NPR has long been considered by some as liberally biased. Some relatively recent events of interest are set forth below:


NPR was appalled at the executive’s statements: http://dailycaller.com/2011/03/08/npr-responds-to-executive%E2%80%99s-comments/

The executive who made those anti-conservative statements is no longer with NPR.

This occurred in the context of an ongoing Republican movement to defund NPR, which currently receives public money: http://washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/2011/03/gop-leader-amazed-condescension-and-arrogance-npr-video-calls-dem

This led to the resignation of NPR’s CEO: http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2011/03/10/134388981/npr-ceo-vivian-schiller-resigns?ft=1&f=1001

Or perhaps it led to the CEO’s firing: http://yidwithlid.blogspot.com/2011/03/vivian-schiller-didn’t-quit-she-was-fired.html

The accusation is that NPR is liberal.

Juan Williams, who was fired from NPR, made some comments about NPR: http://dailycaller.com/2011/03/08/fired-npr-analyst-juan-williams-responds-to-npr-video-they-are-the-anti-intellectuals/

http://thehill.com/opinion/columnists/juan-williams/150925-williams-now-i-want-them-to-defund-npr

The new interim CEO at NPR might not be entirely politically objective, either: http://pajamasmedia.com/tatler/2011/03/10/nprs-new-interim-chief-donated-exclusively-to-democrats/

But not everyone agrees that NPR is liberal: http://www.npr.org/internedition/sum09/blog/?p=1451


A perceived liberal bias also includes entertainment:

### STUDY FINDS PARTISAN DIFFERENCES IN TV COMEDIANS’ TARGETS

The Center for Media and Public Affairs is a non-profit, non-partisan research organization which is affiliated with George Mason University, where CMPA President Dr. Robert Lichter also serves as Professor of Communication. CMPA has monitored political news coverage and political jokes on television talk shows since 1988.

For the period from January 1 to Labor Day (Sept 6) 2010, CMPA analyzed all jokes about public figures by John Stewart (“Daily Show”), Jay Leno (“Tonight Show”),
Jimmy Fallon (“Latenight”), and David Letterman (“Late Show”) in the monologues and opening segments of their shows prior to their interviews with guests. Then we selected out the 1625 jokes directed at political partisans, including Democrats and Republicans as well as liberal and conservative commentators, such as Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Rachel Maddow, and Keith Olbermann.

MAJOR FINDINGS:

Jon Stewart and David Letterman both aimed three out of five partisan jokes at Republicans and conservatives, while Jay Leno and Jimmy Fallon aimed at least two out of three jokes at Democrats and liberals. Specifically, Stewart aimed 59% and Letterman 58% of their jokes at GOP/conservatives, while Jay Leno aimed 67% at Dem/liberal targets, and Fallon devoted 78% of his jokes toward Dem/liberals. (Fallon told fewer partisan jokes than the others.)

*These differences are all the more notable because President Obama was the leading target of all four comedians. (As the nation’s newsmaker-in-chief, the President of the United States is usually the target of more jokes than any other individual.*)  (Emphasis added)

**Read the whole thing at:** [http://www.cmpa.com/media_room_10_29_10.html](http://www.cmpa.com/media_room_10_29_10.html)

Perceived media bias might even influence elections:

**Most Republicans See Media Bias; Most Democrats See Fair Media Coverage**

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – October 30, 2008 –

Republicans are much more critical than Democrats of bias in the media’s election coverage. Two-thirds (65%) of Republicans believe that press coverage of the election has unfairly favored Senator Barack Obama and only 16% think media coverage has been fair. Most Democrats (54%) believe that press coverage of the election has been fair and only 12% think it has unfairly favored Senator John McCain. Overall just over one-third of all adults (36%) think press coverage has been fair to the two candidates, one-third (34%) think the press has unfairly favored Obama and less than one in ten (9%) think it has unfairly favored McCain. These are some of the results of The Harris Poll®, a new nationwide survey of 2,119 U.S. adults surveyed online between October 16 and 20, 2008 by Harris Interactive®.


**The Comedy Campaign: The Role of Late-Night TV Shows in Campaign ’08**

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This issue of *Media Monitor* examines two aspects of the role late night television shows played in the 2008 presidential election campaign: The appearances that the candidates made on these shows and jokes about the candidates that the shows featured in stand-up monologues or other comedy routines.

**MAJOR FINDINGS:**

- Barack Obama finished fourth in the joke race behind McCain, Sarah Palin, and George W. Bush.
- The GOP ticket was joked about four times as often as the Democratic ticket.
- Republicans have attracted more jokes than Democrats in four straight elections.
- Leno’s jokes were the most balanced between the parties; Letterman’s were the least balanced.

**Read the whole thing at:** [http://www.cmpa.com/pdf/08winter.pdf](http://www.cmpa.com/pdf/08winter.pdf)
The international press is also apparently liberally biased:

Left-wing bias? It's written through the BBC's very DNA, says Peter Sissons  
Last updated at 12:12 PM on 22nd January 2011  
For 20 years I was a front man at the BBC, anchoring news and current affairs programmes, so I reckon nobody is better placed than me to answer the question that nags at many of its viewers — is the BBC biased?  
In my view, ‘bias’ is too blunt a word to describe the subtleties of the pervading culture. The better word is a ‘mindset’. At the core of the BBC, in its very DNA, is a way of thinking that is firmly of the Left.  
Read the whole thing at: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1349506/Left-wing-bias-Its-written-BBCs-DNA-says-Peter-Sissons.html#ixzz1HGwUwYof