



Worst of the Week

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

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As the campaign nears its end, ABC pushed back against efforts to keep the vote clean, and CBS told viewers they are worse off under Bush:

- ★ **The More the Kerrier.** On the road for his October 20 World News Tonight, Peter Jennings slanted a story against Ohio's black Republican Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell, who "made a number of decisions regarding election law which have made other black leaders angry." Jennings snarkily summarized how Blackwell decided "that provisional ballots for people who showed up at the wrong polling station, or without an ID, would only be good at three locations. The Democrats sued him. A federal judge overruled him. Mr. Blackwell is appealing. Democrats say it's Republican trickery."

Three days later, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Blackwell, but ABC didn't report that. ABC has been less concerned about potential election fraud in Ohio, even though Sunday's Columbus Dispatch reported that "Ohio's voter registration rolls are dirty, containing more than 122,000 apparent duplicates." Sunday's World News Tonight skipped that bombshell, but anchor Terry Moran introduced yet another story about Democrats' "concern" that "in the key state of Ohio many of their votes could go uncounted."



- ★ **Most "Worse Off" Under Bush.** On the October 22 CBS Evening News, reporter Anthony Mason offered viewers a "Reality Check" on the candidates' competing economic claims, and he got right to the campaign's bottom line. "Is the average American better off now than he or she was four years ago?" Mason asked. "On average, Americans have more money. But most Americans are, in fact, worse off."

His proof? Mason claimed that "median household income...is now \$41,550, \$30 lower than it was four years ago." But the latest data from the Census Bureau, released August 26, found "real median household income remained unchanged between 2002 and 2003 at \$43,318." Are we supposed to trust the Census Bureau, or CBS News?

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