

Re: Fifty-six Deceits in Fahrenheit 911

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In article <118afaeb.0408110620.f0ae73c@posting.google.com>, Product developer <jdurban@vorel.com> wrote:

>kensmith@green.rahul.net (Ken Smith) wrote in message

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[...]

>> *I strongly disagree. There is a strong right wing bias in the media and one of the lies they tell you is that there is a left wing bias in the media. Start at the bottom of the AM dial and work your way up in frequency through all the radio and TV signals you can receive and see for your self. I tried if where I am and hit the FM dial before I heard the first station that didn't have a right wing bias.*

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>*Sounds like a scientific and accurate method of polling to me. With 87 percent of the press admitting being liberal there's no debate as to their leanings in reporting, "editorializing" the news.*

No, 87% of the press "says" they are liberal. If you admit that their reporting is bias, you also have to admit that their reporting of their bias must be biased. So this is a case of you selectively believing them when they happen to say something that matches your preconcieved notions.

>*If there weren't a clear left wing bias in the reporting of the news, Rush Limbaugh and FOX NEWS would have never evolved into the powerhouses they have become. The market was ripe for alternative or fair reporting*

Brad Pitt has become a famous actor even though there was not a clear bias toward being ugly in the existing pool of actors so I don't see that your logic holds.

People are more comfortable when their cherished notions are confirmed. In the other new organizations, facts were sometimes checked and surprises found. This upset people so the switched off the news and turned on Rush who never bothered about facts.

> *and there is a reason why the left can't create a huge radio audience.*

There are other reasons that explain it just as well:

(1)

They have trouble getting on the air because of the right wing bias.

(2)

The truth isn't funny

(3)

The people are more comfortable as explained above.

>*There is no debating left wing bias.*

I'm debating it.

> *You see it every*

>*time you turn on network news*

I see ads for shows and readings of press releases and other junk in place of news but I don't see this bias you claim to see. When did you last have your eyes checked. Perhaps you mistake stories about the latest events on Survivor as a left bias.

> *which might explain why audience share*

>*is eroding year after year.*

As you get more options for the same number of people to select from the number selecting any given option will normally decrease. There are several other reasons too.

>*There is a reason public radio and TV has*

>*to be funded with taxpayer dollars.*

Yes it is an attempt to keep it from having to take on advertizers and hence end up with a bias. Remember 60 Minutes had to spike the report about tobacco companies because of profit considerations.

>*The only reason so many believe war is bad is because so many do not*

>*understand the cost of a safe and free society.*

I'm sure there are some who would argue that a society that keeps its self safe and free by killing and enslaving others is not something that works in the long term.

We've had the alert level raised and our right curtailed so it doesn't seem to be working anyway.

> *The left believes that*

>*if we could just sit down with terrorists and chant over some tea and*

>*insense that they would change their attitude towards us.*

You really have some silly opinions about the left. Let me guess, you heard this line on Rush Limbaugh or perhaps Mike Savages show.

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