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A Look at Media Bias

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New Poll: Majority Say Media are Dishonest

In a new Poll Position/TV Newser/Mediabistro.com poll conducted on November 6th, a large majority of those surveyed said they agreed with Herman Cain that there are too many people in the media who are downright dishonest.

Poll Position conducts national telephone polling, asking more than 1,000 Americans 10 hot topic questions in addition to demographic questions – gender, race, age, political affiliation.

Among the Poll Position questions over the weekend was the following:

On Saturday, presidential candidate Herman Cain made this statement: “There are too many people in the media who are downright dishonest.” Do you agree with that statement?

The results: Agree 64% Disagree 19% No Opinion 16%

National Telephone Poll of 1,179 Registered Voters / 11.06.11 / Margin of Error +/- 3%

The survey found unity along racial and gender lines. The results were as follows: 66% of whites agreed, as did 61% of Hispanics and 57% of blacks. Sixty-nine percent of males agreed and 59% of females did as well.

This survey follows a trend in recent nationwide surveys that show that the public has a low opinion of the media and is aware of the media bias.

NYT Omits Fast and Furious Connection

From BigJournalism.com...

“On October 31, government officials broke up a drug ring in Arizona. The *New York Times* had a great article on it, and even though it wasn’t on the front page, it was in a good spot in the US section of their website. But that’s where my compliments stop, because the AP reported a major development the following day: two guns in that raid are connected to Operation Fast & Furious.... Usually, when you want information on an important subject you head to the *Times*. Not this time.

This is a huge development, because more and more guns from this operation are being found on American soil.

So how come The New York Times didn’t update or at least post the AP article like virtually every other news source in America, including *Washington Post* and MSNBC?...”

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