



## The Media Coronation of Barack Obama

Voters overwhelmingly believe that the media wants Barack Obama to win the presidential election. By a margin of 70%-9%, Americans say most journalists want to see Obama, not John McCain, win on Nov. 4. Another 8% say journalists don't favor either candidate, and 13% say they don't know which candidate most reporters support.



The poll findings should surprise no one who has paid even the slightest attention to the coronation of Obama by the establishment liberal-left media over the past several months. After helping lift John McCain (arguably the most liberal Republican candidate) to the top of the GOP ticket with favorable coverage, the liberal left media then turned on him (as it had earlier done on erstwhile love object Hillary Clinton) in favor of Barack Obama.

Many of the nation's largest newspapers have officially endorsed Obama, as is their right, but many of them had already been endorsing him unofficially for months by way of gushing, adulatory articles, or, just as importantly, by covering up many inconvenient facts about Obama that could torpedo his campaign.

On October 23, the Pew folks released a new study, which they released under the title, "McCain's media coverage largely negative, Pew Research Center finds." Pew's research confirms what the average "news" consumer suspected:

Media coverage of the presidential race has not always been glowing for Barack Obama, but it has clearly been negative for John McCain, according to a survey of newspaper, Internet and television news since the political conventions.

Slightly fewer than a third of the stories about Obama were negative, whereas more than a third were positive and about the same number were neutral or mixed. More than half of the stories about McCain cast him in a negative light, whereas fewer than 2 in 10 were positive.

The Pew research doesn't begin to measure the extent of the extreme lopsidedness of the press coverage, however. Much of the negative McCain coverage, for instance, has come in the form of vicious personal attacks on McCain's VP choice, Governor Sarah Palin. Hordes of reporters have been sent hither-thither to gather the most arcane background tidbits and rumors on Palin, while ignoring the many issues in the musty closet of Senator Joe Biden, Obama's VP pick. What makes the liberal-left



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media's Palin fixation even more absurd and palpably disingenuous is the blatant contrast with its whitewash (and often outright coverup) of serious issues concerning Barack Obama's policies, background, and political alliances and allegiances. Palin, after all, is at the bottom of the ticket, Obama is at the top.

The major media have ignored or purposely dragged their feet on every major story that might have exposed Obama's personal and political blemishes. None of the major TV networks (save Fox, which is partisan Republican) or major daily newspapers bothered to expose the anti-American, racist, pro-Islamic, "Afro-centric" extremism of Obama's pastor and mentor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, until forced to, due to the fact that extensive video clips of Wright's undeniably offensive outbursts had been posted all over the Internet and were the subject of ongoing conversation across the blogosphere, talk radio, and conservative websites and publications. To continue ignoring Rev. Wright would have completely discredited the dinosaur liberal-left media and consigned it to extinction. But when one examines many of the stories on Wright that finally appeared in the pro-Obama major press, one finds that they usually softened the crux of the matter by explaining away Wright's remarks as misunderstood and "taken out of context" and by accepting Obama's claims that he was unaware of Wright's extremism.

Nevertheless, Rev. Wright's inflammatory record finally could not be contained and Obama was forced to disassociate himself publicly from his minister. Similar, and even more serious ties surfaced early on regarding Obama's close connections to former Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, as well as his relationship to Marxist organizer Saul Alinsky's Chicago agitprop network, and most especially his longstanding close affiliation with the Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), one of the largest militant socialist organizations in the country, and a recipient of millions of dollars in funding from the federal government, foundations, and corporations.

Obama's Ayers-Dohrn-Weatherman connections are no trifling matter; they not only show his *knowing* association with "former" terrorists, but his ongoing working relationship with these same unrepentant bombers/murderers who remain hardcore Marxist "community organizers." Likewise, Obama's Alinsky-ACORN pedigree and the heavy involvement of ACORN in his campaign — which the major media have treated as inconsequential — should be a serious concern for all Americans, as our online article "[Obama's Terrorist Ties and Radical Roots](#)" should make clear.

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