

FROM: Topeka, Kansas 66604.
TO: Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

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Re: Media: I trust Powell & Schwarzkopf: I don't believe journalists!

I'm FRIGHTENED & ANGRY about media bias & media manipulation which I've seen on CNN & HN since Aug. 2nd & which I've documented in the attached report.

Media's manipulation of the news falls into two categories:

(1) There are one-time-event instances of distorted pro-Iraqi news.

EXAMPLE: "Civilian Bomb Shelter" - "Bunker" debate. Why would civilian bomb shelter have 7 ft. high fence around it, heavy gates blocking door openings, electro magnetic protection, signs in English, heavily reinforced ceiling? Ignoring these facts, CNN always stressed SADDAM'S ACCUSATIONS.

(2) More dangerous than a one-time-event instance of news distortion is the upside-down, flip-flop, "white-is-black:black-is-white" presentation of news from Gulf War. Media totally blacked out most unique fact of the Gulf War: Allied forces were a 28 NATION COALITION ACTING UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE U.N. U.N. action against Iraq was first time collective security was tried full scale with full backing. Media ignored this unparalleled international cooperation. Instead Media twisted facts, depicted war as a U.S.-Iraqi war & thereby distorted perception of U.S. intentions & consequently exacerbated present U.S.-international relations & worsened future U.S.-world relations.

CNN ignored world support the U.S. had and especially ignored Arab support. Instead of continuously spotlighting these world leaders, CNN, on the only world stage available, let Saddam broadcast his vitriolic anti-U.S. messages world wide, - & not only Saddam but also Yasser Arafat, Mommar Gadhafi, King Hussein of Jordan, & PLO leaders - inflaming hatred, manipulating opinion.

CNN ignored fantastic opportunity -& responsibility- to give balanced facts & background information about Pro-U.S. Arabs & their feelings and opinions.

Another instance of "white-is-black:black-is-white" is "Communism is dead." CNN blacks out facts: Communist Cuba has nuclear-capable fighters; Soviets have a missile shield; Soviets launch another nuclear sub every seven weeks; Soviets are building a naval port in Syria; many ANC leaders are Communists; FMLN rebels in El Salvador are Communists & so are some College teachers. Is Ted Turner, friend of Gorbachev, actually a naive dupe of Gorbachev?

FIVE WAYS FOR CONGRESS TO BEGIN TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF MEDIA BIAS:

1. Federal & state governments withhold money from schools unless schools teach - K through college - processes of thought manipulation so students learn to analyze and recognize bias in television, newspapers, magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, teachers' words, etc.
2. No union be allowed to represent teachers when that union serves as a lobbyist pushing for political agenda in Congress. National Education Association (NEA) lobbies in Congress for non-teacher items like gun control, nuclear freeze, boycott of coffee from Salvador, and no SDI.
3. Fund radio station like BBC: the government funded, BBC isn't editorially responsible to government & has high model of impartiality & accuracy.
4. Congress debate effect of CNN's coverage of Gulf War on world opinion.
5. Congress debate what Congress can do to help solve media bias.

Lenin said, "Film is the most powerful tool every devised for shaping the mind of man." Jack Valenti said prime-time TV is "the most pervasive moral, social, political, and cultural force in this country."

P.S. Debate: Has Media done to blacks & to Israel what it's done to Arabs: inflamed opinions by not telling the truth, whole truth, nothing but truth?

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HOW THE MEDIA CAN MANIPULATE THE VIEWER'S PERCEPTION OF EVENTS
AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE PERSIAN GULF
[Same methods used by the Media in Vietnam]

BLACK-OUT ON A SUBJECT
SPOTLIGHT ONE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND IGNORE OPPOSING VIEWS
FACTS NOT TOLD MANIPULATE THOUGHT AS EFFECTIVELY AS LIES

EXAMPLE. When U.N. met to vote on very crucial question of air blockade of Iraq, Headline News had a few seconds about world leaders meeting to condemn Iraq, then TV spent minutes explaining why Iraq wasn't at the meeting & saying air embargo wasn't expected to work & showing pictures of Iraqi store [pictures were shown previously for days]. At U.N. meeting, world leaders were explaining their reasons for an air blockade, but media blacked-out their remarks, and thereby effectively promoted an anti-blockade policy.

EXAMPLE. In August main theme of all major TV day after day was that Arabs oppose U.S. presence in the Gulf. Reporters interviewed Arab journalists who were anti U.S. & showed Arabs demonstrating against U.S. But those Arabs were Jordanians & Palestinians, two of the very few who support Iraq. Media didn't interview Arabs who support the blockade - media ignored them!

EXAMPLE. Many Arab states condemned Iraq and joined the U.N. boycott. Arabs siding against Arabs was truly extraordinary! Media ignored that!

MEDIA INTERVIEW SEVERAL GROUPS BUT THEY ALL REPRESENT SAME VIEW.

EXAMPLE. Saudis expelled most of Jordan's diplomats for spying. Media asked Jordanian king's brother, Jordanian government officials, Jordanian newsman if they thought Jordanian's were guilty of spying. All Jordanians agreed Jordanians weren't spying! Media didn't question one NON-Jordanian!

TONE OF REPORTERS' VOICE CAN INFLUENCE PERCEPTION OF EVENTS

Example: In August, 23 congressmen went to the Gulf & on returning were interviewed on TV. The tone of their voices was very strongly supportive of Bush's actions. Later, when reporters were reporting on the trip, the tone of voice of reporters in quoting the congressmen was very indecisive and weak, thus implying lack of support on the part of the Congressmen.

MEDIA IGNORES FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION HAS BEEN UNPARALLELED!

Since 1920s world leaders have talked about collective security as the answer to war. United Nation's action against Iraq is the first time collective security has ever been tried full scale with full backing. U.N. actions have been some of quickest & most aggressive moves taken by the U.N. since its creation in 1945. U.N. blockade has massive world support. U.S., Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Egypt, Syria, Britain, France, Australia, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Netherlands, Italy, USSR, South Korea, Canada, Japan, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Morocco, Belgium, Argentina, China, Switzerland, etc. There are very few who support Iraq: Jordan, Cuba, North Korea, Yemen, etc.

MEDIA IGNORES U.S. VIEWPOINT - IGNORES ALLIES' VIEWPOINT!

Media gives more credence to terrorist Saddam Hussein than to the elected President of United States. Media regularly quotes U.S. government sources "allegedly" verifying something & then quotes Iraqi sources contradicting, thus giving impression that Iraq is right and U.S. government is wrong.

MEDIA GIVES VIEWS OF A DICTATOR MORE IMPORTANCE THAN FREE WORLD'S LEADERS!
TV seldom quotes internationally recognized reputable world leaders who would confirm U.S. policy. Instead, to "verify" the facts, Media usually quotes Saddam's friends, PLO terrorist Yasser Arafat, fence-sitter King Hussein of Jordan, Cuba, or Yemen.

MEDIA CONTINUES TO REPORT A STORY EVEN AFTER STORY HAS BEEN DISPROVED
MEDIA GIVES ANTI-WAR GROUPS MORE AIR TIME THAN SUPPORT-OUR-TROOPS GROUPS

NEVER CALL THE ENEMY "THE ENEMY" - SHOW HIM AS AN ORDINARY, NICE GUY
TREAT ENEMY SAME AS GOOD GUY; SHOW ENEMY'S VIRTUES, IGNORE HIS ABUSES
QUOTE THE ENEMY & ENEMY'S FRIENDS FOR THE FACTS ABOUT THE STORY
GIVE MUCH FREE PRIME-TIME PROPAGANDA AIR TIME FOR ENEMY'S VIEWPOINT

EXAMPLE. Saddam Hussein of Iraq is a fanatical, unpredictable terrorist who used poisonous gas on his own people! He's an irrational aggressor who invaded Kuwait! He allows torture & execution of Kuwaitis by Iraqi troops!

But Media pictures Saddam as a moderate, personable leader. Media gave him daily forum to express his anti-US messages, gave him valuable free prime-time propaganda air time and lots of it. Saddam is the aggressor but Media legitimized him by letting him give his views daily. But Kuwait, the victim, has to PAY for TV time! Stanley M. Cloud said of Saddam, "... his efforts to win the hearts and minds of world opinion showed that he too knows that media manipulation is an important element of any showdown in the post-Vietnam video age." (Time, September 10, 1990)

Media totally distorted JORDAN'S position. Day after day Media portrayed King Hussein of Jordan as a smiling charming moderate conciliator, pro-U.S., pro-U.N. MEDIA IGNORED all along that King Hussein of Jordan defended Iraq & repeatedly defied U.N. trade embargo & hosted Palestinian terrorists! In September King Hussein of Jordan hosted Palestinians in Jordan; TV totally ignored that those Palestinians included the most extreme group of Palestinian terrorists on the face of the earth. Media ignored that Palestinians make up a majority of Jordan's population. Media ignored that King Hussein was a fence sitter, straddling the line dawn in the sand, and thereby weakening the U.N. blockade.

Media totally distorts Yasser Arafat's position & portrays him as a mild man. Media has greatly distorted position of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) by not spotlighting PLO atrocities. In 1989 PBS had a film, "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians." PBS spokeswoman M.J. McKiven said the film "clearly takes one side of a very complex situation." True to media bias, that was Palestinian side. Media never shows PLO atrocities, never explains why Israel feels the need to defend herself.

MEDIA IGNORES MERITS OF U.S. BEING IN THE GULF: There's massive world support for it. The price of U.S. freedom is helping maintain world freedom. When one nation invades another nation, U.S. freedom is less secure. The main reason to be in the Gulf is to combat aggression there before it comes closer to here. Our country, in order to protect its own freedom, must feel the obligation to come to the aid of an invaded country, whenever feasible and whenever there is an overriding personal interest. Personal interest is because of oil, not the price of oil, but availability of oil. Almost entire world economy runs on Gulf oil. Without it, world industry would grind to a stop - with catastrophic results! As police are needed in cities to hold crime in check, so the military is needed in the world to hold terrorists and aggressors in check. A whole world dependent on Persian Gulf oil must not be held hostage by a terrorist aggressor who used chemical warfare on his own people and who had developed nuclear capability as a threat to the whole world.

Colin Powell said U.S. is not the world's policeman but whenever a nation is in trouble, it wants the US to be the cop. Saudis asked for help.

Winston Churchill said that there are things worse than war. One of those things worse than war to him was the enslavement of one country by another and the possibility it might happen again and again. He said that it's worth a fight if there's no other way to prevent it.

War is not about peace. War is about freedom.

George Washington said, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual ways of preserving peace."

HOW TO ANALYZE TV, NEWSPAPERS, ETC, IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE BIAS

- * Learn what advocacy journalism is & how it works & how subtle it is.
- * Analyze advertising techniques used by advertisers to promote products.
- * Learn methods of distortion and thought manipulation.
 - A complete black-out on a subject.
 - Nation reflects tone set by Media: criticism/neutrality/endorsement.
 - Reporters editorialize -give own interpretation- in their reports.
 - The Big Lie. Say something often enough & people believe it.
 - Give equal weight to a few demonstrators as to many national leaders.
 - Spotlight one source of information and ignore opposing views.
 - Give 2 facts not to do a thing, ignore 10 facts to do it.
 - Facts-not-told manipulate thought as effectively as lies.
 - 5 sentences/seconds/speakers "Anti" - 1 sentence/second/speaker "Pro."
 - Story ends not with balanced Pro-Con wrap-up but with an endorsement.
 - Give more credence to foreign government than to U.S. government.
 - Show perils of an issue without showing merits of an issue.
 - Words favor one viewpoint: more-influential-picture favors another.
 - Continuing to report allegations even after they've been disproved.
 - Interview several groups but they all represent the same viewpoint.
 - Have an eloquent "Anti" speaker debate an ineloquent "Pro" speaker.
 - Advocacy group with a hidden agenda poses as a public interest group.
 - Never call the enemy "the enemy" - show him as an ordinary nice guy.
 - Treat enemy same as good guy; show his virtues, ignore his abuses.
 - Quote enemy/villain/wrong-doer & his friends for facts about story.
 - Give free prime-time propaganda air time to the enemy's viewpoint.
 - Show only the good of one group & only the bad and ugly of opponents.
 - Smear campaigns. Allegations, unsubstantiated rumors, false claims, illogical conclusions, however unfounded, seem to have validity.
 - Emphasize past problems but ignore present successes of minorities.
 - History Books & Encyclopedias are being rewritten & truth distorted.
- * Learn how to analyze TV presentations:
 - Recognize that articulate, famous, impressive, charming, & appealing doesn't necessarily mean knowledgeable, legitimate, sound, just.
 - Ask, Why is this person qualified to speak on this subject?
 - Ask, How are my values and my views being shaped by what I see on TV?
- * Learn to recognize political agenda the Media sets by what it emphasizes & esp. by what it ignores on the news night after night after night; by its entertainment shows: lying-cheating-stealing-sensuality-violence themes.
- * Learn which reporters, journalists, magazines, newspapers, advocacy groups, actors, environmentalists, think tanks, talk show hosts, senators, representatives and governors are conservative and which are liberal.
- * Learn which librarians are biased and recommend biased books.
- * Learn various views: THE MEDIA ELITE, MediaWatch, Between The Lines, Media Monitor, Campus Report, TV, etc., Accuracy in Media, Accuracy in Academia, TV, etc. Channels of Power, Economist, Conservative Chronicle, Human Events, National Review, Reader's Digest, Am.Spectator, The Washington Inquirer.
- * Watch shows presenting various viewpoints: C-SPAN, Face the Nation, Evans & Novak, Meet the Press, McLaughlin Group, Cross Fire, Capitol Gang, etc.
- * Learn how to analyze statistics and compare capitalism and socialism.
- * Learn which stations present unbiased news on a short wave radio!
- * Start watching the Senate and the House of Representatives in session on C-Span and then compare what is said there with the daily/nightly news!
- * If possible, listen to speaker, not reporter quoting speaker. (use C-SPAN)
- * To detect bias on newly-breaking event, watch news an hour a day for 2 wks for full coverage; keep written record of characters, background, facts.
- * Compare Congress's words & voting record! On defense: "American Security Council Voting Index 1988" takes 10 defense issues, allows 10 points per issue, grades congress. Sam Nunn, Dem-100; Bob Dole, Rep-100; Ted Kennedy-0; many Democrats-0: this voting guide shows about 1/3 of congress always votes for a weak defense-0,10,20,30. About 226 Congress people belong to bipartisan Coalition for Peace through Strength. Order index from American Security Council, Washington Communications Center, Boston, VA 22713. \$1.
- * Use the Voting Index to analyze Senators & Representatives speaking on TV.

HOW TO COUNTER MEDIA/EDUCATIONAL/HOLLYWOOD/CONGRESSIONAL BIAS

I DISAGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAY BUT I'LL DEFEND TO DEATH YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT.

- * Understand this: Lenin said, "Film is the most powerful tool ever devised for shaping the mind of man." Jack Valenti said prime-time TV is "most pervasive moral, social, political, and cultural force in this country."
- * Recognize we're fighting World War III - a guerilla Warfare of Words, a War of Ideology. Learn what these ideologies preach and practice.
- * Recognize that the pro-communist radical Vietnam protestors of the 1960s have moved into main stream America: into legislatures, schools, media, Hollywood. They wear suits & sound respectable and have supported Communists: Ortega/Nicaragua, FMLN/Salvador, ANC/So Africa, Castro/Cuba.
- * PROBLEM: Media influences public opinion when public is ignorant!
"The liberal twist that the press corps often gives to news stories appears to have little effect on the public's view of issues it knows intimately. ... The media, however, do shape public opinion on issues that people know little about or that are highly technical--issues such as nuclear power and the oil industry. According to one study, a 1985 ABC show on the perils of nuclear energy prompted a 36-percent increase in those opposed to nuclear power. ... Clearly, biased reporting is not without impact." ("Can We Trust the News?" Jan. 1988 Reader's Digest)
SOLUTION: Be informed on current issues. Read! Research! Investigate.
SOLUTION: Become a detective digging for facts that Media ignores.
- * Read books on advertising, thought manipulation, & propaganda campaigns in order to recognize disinformation and misinformation tactics.
- * Listen to various views: MacNeil/Lehrer News, C-SPAN, Firing Line, etc.
- * Read books, magazines, newspapers with differing opinions such as these: James Michener, author, KENT STATE: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY. Random House, Inc., New York, N.Y. 10022. [Book jacket says, "he investigates the strength of the semi-underground forces that seem determined to destroy our universities and the society that supports them.]"
The Anatomy of a Smear. None Dare Call It Treason - 25 Years Later.
John Stormer. Liberty Bell Press, P.O. Box 32, Florissant, Mo. 63032
A Taxpayer Survey of The Grace Commission Report, William R. Kennedy, Jr.
- * Analyze news for slanted viewpoints that ignore the historical setting.
EXAMPLE: 1991 will be 50th anniversary of bombing of Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. August 1985 L.A. Times-Washington Post Service reported A-bombs were used to flaunt U.S. power & were intended to blackmail Soviet Union! News article quoted Soviet media, Radio Moscow, Tass, Gorbachev, Pravada, Vasily Kharkov - as if these were all different sources - but they were all official Soviet sources. Media totally ignored WHY U.S. dropped bomb.
- * Learn which countries are Soviet proteges, Soviet client states.
- * WORK WITH SCHOOLS SO STUDENTS LEARN TO DEFEND FROM THOUGHT MANIPULATION!
- * Work to free schools from any indoctrination, especially liberal left.
- * Give conservative subscriptions & books to schools, libraries, students, teachers (and barber shops, beauty stops, doctors, dentists, friends.)
- * Help get conservative speakers on college campuses.
- * Have schools teach students History of Western Civilization based on Greek and Roman concepts of law and government that rule modern nations.
- * Discuss current & past events with children & grandchildren.
- * Teach children to detect liberal left agenda on children's TV programs.
- * Teach students to watch the House of Representatives and the Senate in session and then compare what they see with the nightly news!
- * See what National Education Association (NEA) stands for! (Reader's Digest June 1986. Politics and 'Peace Education') Run for office in PTO.
- * Vote out of office those who distort facts. Don't regurgitate media's biased viewpoints when voting! Search out what's being ignored!
- * Don't buy from advertisers on TV until TV doesn't slant news any more.
- * Share this letter with one individual, one local, state, national group.
- * "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."
- [* Start a club/forum where members share facts ignored by the major media.]

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To: The Select Committee to Investigate the Iran-Contra Affair
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Attn: Chairman Daniel Inouye

Re: Col. Oliver North

My husband and I are both college graduates. We read three newspapers daily, three newsmagazines weekly, various weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly newsletters. We watch the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour.

We are both very strict about spiritually, morally, and legally obeying law. We do not believe the end justifies the means, but it's hard to divide.

We do not agree with Col. North's methods, although we can certainly understand his dilemma, BUT WE SUPPORT 110% Colonel North's assessment of the dangers to our country from communism and from communist sympathizers both within and without this country and within and without all branches of government. Colonel North has done a tremendous service to this country by bringing this out into the open the way he has and WE SALUTE HIM FOR IT.

We are deeply concerned about Congress and its actions and its voting record. The voting record would appear to indicate an ignorance of communistic methods and motives and communism's very real threat to freedom throughout the world, and especially in this hemisphere. The very fact that the majority of the Democrats chose John Nields and Arthur Liman as counsel says a lot about the majority of the Democrats on the Select Committee who chose these two men—John Nields, a man who represented the radical left Wethermen in the '60s, and Arthur Liman who calls John Nields "my friend." Frankly, it makes the committee as a whole suspect as far as we're concerned....although as we have followed the television proceedings, we have applauded those ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WHO obviously understand the methods and motives of communists. It's obvious to us why Colonel North says only "discrete" members of Congress should know certain things.

Frankly, we probably would feel safer letting Colonel North set foreign policy as a whole rather than letting Congress-as-a-whole vote on foreign policy issues.

We feel that Colonel North understands Communism—how it works, where it works, who's supporting it, and it's dangers—and Congress-as-a-whole does not. We sympathize with and agree with Colonel North's assessment of Congress-as-a-whole as "fickle, vacillating, unpredictable." Frankly, we feel that the Iran-Contra affair would never have come up at all if the proceeds had been going to the Sandanistas.

Congress seems to reflect whatever appears on the five major TV networks—ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN. That's frightening!!!!...because the networks do not tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It's possible to verify that with any number of specifics, including the media's coverage on the Iran-Contra hearings! Advocacy reporting with a biased viewpoint does not report impartially all viewpoints...it manipulates viewpoints. TV viewers then write to their Congress people reflecting those manipulated viewpoints. And TV viewers vote reflecting those biased, manipulated viewpoints. The airing of all opposing points of view is necessary for a strong democracy and we are not getting that.

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Open and competitive debate showing all points of view has primarily ceased on these five major TV networks, especially on the 6:00 and 10:00 news, by pre-selecting those with similar viewpoints.

Here are specifics:

The TV networks have SPOTLIGHTED FAMINE in Ethiopia. ESSENTIALLY NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID about the fact that Ethiopia is a Marxist country which maintains its control of the people with such cruel measures as massive relocation programs, etc.

The TV media SPOTLIGHTED APARTHEID in South Africa. (We agree completely that apartheid is totally wrong.) ESSENTIALLY NOTHING WAS SAID about these facts:

- * Five hundred thousand Blacks attempt immigration to South Africa annually - and many others enter illegally.
- * Wages of Blacks in South Africa are three to four times higher than those of the rest of Africa.
- * South Africa trains more Black doctors than any other African country.
- * It's the only nation on the continent with a large Black middle class.
- * There are more Black women professionals in South Africa than the entire continent combined.
- * More blacks own cars in South Africa than do whites in the Soviet Union.
- * The Soviet Union is committed to taking South Africa. If the USSR gains South Africa it will be able to control up to 99% of the world's known platinum, 97% of its vanadium, 93% of its Manganese, 84% of its chrome and 68% of its gold. If this happened, America's high-tech electronic society would cease to exist as we know it. The Cape of Good Hope which is the sea lane for 70% of the strategic raw materials and 80% of the oil imported by the West would be under the control of the Communists.
- * The Late Soviet President Brezhnev said, "Our aim is to gain control of the two great treasure houses on which the West depends—the energy treasure of the Persian Gulf and the mineral treasure house of central and southern Africa."
- * Nelson Mandela, the leader of the ANC, is a communist. Many of the ANC members are communists.
- * There are African National Congress officials who say that the barbaric practice of necklacing is allowable.
- * Not only the TV networks but also The Washington Post and the New York Times carried extensive stories on South Africa month after month after month calling for sanctions BUT THEY TOTALLY IGNORED two different contingents of black South African clergymen who came to the US last year (representing millions of blacks) who were OPPOSED TO SANCTIONS AND WHO AGREED THEY WOULD NOT BARTER APARTHEID FOR COMMUNISM!

The TV networks have SPOTLIGHTED Anti-nuclear groups and protestors and given arguments for disarmament. ESSENTIALLY NOTHING HAS BEEN SHOWN of Pro-SDI and Pro-Nuclear groups and their arguments. ESSENTIALLY NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID OF THE FACT THAT FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES RUSSIA HAS BEEN DEVELOPING ITS OWN SECRECY-SHROUDED ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM, A "RED SHIELD" covering the entire USSR. The Anti-nuclear groups have said nothing about Mexico's first nuclear reactor being completed.

It's interesting what the TV networks have almost totally BLACKED OUT. THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY NOT COVERED AT ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND FACTS.

- * The TV networks have almost TOTALLY IGNORED the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the atrocities committed.
- * The TV networks have almost TOTALLY IGNORED Cuba's activities: 26,000 men in Angola, 5000 in Ethiopia, 500 South Yemen, 750 in Mozambique, 3,000 in Nicaragua. The TV networks have TOTALLY IGNORED the fact that the Soviets are going to build two nuclear power plants in Cuba!

The TV networks have essentially TOTALLY IGNORED the communist role in Nicaragua. A PBS one hour report on Nicaragua said only one sentence - ONLY ONE SENTENCE ON A 60 MINUTE SHOW - about Soviet aid to the Sandinistas. The show was obviously, totally anti-Contra, which means it's pro-Sandinista, pro-Marxist, pro-Communist. No wonder so many people in this country vote not to support the Contras. (And not one word was said about the shut-down of newspapers like LA PRENSA.

- * The TV networks have SPOTLIGHTED all the Peace Groups and All the individuals who say "Russia wants peace." They have TOTALLY IGNORED all the facts which contradict this. They have TOTALLY IGNORED the stated communist goal of world conquest and what the Soviets are currently doing to bring that goal about: 380,000 troops in East Germany, 40,000 men in Poland, 80,000 in Czechoslovakia, 65,000 in Hungary, 1,000 Algeria, 1400 Libya, 1500 Ethiopia, 1000 South Yemen, 50 Nicaragua, 115,000 in Afghanistan, 75,000 Mongolia, 7,000 Vietnam, 500 Angola, 6,700 Cuba, plus almost 2,000,000 troops in Russia, plus things like Soviet backing for the 140,000 Vietnamese troops occupying Cambodia.
- * The TV networks have SPOTLIGHTED the new Russian "openness" policy and free elections in the USSR in a few thousand districts. They have TOTALLY IGNORED the fact that "free elections" means a choice between two communists and that there are still fifty thousand districts where you still vote for one person.

Based on the above facts and many, many other facts, how can we come to a conclusion other than that the five major TV networks - ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, and PBS - are controlled either by Communist sympathizers or by very naive, easily manipulated people, either of which bodes ill for our country? What else can account for the totally biased, pro-Soviet viewpoints represented on these networks evening after evening after evening?

The print media is also biased. The "Smear Ronald Reagan" campaign which ridicules the President of the United States, makes fun of him, makes degrading jokes about him, calls him a "Neanderthal" man and yet calls Gorbachev an eloquent, intelligent, up-to-date man, is done because Ronald Reagan, as Colonel North, is a man who understands communism, understands how it works, where it works, who's supporting it, and its dangers. Pro-Soviets try to neutralize his effectiveness-at-halting-the-spread-of-communism by ridiculing in everyway possible what a patriotic president is trying to do. We totally disagree with his stands on lots of positions, like on abortion, separation of church and state, etc., but we do realize he recognizes the influences of communism. If all members of Congress understood communism to the degree that the President does, there would be a more harmonious working relationship between the President and Congress.

The Print media is biased. Another example: The L.A. Times-Washington Post Service in August 1985 had an article that stated that the atomic bombs which the United States had dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki had not been needed to win the war against Japan, but that they were intended to "blackmail" the Soviet Union. The article quoted five sources—Radio Moscow, Tass, Gorbachev, Pravda, and Vasily Kharkov—all Soviet sources. We lived during this period. We know this is an absolutely false assumption. Young people today who did not live then, though, would believe the AP release.

The print media is biased. An AP article regarding the Reykjavik summit was 8 paragraphs long. Every quote was from Gorbachev, which would be a definitely slanted viewpoint.

The Print media is biased. A friend whose husband is a lobbyist says they hardly recognize reports on meetings they have attended on the hill when it comes out in the papers.

Radio is biased. One example: In listening to PBS in the afternoons, the approach is almost always pro-Sandinista, pro-Gorbachev, pro- anti-nuclear, pro ANC, and anti-contras, anti-Reagan, no mention of moderate South African views, no mention of the real conditions in the Soviet Union as stated by Soviet refugees in this country.

Textbooks are giving biased views of history. William Bennett a year or two ago in checking half a dozen history books found that four or five of them had distorted views of history.

An Arlington, Virginia, high school substitute teacher asked students in three advanced-government classes a question—Only 2 out of 53 students thought the U.S. system morally superior to the Soviet system. What brainwashing! How frightening!

When we bought the Encyclopedia Britannica twelve years ago the encyclopedia portrayed Fidel Castro as a hero and made no mention of communism in Cuba and failed to mention four books that J. Edgar Hoover wrote on communism. There were other slanted articles. Now the Encyclopedia Britannica statement on Fidel Castro is more mild but there is still no mention of Hoover's four books.

A June 1987 Reader's Digest article tells how the National Education Association is encouraging its teachers to teach anti-nuclear philosophies.

The comics are political. In HI and LOIS: little boy "Dad, why does Russia hate us?" Father: "They don't really hate us." Little boy "Then why do we hate them?" Father: "We don't hate them." Little boy: "Then why do we always talk about blowing each other up?" Father: "I don't know - old habits are hard to break."

The media gives a distortion of what's going on by what it continually accents and spotlights, by what it repeats over and over, and by what it ignores. The media can appear to be giving a balanced viewpoint by quoting different sources, but if the sources all state the same thing, it's not balanced reporting.

There is a massive misinformation campaign going on in this country. Colonel North is not fooled by it. We wish all congressional members were not fooled by it either. (Some are not, fortunately.)

If all actions of all countries were analyzed in the proper framework of recognizing the Soviet Union's stated intent and of recognizing the methods it uses to achieve that goal — world domination — members of Congress would make far wiser decisions.

Colonel North has done an invaluable service to the country by making it intellectually acceptable to talk about communism. Up to this point it's been an absolutely verboten subject. Congress has much to learn from this wise man. This man has much to learn from the wisdom of Congress.

This country is fighting World War III. It's a war of ideas. Up to this point, it's a war we've been tragically losing. It wouldn't be surprising if history books record that Colonel North's testimony before Congress was the turning point in the United State's winning this war.

What would we like to see your Committee do?

First, Certainly continue its investigation.

Second, In light of the testimony given about communism in this hemisphere, recommend that Congress have a special select committee to investigate communism in this hemisphere, what it is, how it works, where it works (especially in the State Department) and what its dangers are, and what Congress can do to help curb this intrusion by a foreign power - the Soviet Union.

Third, Recommend that Congress have a special select committee to investigate the role the media has played and still plays in congressional decisions. What role did the media play in the American people's concepts about Vietnam? Korea? Ethiopia? South Africa? Nicaragua? Has the media presented all sides?

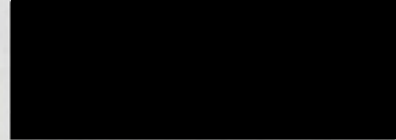
For sometime we have felt that someone needs to be addressing the problem of advocacy journalism on the part of the media in this country. What can be done to get all viewpoints presented on television? How can the American

people start getting all sides of all issues? Censorship is ABSOLUTELY INADMISSIBLE! But there must be - there has to be - a way for the American people to know what is going on and to be able to get the facts, all the facts, nothing but the facts. How can we trust the media to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Individual Americans can't correct this problem on their own. Perhaps it's going to take Congress spotlighting the problem in order to bring a solution. Fourth: If these ideas don't seem plausible, test them for a year.

To not understand what is going on is to be manipulated by what is going on. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

We are looking forward to a reply from each and everyone on the Committee.

Sincerely,



Do TV programs, radio programs, newspapers, and magazines tell the good, the bad, and the ugly? Yes, they do. They tell the good about positions they advocate and they tell the bad and the ugly about positions they oppose. They ignore the bad and ugly about viewpoints they favor, and they ignore the good about viewpoints they disagree with. They don't tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

WHAT THE MEDIA
SPOTLIGHTS

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	Afghanistan. 110,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan killing Afghanists. USSR makes bombs to look like toys. 3,000,000 refugees, many of whom are children, have fled the country.	
	Communist Cuba has 26,000 men in Angola, 5000 in Ethiopia, 500 So. Yemen, 750 Mozambique, 3000 in Nicaragua. Soviets give aid to Cuba. Soviets are building two nuclear power plants in Cuba. People aren't free to leave Cuba. Many schools are teaching a nuclear-freeze, pro-Soviet curriculum. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala are DEMOCRACIES!	
FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA	Communist government. Took the \$100,000,000 donated world-wide for food for starving Ethiopians and used this food to lure the starving villagers into deportation centers; then they were herded at gunpoint to labor camps. Many died along the way. Billions of dollars in Soviet military aid.	vote aid
RUSSIA WANTS PEACE	Soviets still have 110,000 troops fighting Afghanists in Afghanistan. Soviets have 380,000 troops in East Germany, 40,000 in Poland, 80,000 in Czechoslovakia, 65,000 Hungary, 1000 Algeria, 1400 Libya, 1500 Ethiopia, 500 Angola, 1000 So. Yemen, 50 Nicaragua, 75,000 Mongolia, 7000 Vietnam, 6700 Cuba, plus almost 2,000,000 troops in Russia, plus Soviet backing to many Communist countries world wide, including backing for 140,000 Vietnamese in Cambodia.	trade
Russia is becoming freer: Glasnost. Free elections in a few thousand districts.	Soviets took almost 3 days to notify surrounding countries of Chernobyl nuclear accident. Two days after the accident, Sweden asked if there'd been a nuclear accident in the USSR; Soviets said, "Absolutely not." A number of Soviet Emigres consistently say the Soviets' words have changed; the system has not. A former Soviet Journalist who defected to the West last October says, "The changes are cosmetic. The basic structure of the system remains unchanged." One emigre said, "The Soviet Union is too skillful in manipulating public opinion." No one is allowed to freely leave Russia. People get put in prison for trying to flee. Anti-government expression is still illegal. Secret police eavesdrop everywhere. "Free election" means a choice between two Communists. In almost 50,000 districts there is only one name - no choice.	
RUSSIA FOUGHT HITLER IN WORLD WAR II	Russia had a treaty with Hitler, and, with Nazi permission, occupied the Baltic states and part of Poland.	
SCIENTISTS AGAINST SDI	Ignores Scientists for SDI. For two decades Russia has been developing its own anti-ballistic missile program, a "Red Shield" covering the entire USSR. Soviet Emigre Dmitry Mikheyev, physicist who served 6 years in a labor camp for trying to flee Russia, said Soviet leaders are willing to do everything, either covertly or overtly, to discredit SDI.	
ANTI-NUCLEAR PROTESTS	Ignores those favoring nuclear. Communist Cuba is having 2 nuclear reactors built for it by the Soviets. Soviets are planning 11 new nuclear reactors in Russia.	
REASONS NOT TO SUPPORT CONTRAS IN NICARAGUA	Sandinistas are communists. Receive huge sums of money from Soviets. Former Somoza officials now run Sandinista Defense Committees. A common means to sustain the myth that there's popular support for the Sandinistas is by using rationing cards as levers to get people to attend meetings. Torture and other serious human rights violations by Sandinistas caused 300,000 Nicaraguans to flee their own country (10% of the population).	
	No free elections since Communists took over in 1979. No free press. (La Prensa which operated when Somoza was governing has been forced to close.) Forcible resettlement of whole villages. Two Contra leaders were 2 of the original 5 Sandinista leaders.	
Angola's push for U.S. FRIENDSHIP	Communist government. Never had free elections. Angola has Russia troops, North Koreans, East Germans, 26,000 Cuban troops. Soviet aid. U.S. Chevron oil buys the Angolan oil	
FAMINE IN MOZAMBIQUE	Mozambique is communist. Amnesty International was concerned about long-term detention without trial of suspected opponents of the government, etc.	
APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA	THIS SHOULD BE SPOTLIGHTED TOO! Mandela is a communist. Half the members of the ANC Executive Board are communists and promote terrorism. Soviets pour money into the ANC. Month after month media stories called for sanctions against So. Africa, BUT THE MEDIA TOTALLY IGNORED TWO DIFFERENT CONTINGENTS OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN CLERGYMEN WHO CAME TO THE U.S. LAST YEAR (REPRESENTING MILLIONS OF BLACKS) WHO WERE OPPOSED TO SANCTIONS AND WHO AGREED THEY WOULD NOT BARTER APARTHEID FOR COMMUNISM. 500,000 blacks attempt to immigrate to South Africa annually. So. Africa is the only nation on the continent with a large black middle class. More black women professionals in So. Af. than the entire continent combined. Soviets are committed to taking So. Af. Late Soviet Pres. Brezhnev said, "Our aim is to gain control of the two great treasure houses on which the West depends - the energy treasure of the Persian Gulf and the mineral treasure house of central and southern Africa." (So. Af. has 99% of world's platinum, 97% vanadium, 93% manganese.) If this happened America's high-tech electronic society would cease. Cape of Good Hope, sea lane for 70% of strategic raw materials and 80% of oil imported by the West would be under the control of the Communists.	SANCTIONS.

"I disagree with what you say but I'll defend to the death your right to say it" must continue to be the motto of this nation.

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