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## *A Look at Media Bias*

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## Media Spins Unemployment Numbers

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From *Media Research Center*...

“ABC, CBS and NBC did their part to minimize the negative impact to ....Obama from the rise in the unemployment rate from 7.8 to 7.9 percent in October.

ABC anchor Diane Sawyer allocated a piddling 18 seconds to the news as **she characterized the 171,000 jobs growth as “beating predictions,”** NBC’s Brian Williams stressed how the 171,000 additional jobs number **“was better than the experts had expected”** and the CBS Evening News **focused on one “flourishing” company which has grown this year from 80 to 450 workers.”**

## *New York Times* Excuses Weak Economy

From *NewsBusters*...

“**The leftist bias of the *New York Times* is beautifully encapsulated in seven words used about a week before two presidential elections.** Headline over the editorial on the third quarter GDP creeping up to 2.0 percent under Barack Obama: ‘**Slow but Steady Improvement.**’ Headline twenty years ago (October 29, 1992) when incumbent George H.W. Bush was in the White House and the third quarter GDP nearly doubled to 2.7 percent: ‘**Gross National Letdown.**’

## Media Ignores Benghazi

From *Accuracy in Media*...

“**...the most outrageous media malpractice of the election has been coverage of the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya on September 11th** that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others, including two former Navy SEALs.

CBS withheld a snippet of their September 12th interview with Obama that could have cleared up... as to whether or not he considered the attack to be a planned, terrorist attack, or a spontaneous attack resulting from the video. That day, during the CBS interview, the same day he had used the term ‘act of terror’ in his Rose Garden comments, he refused to identify it that way. **But for some reason, CBS chose to hold that back until less than two days before the election.**

**What should have been a full blown scandal before the election was largely swept under the rug by the mainstream media, certainly up until the last week or two before the election. And even then, its coverage was limited and tepid. Obama certainly owes a debt of gratitude to his media allies who covered for him the best they knew how.”**