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A Look at Media Bias

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Majority of *WaPost's* Cartoons Attack Republicans

From Breitbart...

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“The *Washington Post* posted its year in review of the best political cartoons of 2012 last week. A review of the 56 cartoons shows that a majority of them attack Republicans, or conservatives, while only a small sampling make fun of Obama, members of his administration, or liberal ideas.

Many of these political cartoons are quite good for what they are, of course: a skewering of sacred cows, be they on the left, right, or apolitical and concerning pop culture in general. But out of the 56 cartoons presented, the vast majority of them attack the right.

Out of 56 cartoons, 28 of them hit at the right. On the other side of the aisle, only eight attack Obama or his administration directly, while a scant four cartoons hit on liberal ideas.

Naturally, not one cartoon from excellent conservative cartoonist Michael Ramirez appears in the *Washington Post* collection. **In all, 50% of the cartoons strike right-of-center, while only 20% are send-ups of the left.”**

NBC Medical Editor Denounces ‘Religion Part’ of Christmas

From Media Research Center...

“During a panel discussion on *NBC Today*, the network’s chief medical editor Nancy Snyderman suddenly broke into an anti-religious rant: **‘I don’t like the religion part. I think religion is what mucks the whole thing up....I think that’s what makes the holidays so stressful.’** Snyderman’s take-the-Christ-out-of-Christmas commentary was prompted by fellow panelist Star Jones explaining: ‘I focus on, honestly, the religion part of it. I really and truly do.’

During a November 27 panel discussion on *Today*, co-host Savannah Guthrie wondered if Christmas was becoming too commercialized: ‘We ask the question, as Charlie Brown did so long ago, isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is really all about? Has it just gone crazy?’ In response, Snyderman fretted: **‘Well, the fact that you just said ‘Christmas,’ I think, is the hot-button item because people say ‘Happy Holidays,’ they don’t know what to say.’** A puzzled Guthrie replied: ‘Oh, that’s a whole other story.’

Snyderman then described what she liked most about Thanksgiving: ‘...one of those great American holidays where there are no presents, there is no religion, and you really get to give thanks.’

Give thanks to who exactly?”

Media Criticizes Michigan’s Right-to-Work Law

From Newsbusters...

“After the Michigan legislature passed and the governor signed right-to-work legislation . . . **the Associated Press headlined ‘Michigan Republicans end part of union tradition.’** [It states] ‘for generations, Michigan was the ultimate labor stronghold — a state built by factory workers for whom a high school diploma and a union card were the ticket to a middle-class life. Yet it took only hours for Republicans to tear down a key part of that tradition...’ *Associated Press* [also] compiled a list of ‘5 things to know about Michigan’s right-to-work bills’ [and] made ‘the name is misleading’ [its] first item...

CBS This Morning played up the union-led protests against [the] right-to-work law in Michigan. [One correspondent] claimed ‘the protests here in Michigan...[will] likely only get bigger...they’re planning to return today in record numbers...’ The correspondent loaded her report with six sound bites from the anti-right-to-work protesters and their supporters, including President Obama, [and] only played two from proponents of the Michigan bill...

All three networks...[also] ignored the violent assaults by union protesters in Michigan, instead vaguely insisting that activists were simply ‘voicing their anger’ at the ‘showdown raging in the heartland.’”