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A Look at Media Bias

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National Media Show Bias on Taxes

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The national media have framed the tax debate in a way that shows their liberal bias. For example, the media frequently say Republicans favor extending tax “cuts,” which implies lowering tax rates from their current level. In fact, Republicans support extending the existing tax rates to avoid a \$3.9 trillion tax increase on every taxpaying American.

Since the beginning of the lame duck session, network evening news programs have mentioned tax “cuts” more than six times as often as tax “increases,” according to an analysis by the Media Research Center.

Furthermore, the media often say that Republicans support tax cuts for the rich. However, they rarely mention that the country’s top earners already pay a disproportionately large share of the nation’s taxes.

In fact, the top 1% of earners pay a larger share of the income tax burden than the bottom 95% of earners combined. And many of the top 1% are small business owners who create jobs and stimulate the economy.

The national media should give Americans the facts on taxes, not tell them what to think.

Pulitzer Board Adds another Liberal Member

Liberal Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson has been elected to join the Pulitzer Prize Board, which gives out the most prominent awards in journalism each year.



Robinson will add to the Board’s liberal slant. **Out of 18 voting members, the Board has only one clear conservative, according to an analysis by the Media Research Center (MRC). Among Board members who made political contributions recently, all gave to Democrats, according to MRC.**

Given the Board’s liberal lean, it’s no wonder that most recent Pulitzer Prize winners have been left-leaning as well.