

Re: Fifty-six Deceits in Fahrenheit 911

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In article <Cs5Uc.56737\$Oi.4271@fed1read04>,

Mark Ferguson <nunya@biz.ness> wrote:

> *Ken Smith 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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> *I don't follow your logic.*

Lets try a little exercise:

The following statement is incorrect.

I am holding a roll of solder in my left hand.

Was I holding a roll of solder in my left hand?

I really hope you answered "no".

Now lets try something more complex:

Billy Jones is a known liar.

Billy Jones said he built a time machine.

I really hope you spot right away that Billy Jones isn't likely to have built a time machine.

Now even more complex:

People with green hair have been proven to be liars.

87% of people with green hair say they are 10 feet tall.

Obviously you don't believe that people with green hair are 10 feet tall.

Now back to the subject at hand.

Mark believes that news people don't report the truth.
Mark believes that 87% of new people claim to be liberal.

Should Mark believe that 87% of news people are liberal?

>> *People are more comfortable when their cherished notions are confirmed.*
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> *I've noticed that. Which cherished notions do _you_ have*
> *confirmed on CNN and MSNBC?*

I tend to avoid MSNBC because their reports are so untrustworthy that a dart board is about as good. I'm not suggesting bias. I'm suggest just plain lack of fact checking and stupid errors.

CNN is only a little better and they do confirm the cherished notion that "those who can do, those who can't teach, those who can't do either work at McDonalds and those who can't get McDonalds jobs do research for CNN".

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>> *They have trouble getting on the air because of the right wing bias.*
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> *AM radio was a very small segment of the "news media"*
> *until the Conservatives took it over. So what?*

I disagree with both the "took it over" and "Conservatives". The AM dial is dominated by right wing nut cases. They are not Conservatives.

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