

SPOTTED: STUNNING EXAMPLE OF MEDIA BIAS AGAINST REPUBLICANS

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PINE BLUFFS—During the tediously-long 2008 presidential election campaign, mainstream media bias did not go unnoticed. A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that 70 percent of voters believed most reporters wanted to see Barack Hussein Obama win. Only 9 percent said the media favored John McCain. The rest said they didn't know.

If a more concrete example of the steadily growing media bias toward Republicans exists, I've not yet seen it. Just try this on for size. A recent *Washington Times* article compared headlines culled from major newspapers four years ago—a few days after George W. Bush's inauguration—with headlines from the same major newspapers a few days after Obama's inauguration:

Headlines 4 years ago:

"Bush Extravagance Exceeds any Reason During Tough Times"
"Fat Cats Get Their \$42 Million Inauguration Party, Ordinary Americans Get the Shaft"
"Bush spends \$42 million on Inauguration While Troops Die in Unarmored Humvees"

Headlines in January 2009:

"Historic Obama Inauguration Will Cost Only \$120 Million"
"Obama Spends \$120 Million on Inauguration, Americans Needs A Big Party"
"Everyman Obama Shows America How to Celebrate"
Citibank Executives Contribute \$8 Million to Obama Inauguration"

The Obama administration has been talking about "transparency." Here's an example of transparent media bias. As long as this situation persists, media such as the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune-Eagle*, and *Los Angeles Times* will continue to lose the trust of Americans. Three of the above newspapers are presently in Chapter 11 reorganization because steep declines in readership have left them unable to meet their operating expenses. Wyoming's two major newspapers – one liberal Democrat, the other conservative Democrat – exhibit the same bias. However, existing in a predominantly Republican state, they *do* seem a bit more careful, while systematically attempting to change the political make-up here.

Can the media ever regain America's trust? I doubt that they'll bother to make an effort, because they don't think they need to. Most liberally biased journalists don't see themselves as liberal or biased. As Bernard Goldberg puts it in one of his two books examining this problem, "[T]hey are like fish in the ocean that don't know they're wet. How would fish know they're wet? Fish have no frame of reference. *They only know wet.*"

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