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PBS Falsely Dubs Pro-America John Birch Society “Anti-government”

PBS falsely labeled The John Birch Society “anti-government” in a recent report.

The falsity was published April 3 in a *PBS NewsHour Weekend* segment titled “[Crackdown on online hate speech pushes extremists to other platforms](#)” by Simon Ostrovsky.

PBS either does not agree with or understand the meaning of “anti” — to be opposed to something. Or the reporter intentionally lied. Whatever the case, there’s no way to tell because PBS did not respond to multiple requests from the JBS, the parent company of this magazine, on the matter.



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The JBS grounds its activism on the supreme law of the land, the U.S. Constitution. JBS is anti-government where government is anti-freedom, which in ways makes JBS more pro-government than the government, since the point of American government is to uphold laws that safeguard freedom and civility. 2020 is a perfect example of government gone off the rails.

Over the last few years, it’s become apparent that major media is filled with activists posing as journalists. Many of them lie, others unknowingly parrot misinformation — all actions that perpetuate the overall Deep State-controlled national narrative.

Fresh on many Americans’ minds is CBS’ *60 Minutes* hatchet job on Florida Governor Ron DeSantis when it published the false story that he used the Publix grocery chain to distribute COVID-19 vaccines because the company donated to his campaign, alleging a pay-to-play scheme. Publix is the most accessible grocery chain in Florida and the recommendations to utilize its stores were suggested to DeSantis, not proposed by him. Even some Florida Democrats pointed that out, before and after the report. Regardless, *60 Minutes* [told a different story](#).

A month ago, the *Washington Post* [issued a major retraction](#) in which it revealed that it wrongfully reported that then-president Donald Trump said to a top Georgia voting official in December during the election melee to “find the fraud.” Available audio proves that didn’t happen. Instead, Trump told the official that she had the most important job in the country and should review signatures going back several years. Regrettably, many other publications used as a basis for their own reporting the *Post*’s false story, and the damage was perpetuated.

There are also the litany of allegations and rumors published during the Trump presidency (Russia Collusion?), as well as an obviously concerted effort to tell only one angle of the vast COVID-19 story, which has resulted in the silencing of a mountain of reports and expert voices. Fortunately, publications such as this magazine [have told the stories](#) major media hasn’t.

This is a short list — very short — of recent media misconduct. The good news is that the cat is out of



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the bag. Today, more Americans know the truth about major media, thanks partly to the Internet helping to loosen its longstanding information stranglehold.

The John Birch Society has known the depths of media dishonesty for decades, as the fiercely patriotic organization, for which this author works, has withstood round after round of lies and misinformation. Interestingly, the first hit piece against the JBS was published in 1961 by, of all publications, *People's World*, the newspaper of the Communist Party USA. After that, *Time* also published a hit piece, parroting many of the same points made by the Communist paper. You can't make this stuff up.

More newspapers followed the pattern set by *People's World* and *Time* until major media's de facto antagonistic position on the JBS was established. For years, newspapers and magazines reported the JBS was racist, anti-Semitic, and even communist. They did so casually and despite the facts. They did so because the JBS had exposed the concerted effort by a small group of megalomaniacs to destroy America and usher in tyrannical world government to be ruled by them.

At best, major media reporters justified their reporting based on faulty interpretations of the organization's fiercely pro-freedom stances on policy and issues. Nevertheless, it got so bad the founder of the JBS, Robert Welch, asked for an investigation into his organization, just a couple years into the Society's young yet effective existence, to set the record straight. In the early 1960s, a California fact-finding subcommittee did investigate, and found the attacks against the JBS [baseless](#). It reiterated what was plain to anyone in the organization, whether white, black, brown, or Jewish: The Society was neither racist, nor anti-Semitic. The investigation even reported that some JBS chapters were integrated, and others were even made up only of minorities.

Nevertheless, the untruths about the JBS persist to this day, almost on a weekly basis.

And sometimes they veer outside the aforementioned smear template.

The crux of the latest PBS report is that since being banned from Facebook, "extremists" are flocking to other platforms. A small portion of the eight-minute segment mentions the JBS. The segment shows footage of a virtual meeting with the reporter's voiceover saying, "Moderating it all is Karladine Graves, an unassuming Kansas City family doctor and self-professed member of the anti-government John Birch Society, who first started organizing these 'standing strong together' conferences as Joe Biden emerged as winner of the 2020 race." Another clip shows Graves on the show *Anarchy and USA*, hosted by JBS' Christian Gomez.

It is certainly news to members that the Society is anti-government. Perhaps someone should tell JBS members who serve in local governments across the country to stop what they're doing because their organization is anti-government. Or maybe the JBS' motto should also be changed from "Less government, more responsibility — and with God's help — a better world" to "No government, everyone's a victim — and with God's help — maybe we can survive."

And why does an anti-government organization have a [Support Your Local Police](#) action project? Police are the enforcement arm of local government. Police are government. The JBS has been admonishing Americans for decades to build relationships with their local police officers and support them.

The [essence of the JBS](#) is to educate citizens on how to work within the confines of the true law of the land in the effort to restore individual freedom, national sovereignty, and prosperity. The organization goes to great lengths to make that happen, including by creating and constantly pushing a six-part video series called [The Constitution is the Solution](#).



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The other problem with the PBS smear job is the fact that JBS is being mentioned in a report that includes in the headline the words “hate speech.” Continuing its pattern of fictional reporting at its finest, the PBS report doesn’t specify what JBS actions or views fall into that category. Its justification is probably as logically and factually sound as its grounds for the “anti-government” label.

JBS e-mailed PBS with many of the aforementioned points and asked them to remove any mention of the organization from the report and issue a correction. PBS did not respond. Nor has it issued a clarification, correction, or at the very least a note saying JBS objects to its characterization.

What this all comes down to is that Americans must read and rely on news outlets that tell the truth. Americans need to rely on news outlets that have a basic understanding of what is really happening in the country and publish news that isn’t socialist propaganda. Without a true understanding of what is happening, Americans have no basis for effective corrective actions.

Americans have been duped by the Deep State-controlled media for a long time, the result of which can be seen in the chaos and demoralization running rampant in the country.

It’s time to stop taking major media seriously.

The good news is that, today, it’s easy to tap into alternative media sources that aren’t controlled by the Deep State. The Internet makes many pro-American news sites available, including — cue the shameless plug — *The New American* and [JBS.org](#).

The JBS network has been researching and publishing crucial information about what is really happening in America since 1958. Between the organization’s [books](#), [educational videos](#), pamphlets, brochures, and this magazine, there’s no excuse for being ignorant of the who, what, where, how, and why of policy blunders and America’s enemies within and without.

The JBS has warned repeatedly that forces behind the scenes are fervently working to tear down America. Those forces have feverishly utilized their propaganda machine — major media — to dupe Americans into accepting their own subjugation.

The best way to combat the propaganda is with true information. *The New American* and JBS are among those sources.

If you’d like to get involved in a grassroots patriot organization that has stood the test of time and is organized all across the country, consider [joining The John Birch Society](#). Learn more about us at [JBS.org](#). If you don’t have one already, [get a subscription](#) to TNA’s bi-weekly news magazine, which provides in-depth, investigative reports on the who, what, where, how, and why of the forces trying to destroy America.



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