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A Look at Media Bias

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CNN Shows Double Standard on Jokes about Economy



From the Media Research Center:

“Both President Obama and leading Republican candidate Mitt Romney got into hot water for supposedly making insensitive comments about the economy [recently].

But CNN’s response offers a textbook case of media bias, as the supposedly-objective news network virtually ignored Obama’s gaffe while trumpeting Romney’s comment.

“President Obama poked fun at the ineffectiveness of his own stimulus bill in creating certain “shovel-ready jobs” on Monday and Republicans pounced on the joke, claiming it was not funny when unemployment remains high. **However, CNN barely reported the president’s joke and the ensuing Republican outrage.**

“Flash-forward to later in the week, when wealthy Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney quipped to a table of listeners in a Florida restaurant that he is ‘also unemployed.’ Democratic National Committee (DNC) chair Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Fla.) slammed the remark as “inappropriate and insensitive” to unemployed Americans and ‘incredibly out-of-touch.’ **Schultz’s press release went out at noon Thursday, and by the 3 p.m. EDT news hour CNN was touting Romney’s remarks.**”

Networks Ignore Supreme Court Decision on Emissions

From the Media Research Center:

“The Supreme Court on Monday unequivocally rejected the notion that courts should force power companies to curtail greenhouse gas emissions, **but none of the major broadcast networks covered the unanimous decision on their evening newscasts or morning shows.**

“... ABC’s “Good Morning America” and “World News,” CBS’s “Early Show” and “Evening News,” and NBC’s “Today” and “Nightly News” all skipped a decision that prevents environmentalists from using the courts to impose greenhouse gas regulations on electric utilities.”



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