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A Look at Media Bias

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Networks Ignore Annual March for Life

From NewsBusters...

"On Jan 22, 200,000 people descended on Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life ... Of the three broadcast networks, only CBS mentioned the 2015 March for Life, allotting it just 15 seconds. That's one second for every 13,000 people who [participated]...

For last year's march, the networks devoted 46 seconds to the hundreds of thousands marching in Washington, D.C. ... In 2013, the networks spent a total of 17 seconds on the March for Life. ... As with this year, when the nets do cover the march, they refuse to use the word 'life.' Instead, CBS' Nancy Cordes used terms like 'anti-abortion demonstrators' to describe the marchers."

CNN 'Totally Biased' Against Republicans

From the *Daily Caller*...

"CNN contributor and syndicated columnist Ruben Navarrette blasted his own network, calling it out for bias against Republicans, while adding that CNN has a 'warped sense' of what's actually news. ... [Navarrette was asked], 'I'll leave CNN out of this, out of respect, because you work there, but what about NBC, CBS? ... A lot of people, including me, would say they're totally biased against Republicans.' [Navarrette responded], 'I agree. I would agree with that as well. I think CNN also fits that category as well at times...'

Low Unemployment Rate 'Big Lie,' Media Still Touts

From Gallup Chairman and CEO Jim Clifton...

"Here's something that many Americans...don't know: The official unemployment rate, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, is extremely misleading. Right now, we're hearing much celebrating from the media, the White House and Wall Street about how unemployment is 'down' to 5.6%. The cheerleading for this number is deafening. The media loves a comeback story ... None of them will tell you this: If you, a family member or anyone is unemployed and has subsequently given up on finding a job ... the Department of Labor doesn't count you as unemployed. ... Trust me, the vast majority of them aren't throwing parties to toast 'falling' unemployment. ... The official unemployment rate, which cruelly overlooks the suffering of the long-term and often permanently unemployed as well as the depressingly underemployed, amounts to a Big Lie. ...

When the media, talking heads, the White House and Wall Street start reporting the truth — the percent of Americans in good jobs; ... then we will quit wondering why Americans aren't 'feeling' something that doesn't remotely reflect the reality in their lives."

Media Refuse to Discuss President's Budget

From the Media Research Center...

"The press has barely noticed that President Obama has offered a new federal budget. Even in its paucity was a slant to be found. ... There are several reasons why the networks won't spend much time on the budget. ... But then there's the political reason. They might have to evaluate Obama's past statements and the formal record. The president held a nationally televised 'Fiscal Responsibility Summit' at the White House on February 23, 2009 and boldly promised 'Today, I'm pledging to cut the deficit we inherited by half by the end of our first term in office.' ... [In 2008, Obama criticized President Bush for accumulating debt saying], 'That's irresponsible. It's unpatriotic.' It's easy to understand why the networks leave this sore subject of Obama's own debt-accumulating record alone

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