



The Weekly Worst

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

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PETER'S GAY-INCLUSION SOLUTION; "RECORD-HIGH" GAS PRICE HYPE

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:

- ★ **Peter's Gay-Inclusion Solution.** The Big Three networks hailed "gay marriage" in Massachusetts on May 17, but ABC's Peter Jennings was the strongest. He equated gender-neutral marriage licenses to racial desegregation, citing the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling: "Two of our main stories tonight are about the struggle for rights and inclusion — one of them in the 20th century, the other right now in the 21st."

Jennings tarred the rest of America as discriminatory: "[F]or the first time in U.S. history, the civil marriage laws of a state do not exclude gays." But then ABC virtually excluded opponents of the gay agenda — social conservatives got just ten seconds of air time.



- ★ **"Record" Price Hype v. Inflation.** Reporters are pounding home the bad news of "record-high" gas prices. There's Peter Jennings ("certainly a record"), Dan Rather ("record highs"), Tom Brokaw ("record-high gas prices"), CNN anchor Aaron Brown ("rising to records"), CNN's John King ("certainly a record"), NBC's Carl Quintanilla ("record-high gas prices"), CBS's Julie Chen ("record gas prices"), and ABC's Jake Tapper ("record-high prices"), who found a man on the street to lament, "It's going to kill us. These prices are going to kill us, man."

A Reuters dispatch on May 19 also cited "record prices," but then added the correct context: "While high in nominal terms, gasoline prices still fall short of the inflation-adjusted peak of \$2.99 a gallon reached in March 1981, according to the U.S. Department of Energy."

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