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# How The Media Chose The Presidential Candidates by Jim Bice

For years Koos News has reported on the bias of the mainstream media. It seems that every year we see more left leaning agenda driven articles rather than honest and factual reporting. Most of the erroneous information provided to the public is in the form of omission rather than outright falsehoods.

The fact is that most Americans are too busy earning a living, raising their families and

fulfilling their other responsibilities to check the accuracy of the drive they are fed on a daily basis. They rely on the media for virtually all their information pertaining to events and issues that affect their lives and livelihoods. Unfortunately, the media, in its pursuit of whatever agendas they are pushing at the moment, has abrogated its responsibility to the American public.

Another sad fact is that the

media is very one-sided in its reporting. Activities that earn conservatives or Republicans ongoing stories of vilification and criticism are largely overlooked when committed by liberals or Democrats. There are literally hundreds of examples of this type of bias.

The media covered the ineptitude and outright stupidity of Jimmy Carter, arguably one of the weakest and worst presidents of last century. They had to be drug kicking and screaming by the alternative media to report on the many legally questionable and morally disgusting activities of Bill Clinton. Yet they latched on to the relatively benign foibles of Gerald Ford and positively gloated over the alleged wrongdoing of Ronald Reagan. The "Hate Bush" campaign they've been waging for almost eight years is the worst example of omission and twisting of fact that this country has ever witnessed in news reporting. Instead of criticizing him for for some very real shortcomings they have chosen to launch an all out hate campaign over very minor issues or manufactured situations that have absolutely no factual basis.

With this in mind, take a look at the current presidential campaign. At the outset of the primary elections, the mainstream media sided with John McCain against all the other Republican candidates. The most biased of them, the New York Times and NBC News, actually endorsed McCain. Could this have been because they viewed him as the best candidate or could it have been because they perceived him as the most liberal of the Republicans and ultimately the weakest candidate to appeal to the conservative base? Without a doubt, McCain is a player of the media. Throughout his career in politics he has pandered for media attention and approval. His voting record reflects a man who changes his position based upon media approval and political expediency. Very few true core values or actual leadership has been demonstrated.

On the other side of the aisle, almost from the beginning, the mainstream media anointed Barack Obama as the messiah of the Democrat Party. There has been little or no exploration or reporting of his background, his abilities or his fitness for the office. The battle cry is "Change!" and there is no question that he is a great speaker with charisma and appeal. Yet where is the in-depth reporting on his platform regarding issues and exactly what changes he wants to make and their impact on the American people?

The other Democrat front runner, Hillary Clinton, certainly gave better explanations of what she intended to do as President and there's no doubt she has the background and experience to hold the office. But the mainstream media doesn't like Hillary, and sometimes for good reason. But that should not be

whole, based upon valid information.

Our country has some very deep seated problems when the media chooses the candidates and slant their reporting on events and issues that could lead the voters to make decisions based upon something other than the truth.

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