



The Weekly Worst

The Most Egregious, Horrendous and Stupefying Liberal Media Bias of the Week

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NO HARDBALLS FOR JOHN KERRY; TERRY McAULIFFE'S EVENING NEWS

The so-called mainstream media never admit their liberal tilt, so the news analysts at the Media Research Center tirelessly document the media's bias and expose their left-wing agenda. The "awards" for last week's lowlights:

- ★ **No Hardballs for John Kerry.** The Democratic candidate's free media ride continued April 27 when he was "grilled" on MSNBC. The softball questions from Chris Matthews, normally a tough interviewer, matched Democratic talking points. On Vietnam, Matthews sounded like liberal Senator Frank Lautenberg: "What do you think of guys like Cheney who said, 'I'm gonna have a kid at the right time, I'm going to grad school at the right time, I'm gonna stack up those deferments until I'm 83 years old?'" And: "Do you think the people around the President have hoisted themselves on their own petard by bringing up this issue of your service?"

Matthews' most servile question to Kerry: "Do you think this administration and its political handlers like Karl Rove are capable of recognizing they can't beat you on the jobs issue, they can't beat you on foreign policy, so they're gonna drop this nonsensical stuff?" An obviously pleased Kerry smiled and tilted his head: "Chris, anything's possible with this crowd."

- ★ **The CBS Evening News with Terry McAuliffe.** On the April 28 CBS Evening News, John Roberts equated Kerry's soft-on-defense record with that of Vice President Cheney: "While Kerry did propose cuts to several weapons systems, as Defense Secretary, Cheney did much the same." That spin is at odds with the pro-defense Center for Security Policy, which gave Kerry one of the lowest ratings of any Senator. But CBS's slant is identical to an April 26 speech from DNC boss Terry McAuliffe: "When he was Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney consistently proposed massive cuts to weapons programs that our troops are using right now in Iraq." Roberts failed to credit McAuliffe with inspiring his choice of words.



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