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## *A Look at Media Bias*

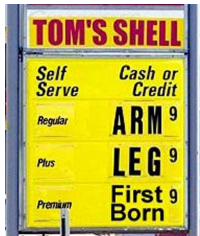
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### NBC Defends Administration

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There are several reasons for the recent surge in gas prices, but the Obama Administration is not to blame for any of them, according to Chuck Todd, Chief White House Correspondent and political director for NBC News.

On MSNBC's "The Daily Rundown," Todd discussed reasons for the spike in gas prices but refused to assign any blame to the Obama Administration's policies, such as their failure to expedite permits for offshore oil exploration:

**"I guess what I'm confused about ... what is it that the president could have done about the price of gasoline?" Todd asked. He then claimed that "there doesn't seem to be any expert that believes" President Obama could have done anything to prevent the price of gas from reaching \$4 per gallon.**

In contrast, the national media frequently blamed former President George W. Bush for high gas prices.

### NPR Shows Pro-Obama Bias

**On last Friday's NPR Morning Edition, reporter Don Gonyea covered the first Republican presidential debate in South Carolina, but failed to mention any of the candidates' criticisms of President Obama.**

Instead, Gonyea featured a clip of Tim Pawlenty congratulating the President for finding Osama bin Laden.

**During the same program, NPR's Joel Rose covered President Obama's visit to Ground Zero. Rose played several clips of people praising the President, including one who claimed "he's the best President we've ever had."**

NPR should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

### MRC Gives Out 'DisHonors Awards' for Media Bias

On Saturday, the Media Research Center handed out its annual "DisHonors Awards" for media bias. Ed Schultz earned the "Quote of the Year" as voted by the audience for this outburst:

**"The Republicans lie! They want to see you dead! They'd rather make money off your dead corpse! They kind of like it when that woman has cancer and they don't have anything for her."**



Other "winners" included Newsweek's Evan Thomas (formerly of Newsweek), radio host Tavis Smiley, and Keith Olbermann (formerly of MSNBC).

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