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## *A Look at Media Bias*

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## MSNBC Ignores Solyndra Scandal

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From the Media Research Center:

**“As the scandal involving failed solar panel company Solyndra and President Obama grows, the prime time programs at the so-called ‘news network’ known as MSNBC continue to ignore it.**

**“Despite the announcement of the Solyndra bankruptcy on August 31, ‘Hardball,’ ‘PoliticsNation,’ ‘The Last Word,’ ‘The Rachel Maddow Show,’ and ‘The Ed Show’ have not done one single report on the subject. Not one.**

**“This seems rather absurd given the President’s push for so-called ‘green jobs’ as well as a pending bill to revive the ... economy.”**

## NBC Downplays Democrats’ Special Election Loss

**The morning after a surprising upset loss by Democrats in a New York special congressional election, NBC’s Today Show devoted only 43 seconds of air time to the story, according to an analysis by the Media Research Center. That’s less than one minute out of a four-hour program. NBC has devoted far more coverage to news of Republicans losing in previous special elections.**

The national media should give Americans the facts, not hide bad news for Democrats.

## The Rest of the Worst in Media Bias

- **“...There are a huge number of people ... who I think were horrified by what they heard [during the Republican presidential debate]. I was getting notes about they ought to keep these people locked up and not let them out. Don’t let them do anything to the country.”** — CNN senior political analyst David Gergen following CNN’s Republican presidential debate on September 12.
- **“... It sure looked to me from the outside like you went into the debt ceiling fight thinking, ‘Surely [Republicans] will do the statesman-like thing. Surely they won’t go there.’ And it seemed to me as if Speaker Boehner was coming to you saying, ‘Look, if it were up to me, we would do this, but I’ve got this membership problem.’ And they went there, and now that marks our politics.”** — NBC’s Brian Williams to President Obama in a September 12 interview.

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