



# Worst of the Week

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

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## ANGRY AT DAN'S IMAGININGS; SANDY BERGER'S MEDIA PALS

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:

- ★ **Angry at Dan's Imaginings.** Even though Republicans such as RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie have praised John Kerry's military service, Dan Rather turned reality upside down when he interviewed Kerry for the CBS Evening News last week, asking the soon-to-be Democratic nominee if he "ever had any anger about President Bush, who spent his time during the Vietnam War in the National Guard, running, in effect, a campaign that does its best to diminish your service in Vietnam?" Even though Bush has done no such thing, Rather advised Kerry, "You have to be at least irritated by that."
- ★ **Sandy Berger's Media Pals.** When Dan Rather learned that Bill Clinton's National Security Advisor Sandy Berger was under investigation for taking top-secret documents out of the National Archives, he seemed less bothered by the potential crime and more upset that someone told the news media. "This was triggered by a carefully orchestrated leak about Berger, and the timing of it appears to be no coincidence," Rather complained on the July 20 CBS Evening News.



Other so-called media watchdogs leaped to defend Berger, not investigate him. Appearing on CNN's Paula Zahn Now on July 20, Time's Joe Klein wanted critics to get off Berger's back: "This is a very solid, decent guy. I'd be shocked if there was something really terrible that he did here." U.S. News & World Report's David Gergen was even more complimentary when he showed up on CNN's NewsNight with Aaron Brown later that evening: "He's one of the heroes in the war on terrorism in my book. Let me just say I think this has been blown way out of proportion and it is much more innocent than it looks."

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