
Subject: How fair is the media?

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 19:28:07 GMT

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If any of you know, today Terri Schiavo's autopsy results were released. They conclude that she was blind, irreversibly brain damaged, and nothing to suggest that she wasn't in a persistent vegetative state. So what does the media say?

MSNBC: [Headline story]

CNN: [Headline story]

"Autopsy: Schiavo's brain half the normal size"

FOXNews: 3rd story, after "Australian Hostage Rescued" and "Home Investigated 'Date rape' drug possibly used on Holloway, sources say", with the story header of "No signs of abuse"

So who reported the actual story? Well, MSNBC did a good job of reporting the story, mainly quoting the doctors who carried out the autopsy. CNN actually did an uncharacteristically good job of writing a story, except for the second paragraph where they cast random doubt,

"But what caused her collapse 15 years earlier remained a mystery. The autopsy and post-mortem investigation found no proof that she had an eating disorder, as was suspected at the time, Pinellas-Pasco Medical Examiner Jon Thogmartin said."

without mentioning that the doctors who carried out the autopsy said no signs of physical harm were found, rejecting the idea of Michael Schiavo beating Schiavo into her state.

On to FOX News. I give them a C- for fairness. They did have actual quotes in their article, up until about 5 paragraphs where they switch to quoting the Schindlers and their lawyers about vaguely described "unanswered questions".

So who would you rather use as news?

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 19:43:27 GMT

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I read it on CNN first since my RSS reader is set to watch CNN... I didn't really notice much difference in the articles. I am happy about the results of the report that she was in fact severely brain damaged.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 20:16:46 GMT

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You say Fox is all biased, yet they're the only ones so far, that I've seen, to include a PDF of the autopsy, which I am reading now.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 22:56:01 GMT

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Because about 5 FOX readers were actually interested in reading about the autopsy. They know their readers aren't going to try to educate themselves, so they can do that all they want. I bet tomorrow there will be almost nothing, if not nothing] linking to the Schiavo autopsy.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 04:20:41 GMT

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UPDATE

Already, the Schiavo autopsy release has moved to story #11 on FOXNews' site, after

- 1) Australian Hostage Released
- 2) Home Investigated
- 3) Pushing Privacy
- 4) Senate Holds Gitmo Hearing
- 5) Ariz. Harrier Crash Forces 1,300 to Evacuate
- 6) Courthouse Shootings Hostage Writing Book
- 7) Parents to Blame for Girl's Cancer, Doctor Says
Discovery Back at Launch Pad
- 9) Opening Statements Heard in '64 Civil Rights Murders Trial
- 10) Official: Chemical Plant Protections Inadequate
- 11) Schiavo Autopsy Released

It's already the thirid headline on CNN, after

- 1) Real-life brothers in arms
- 2) Was race a factor in Aruba arrests?
- 3) Autopsy: No sign Schiavo was abused

It's already the 7th headling on MSNBC, after

- 1) Iraqi commander describes dramatic hostage rescue
- 2) Senators clash on Gitmo prisoners
- 3) Aruba teen suspect's home searched
- 4) Michael 'at peace,' Jermaine says
- 5) House curtails Patriot Act provision | Vote

- 6) Cancer-stricken girl's mom has change of heart
- 7) Schiavo autopsy backs husband | Video

Is the mainstream media still fair after it tries to cover up for loudmouth Republicans?

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 05:04:53 GMT
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thats a difference of....a whole 4 links down? That has little bearing on their bias. In fact, im not even sure I get your point, since it seems petty.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 05:14:42 GMT
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The media is trying to crush the story into oblivion as fast as they can while still "reporting" it.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 05:17:44 GMT
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you try to read in between the lines too much.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 06:46:55 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Thu, 16 June 2005 01:14The media is trying to crush the story into oblivion as fast as they can while still "reporting" it.

Yeah, and the New York Slimes didn't do the same thing yesterday and today.

Let's see, a memo linked Kofi Annan to a U.N. Oil-for-Food program contract awarded to the company that employs his son, and the Slimes decides to bury it on page 6.

Oil-for-Food scandal investigators later said they were "urgently" reviewing the new evidence. That's worthy of the front page, or at least the second page, isn't it? Not according to the New York Slimes, which put it on page 10.

Oh yeah, the Washington Post put the same story on page 12.

Yet, you consider the New York Slimes to be the pinnacle institution of American journalism.

Do you have any idea how ridiculous you sound? Did you even read your own post before you decided to start this thread?

So they put the Schiavo story eleven links down. Big fucking deal. You can still see it plain as day at first glance if you know how to read.

Here are the Slimes, though, burying an important development that has to do with the Oil-for-Food scandal under six and ten pages of crap before you ever get to it.

Why did you give the slimes a free ride and not Fox News?

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2005 14:53:23 GMT

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Media just broadcast what gives them people that look. This story isn't number one interest anymore for the people and surely not if the truth is "boring" in the eyes of the everyday man with the hat. So it's normal it ain't number one and they kinda turn the story into what people would like to read. It's all about economy and that's a good thing if you think about it. It would be worse if it was all about politics (what the dude that made this thread pretends).

Economy advantages >>>> politic advantages!

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Dishman](#) on Fri, 01 Jul 2005 04:02:49 GMT

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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Thu, 16 June 2005 01:14 The media is trying to crush the story into oblivion as fast as they can while still "reporting" it.

News happens all the time, so I'm not surprised that Schiavo's story went down that WHOPPING 3 headlines (i.e. CNN). As far as I could tell, the whole thing blew over shortly after she died, as with most news items. New stuff happens, new controversies arise, new headlines are created.

So I agree with gbull on this one, the whole situation isn't out of the ordinary.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 01 Jul 2005 07:10:14 GMT

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Maybe it's because Fox isn't living in the past. They aren't putting huge emphasis on something people have moved on from. Do you expect the headline on Foxnews to be like

1. Wheel comes in handy again!

After thousands of years of usefulness we celebrate the wheels 1 millionth day of service on Earth. May it keep on rolling!

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Fri, 01 Jul 2005 14:44:03 GMT

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That is the kind of nonsense story I would expect FOX to run to get away from actual issues like the Downing Street Hearings, or the Terri Schiavo autopsy which proves they were lying the whole time, or any major news that comes out of Iraq at all, excluding,

"Today 2 U.S. marines were killed in Iraq during their valiant fight against the terrorists who attacked the world trade center on that fateful day of September the 11th. All Americans who support ending terror in the U.S. and abroad should rally behind the Iraq war or be court-marshalled for high treason."

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 01 Jul 2005 16:14:21 GMT

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SFE, your a fucking idiot. Try watching Fox News every once in a while, maybe then you wouldn't be so stereotypical. O wait, I forgot, you got that channel blocked.

Subject: Re: How fair is the media?

Posted by [Fabian](#) on Mon, 04 Jul 2005 17:00:11 GMT

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gbull wrote on Fri, 01 July 2005 11:14your a fucking idiot
