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A Look at Media Bias

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Pro-Obama Media Shocked by Bad Economic News 6/14/11



From Michael Barone's recent column in the *Washington Examiner*:

“As megablogger Glenn Reynolds, aka Instapundit, has noted with amusement, the word ‘unexpectedly’ or variants thereon keep cropping up in mainstream media stories about the economy...

“As Instapundit reader Gordon Stewart ... put it: ‘How many times in a row can something happen unexpectedly before the experts start to, you know, expect it? At some point, shouldn't they be required to state the foundation for their expectations?’ ...

“One answer is that many in the mainstream media have been cheerleading for Barack Obama. They and he both naturally hope for a strong economic recovery. After all, Obama can't keep blaming the economic doldrums on George W. Bush forever ...

“It's obviously going to be hard to achieve the unacknowledged goal of many mainstream journalists — the president's re-election — if the economic slump continues. So they characterize economic setbacks as unexpected, with the implication that there's still every reason to believe that, in Herbert Hoover's phrase, prosperity is just around the corner.”

Media Show Bias in Treatment of Palin

From an *Investor's Business Daily* editorial on June 11, 2011:

“*The New York Times* and *Washington Post* have asked their readers' help in scouring 24,000 emails from Sarah Palin's governorship, released Friday ...

“Imagine a newspaper in 2008 asking readers' help in perusing Barack Obama's emails as U.S. senator and Illinois state senator. Or for that matter, help in unearthing his college records. The howls from ‘mainstream’ journalists and Democratic politicians would have been deafening. But a private citizen conducting a bus tour across the country — Palin is not a candidate, let's not forget — is fair game for a mob witch hunt ...

“The vendetta also shows how fearful the establishment media are of a Palin presidency ...

TV Execs Admit Hollywood Pushes Liberal Agenda

From the *Hollywood Reporter*:

“In clips that will hit the Internet to promote a new book, producers including *Friends* co-creator Marta Kauffman and *House* creator David Shore say Hollywood discriminates against and belittles conservatives ...



“The book makes the case that TV industry executives, writers and producers use their clout to advance a liberal political agenda. The author bases his thesis on, among other things, 39 taped interviews that he'll roll out piecemeal during the next three weeks ...

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