



Worst of the Week

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

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KERRY'S DEFENDERS AT NBC NEWS; TOM RIDGE'S GULF OF TONKIN?

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:

- ★ **Kerry's Defenders at NBC News.** On May 4, a group of former naval officers who served with John Kerry in Vietnam challenged him as "unfit to be the Commander-in-Chief." NBC Nightly News ignored their comments then, and has since aired no investigation of the group's detailed anti-Kerry charges. But when the decorated Vietnam veterans raised \$150,000 for a TV ad — a tiny sum compared to what George Soros and MoveOn.org have spent on anti-Bush ads — NBC was quick to cry foul.

"The ad is paid for by Bush contributors using a loophole in the McCain-Feingold law," reporter Andrea Mitchell complained on Friday's Nightly News, adding "some of the same players organized anonymous attack ads against John McCain four years ago." Earlier Friday on MSNBC, Mitchell told Don Imus that the anti-Kerry vets were "grossly distorting the record, according to anybody who knows anything about Kerry's record." If that's true, then why didn't Mitchell tell Nightly News viewers about Kerry's real record, instead of merely grumbling about who paid for the TV spot?



- ★ **Tom Ridge's Gulf of Tonkin?** One day after Tom Ridge issued a new, detailed terror warning based on freshly-seized intelligence from Pakistan, MSNBC's Keith Olbermann darkly suggested the warning was part of a sinister political scheme. On his August 2 Countdown show, Olbermann raised ludicrous historical comparisons: "From Joe McCarthy to Lyndon Johnson's manipulation of the Gulf of Tonkin, our politics have been filled with politicians who have created a kind of evil twin to FDR's famous phrase, 'We have nothing to fear but fear itself.'" Adding to the absurdity, when his baseless charge was challenged by a newspaper editorial, the anchor used his show to falsely complain he'd been called "unpatriotic."

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