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The antipathy for George W. Bush at CBS is so great the once renowned CBS news division did an entire show on the Bush military record based on false and plagiarized documentation. The whole world knows of the fabrication and the attack. Most of the world, however, is uninformed regarding the underlying bias which permeates CBS and in fact other networks, overt bias against Conservatives and Republicans.

Dan Rather, liberal stalwart that he is, was at the center of the controversy. Rather was of course questioned about the authenticity of the documents he used which criticized President Bush's National Guard service. The Washington Post quoted Rather as saying:

“Until someone shows me definitive proof that they are not authentic, I don't see any reason to carry on a conversation with the professional rumor mill.”

Here comes a once distinguished journalist who says in effect that he will assume something is true unless someone can prove that it's not true. Nothing violates the standards and code of ethics of journalism more than such a statement, and even more so such a mindset. But again, the bias against Bush is so great that virtually anything goes.

America is beset with a partisan press. Partisan publishers and editors use their power to push political biases on an often unsuspecting public. Witness CNN, obviously biased and liberal, often incredibly so, has now been countered by a more conservative and balanced news force known as FOX NEWS. The service funded by Rupert Murdoch and company (News Corp) was started as a reaction to and an opportunity because of the three major networks (NBC-CBS-ABC) and CNN. The demand for such a service was so great Fox News now out rates any other news service, including CBS and dear Mr. Rather.

More forthcoming was CBS News President, Andrew Heyward, who said:

“Based on what we now know, CBS News can not prove that the documents are authentic, which is the only acceptable journalistic standard to justify using them in the report. We should not have used them. That was a mistake, which we deeply regret.”

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Of course, neither Rather or Heyward would apologize to President Bush, the real issue in question. They were concerned only, and rightfully so, with the integrity (or total lack there of) of their own news organization. But many more questions remain. Who did in fact intentionally deceive CBS, and why? It is vitally important for the sake of a free press that all such sources, including the illegitimate ones be revealed. Don't hold your breath. Both the pride and the bias of this news organization would not allow any kind of thorough investigation, public revelation, and necessary apology.

Interestingly, Rather is irrelevant in so many ways. Ratings show him dead last to Brokow and Jennings, and Fox News far ahead of all three. Rather probably feels such incredible pressure to be first, get the scoop, and construct programming which is nothing more than sensationalism. It is truly amazing how such public figures can last for so long, when their personality, voice and impact are so archaic and irrelevant. It is hard to know why Rather and CBS are so anti-Bush. The hatred runs deep and the programming reflects that bias and hatred. If a man like Dan Rather is against George Bush and would stoop to such unethical tactics to reflect that agenda, all the more reason why I would vote for George W. Bush.

After having nothing but Rather, Brokow, Jennings and CNN for years, how wonderful it is to have Fox News.

Go Fox, and Go Bush!

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