

Review of the 2016 Election: The Media

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The so-called "mainstream" media is still in shock over the Presidential election; it is impossible for them to understand how their chosen queen, Hillary Clinton, could lose the election against such an unconventional and defective candidate like Donald Trump. The best explanation they have come up with is that every half-baked retarded irredeemable deplorable in the nation suddenly sobered up on Election Day and decided to vote against their own best interests. Their constant harping over the popular vote vs. the Electoral College vote only proves their unlimited power to make excuses. It the Electoral College, dummies, as it has been since the founding of the republic.

We hear a lot about the "liberal bias" in the mainstream media. It is actually a socialist bias, and it comes from several sources. First, most journalists and commentators happen to be socialists or at least raving 1960's liberals; convinced that their platform and ideology is the only correct one, it imperative (they think) to educate/indoctrinate all the unwashed ignoramuses as to benefit of arbitrary government power (except against them). Underlying this attitude is the assumption that they are uniquely qualified to determine who should have political power and who should not. Secondly, many in the media would rather create or shape the news rather than report it, partly to advance the cause, partly to widen their audience to justify higher compensation, and partly to get closer to the powerful as a means to gain influence for their own benefit. The mainstream media has given up on checking the growth of government power; they are now actively endorsing it. The members of the media have become powerful by association with the powerful. Third, their embrace of socialism requires that they believe in their own moral superiority; the causes they endorse are righteous because they are righteous; they are correct policy because they are correct policy, and nothing more need be said about it. Fourth, in this day of 24-hour news channels, there is an enormous amount of airtime to fill. It is now possible to provide time to those with the most extreme views as a way of making garden-variety socialism seem reasonable. Fifth, the quest for revenue causes the news and opinion shows to have a great many commercials, and the "interviews" (I am using the term loosely), are so short as to be useless for an honest examination of facts or claims. There is barely enough time between commercial breaks for the moderator deliver a sermonette disguised as a question and for the guests to shout their slogans or talking points over each other. The long-suffering public learns nothing. One tunes into ABC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, and PBS to be entertained, not informed. FNC is only marginally better. When you read *The New York Times* editorials, it suddenly occurs to you that Jayson Blair was the most logical writer they ever had.

Socialists in general are ignorant of history: they actually believe that paradise on earth is possible, which ignores the nature of mankind. The only thing missing is enough government power to enforce paradise: so the media, probably without realizing it, promotes tyranny in the interest of freedom. But it will never tolerate unfreedom for itself, only for you. They are identical in function to the corrupt medieval Catholic church.

But the one thing the socialist mainstream media is most angry about is that Mr. Trump found a way via social media to bypass their filtering function. He was able, using his formidable name-recognition, to take his message directly to the public (not to mention he had the right message for this election cycle). I don't think policy by 140-character spontaneous random neuron-firing is a good way to govern. Unfortunately, the modern mainstream media is simply not up to the task of performing the important function of examining the government's actions. It is either too ideologically biased, too ignorant of history, too partisan, or too lazy.

