DREAM Act has shown a clear, liberal bias.

**DREAM** Act and none who opposed it. Anchor Kiran Chetry portrayed the guests in a sympathetic light and asked them softball questions about the legislation. She described them as "classic examples of who this DREAM Act would help, if it were to pass the Congress."

CNN should give Americans all the facts on the DREAM Act, not just one side.

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