

Re: Fifty-six Deceits in Fahrenheit 911

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In article <118afaeb.0408112233.10ed98f0@posting.google.com>, Product developer <jdurban@vorel.com> wrote:

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[...]

>> 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.

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>Selectively believing a survey? Either take someone's word or not. I

>don't understand.

It is a survey of news people. Previous arguments included the claim that they were distoring the facts. This survey asked them if they were liberal or conservative and then assumed that on this question they had not distorted the facts.

>> >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

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>> 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.

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>WTF? Lib logic?

Too complex for you?

Ok I will try to do it in smaller steps.

(1)

The claim was made that FOX NEWS became popular because all of the rest of the news has a left bias.

(2)

The claim, of cause, is presented without any supporting argument other than an implied seeking of a different option by the views.

(3)

In order for the implied seeking of a different option to be used in the argument, there must be evidence that the tendency to seek something different, in the media, exists in the population.

(4)

An obvious example of an existing bias in the media is the bias towards good looking people. (You don't se