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*A Look at Media Bias*

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## Media Gets the Big Stories Wrong

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At a speech at Quinnipiac University, CBS anchor Scott Pelley said that journalists **“are getting big stories wrong, over and over again.”**

He continued, **“Democracies succeed or fail based on their journalism...That’s how democracies work. They’re only as good as the quality of information that the public possesses.”**

## If Conservatives Care, Media Ignores

From *Mediaite*...

**“There is like-think in the political press that results in...suspicion [of] any story that conservative media outlets deem worthy of added scrutiny. Some [in] the media...are beginning to realize that their own biases have shielded the administration from criticism.**

This was the result of a kneejerk dismissal of stories that conservatives exhibited much enthusiasm over...For the first time in a long time, the political press appears unwilling to dismiss those [stories] as conservative obsessions.”

## McConnell’s Advice to the Media

From the *Daily Caller*...

“Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell had some advice for the media:

**‘As you continue to file your stories on this subject (IRS, Benghazi and the AP probe scandals), ask yourself before you write, ‘How would I be writing this story if this were a Republican administration?’”**

## ‘I Would Not Dismiss Benghazi’

From *Breitbart’s Big Journalism*...

“Bob Woodward compared the White House's behavior over CIA/State Department [Benghazi] talking points with President Nixon's handling of edited transcripts of taped conversations in the oval office...

**‘I have to go back 40 years to Watergate when Nixon put out his edited transcripts to the conversations...I would not dismiss Benghazi. It's a very serious issue.’”**