

Evening News Spin: 100% Negative on Trump, 95% Positive Dems Because Dems Own All News Outlets

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Before the Senate impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump was gavelled into session, Chief Justice John Roberts presided over a swearing-in ceremony where all 100 senators pledged to be impartial jurors. The liberal media zeroed in on that pledge and decried Senate Republicans who seemed to be siding with the President.



But a Media Research Center study of broadcast evening news coverage of the opening arguments of both sides, found ABC, CBS, and NBC did not live up to the standard they demanded of Republicans. They gave Democrats double the airtime and showered their arguments with mostly praise, while expressing only criticism of the President's legal team.

Between Wednesday, January 22, when Democratic House impeachment managers launched their opening arguments, and Tuesday, January 28, when the President's defense team rested, evening newscast reporters and anchors made a total of **34 evaluative statements** about the merits and effectiveness of both sides.

Democratic impeachment managers received a total of **21 evaluative statements** from ABC, CBS, and NBC journalists. Of that total, **95 percent of those (20)** touted their efforts and presentations, which means only one of their evaluative comments were negative. ABC's *World News Tonight* had eight positive comments, *CBS Evening News* had five, and *NBC Nightly News* seven. NBC had the lone negative comment.



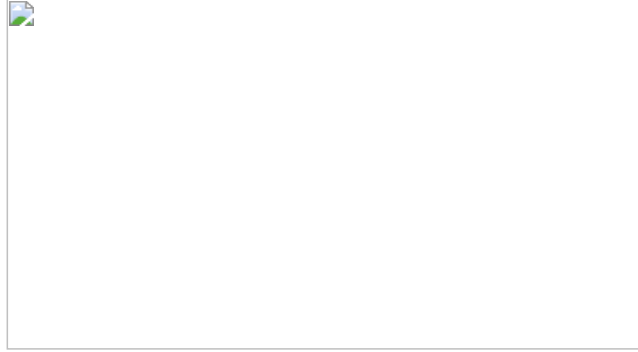
In stark contrast, every evaluative statement from reporters and anchors about the merits and effectiveness of Trump's defense team were negative. Of the **13 total statements**, ABC and CBS each had five with NBC pitching in with three.

The networks would roundly tear down the arguments Trump's legal team was making despite the evidence they would present. When Trump lawyer Michael Purpura argued with evidence that the President was long interested in burden-sharing when it came to Ukraine's defense, CBS chief congressional correspondent Nancy Cordes tried to shoot it down by saying, "Those claims run counter to witness testimony." A common assertion by the networks.

After the manuscript of former National Security Advisor John Bolton was leaked, Holt announced that the book "contradicts his defense." Moments later, NBC chief White House correspondent Hallie Jackson seemed to poke at how Trump's lawyers were addressing senators by not "the elephant in the room."

On day one on the Democratic arguments, they roundly praised how prosecutors were using the words of the President's defenders against him. "But Chairman Jerry Nadler tried to dismantle that argument using one of the President's top defenders to make the case," said ABC senior congressional correspondent Mary Bruce. *CBS Evening News* anchor Norah O'Donnell echoed: "House managers laid out their case to remove Mr. Trump from office, at times using his own words against him."

NBC Nightly News anchor Lester Holt opened the segment for day two of Democratic arguments by suggesting they were “painting a damning portrait of the President.”



The lone negative evaluation for Democrats came from NBC News political director Chuck Todd on Saturday, January 25, when he shared his frustrations with how the managers seemed to be unable to convince Senate Republicans to vote for more witnesses:

You don't really any shifts. And if anything, I think before this trial began, I thought they had a good shot at getting witnesses and maybe at least extending this a little bit ... I think it's pretty clear that Mitch McConnell has convinced them ... it's not worth it.”

Along with that heavy praise for House impeachment managers came a sizable boost in the amount of airtime allowed for their side. More than double, in fact.

In all, the networks covered the Democratic managers for almost **25 minutes (24:57)**. That's compared to the **11 minutes and 34 seconds** they gave to President Trump's defense team. The most wildly imbalanced was *CBS Evening News*, which gave seven minutes, 42 seconds for Democrats and skimped on Trump's team with two minutes and 26 seconds.

ABC gave Democrats the most time at nine minutes, 25 seconds. Contrast that with the five minutes and 21 seconds they gave the Trump team. NBC allocated seven minutes, 50 seconds for Democrats, while giving three minutes, 47 seconds to the defense.

With the liberal media's demand that Republicans be impartial in hearing the case, it was clearly more of a 'do as I say, not as I do' suggestion.

[These 15 Billionaires Own America's News Media Companies](#)

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Jun 1, 2016 Several other billionaires, including Comcast CEO Brian Roberts and Liberty **Media** Chairman John Malone, own or **control** cable TV networks that are powerful but not primarily **news** focused.

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In 1983, 50 corporations controlled most of the American **media**, including magazines, books, music, **news** feeds, newspapers, movies, radio and television. By 1992 that number had dropped by half.

[These 6 Corporations Control 90% Of The Media In America](#)

◁ <https://www.businessinsider.com/these-6-corporations-control-90-of-the-media-in-america-2012-6>

GE does not own NBC (or Comcast or any **media**) anymore. So that 6th company is now Comcast. So that 6th company is now Comcast. And Time Warner doesn't own AOL , so Huffington Post isn't affiliated ...

[The 6 Companies That Own \(Almost\) All Media](#) [INFOGRAPHIC]

↳ <https://www.webfx.com/blog/internet/the-6-companies-that-own-almost-all-media-infographic/>

News Corp is the **media** conglomerate best known for its line of Fox companies. Those include Fox **News**, FX, and pretty much every other company with the name "Fox" in it. The company generated more than \$33 billion in 2012, and it **controls** a huge number of print products compared to other **media** conglomerates.

[Who Owns the Media? | Free Press](#)

< <https://www.freepress.net/issues/media-control/media-consolidation/who-owns-media>

Massive corporations dominate the U.S. **media** landscape. Through a history of mergers and acquisitions, these companies have concentrated their **control** over what we see, hear and read. In many cases, these companies **control** everything from initial production to final distribution. In these interactive charts (xlsx) we reveal who owns what.

[Who Owns The Media? - YouTube](#)

< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awRRPPE3V5Q>

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[Chart: These 6 Companies Control Much of U.S. Media | Fortune](#)

↳ <https://fortune.com/longform/media-company-ownership-consolidation/>

Traditional **media** giants are racing to consolidate in the face of tech industry disruption. Can they retain **control** of the medium and the message? Welcome to Hollywood, AT&T. The company that most people associate with mobile phones entered show business in June when a U.S.

Behind the Scenes, Billionaires' Growing Control of News

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< <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/28/business/media/behind-the-scenes-billionaires-growing-control-of-news.html>

May 28, 2016 And long before Mr. Murdoch, there was one William Randolph Hearst, who defined what it meant to be a **media** mogul. But there is a difference between Hearst and the many billionaires who are trying to **control** today's **news media**, said David Nasaw, the author of the great Hearst biography "**The...**

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[Six Jewish Companies Control 96% of the World's Media](#)

[c tapnewswire.com/2015/10/six-jewish-companies-control-96-of-the-worlds-media/](#)

At NBC, now owned by General Electric, NBC **News** president Andrew Lack is a Jew, as are executive producers Jeff Zucker (Today), Jeff Gralnick (NBC Nightly **News**), and Neal Shapiro (Dateline). The Print **Media** After television **news**, daily newspapers are the most influential information medium in America.

[31 Quotes That Will Change The Way You View The Media](#)

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↳ <https://thoughtcatalog.com/christine-stockton/2013/06/31-quotes-that-will-change-the-way-you-view-the-media/>

The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they **control the** minds of the masses. Malcom X I spent my time drinking and staring at a television in the airport bar.

[Who owns the media in France? | RSF](#)

[c https://rsf.org/en/news/who-owns-media-france](https://rsf.org/en/news/who-owns-media-france)

Dec 8, 2017 **Who** owns the **media** in France? This apparently simple question is actually very complex, according to the findings of this survey, which was carried out for RSF by Julia Cagé, a specialist in **media** economics.

[6 Corporations Control 90% Of The Media In America - Morris ...](#)

← <https://www.morriscreative.com/6-corporations-control-90-of-the-media-in-america/>

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[Shadow Government | Who Rules America? Who Controls the U.S ...](#)

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Oct 25, 2001 **Who Controls The U.S. Media?** There is no greater power in the world today than that wielded by the manipulators of public opinion in America. No king or pope of old, no conquering general or high priest ever disposed of a power even remotely approaching that of the few dozen men who **control** America's mass **news** and entertainment **media**.

[How five American companies control what you think — RT Op-ed](#)

↳ <https://www.rt.com/op-ed/158920-us-ukraine-media-control/>

The explanation is surprisingly simple: There aren't numerous US mass **media news** sources at all; there are just five. Five giant corporations **control** 90 percent of US mass **media**. And direct links connect all five of these **media** conglomerates to the political establishment and the economic and political power-elites of the United States.

[Media Now Openly Admitting The Government Controls The News](https://www.blacklistednews.com/Media_Now_Openly_Admitting_The_Government_Controls_The_News/26077/0/38/38/Y/M.html)

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The media's reporting on the scandals has provided the public insights into the operations of the incestuous relationship between the press and the government. Such revelations clearly suggest the corporate **media** is telegraphing to the public the American government has just gone way too far out of **control**.

Zionist control of the media: Who rules America?

< <https://www.stormfront.org/jewish/whorules.html>

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[Media of the United States - Wikipedia](#)

< https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media_of_the_United_States

Currently, five corporations **control** roughly 90% of the **media**. [2] [3] Critics allege that localism , local **news** and other content at the community level, **media** spending and coverage of **news**, and diversity of ownership and views have suffered as a result of these processes of **media** concentration.

[Who owns the UK media? - Media Reform Coalition](#)

< <https://www.mediareform.org.uk/who-owns-the-uk-media>

Media Reform Coalition. **Media** Reform coordinates the work of advocacy groups campaigning to protect the public interest in light of the Leveson Inquiry and Communications Review.

[Who controls whom? The monarchy v the media | UK news | The ...](#)

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Nov 8, 2016 Row over Prince Harry's girlfriend reveals fine line between royals' more open press relations and desire for image **control**. ... Who **controls** whom? The monarchy v the **media** ... **News & Media** ...

[Who Controls the News? \(Part 1\) | Who Controls America?](#)

◁ <https://thezog.wordpress.com/who-controls-the-news-part-1/>

It matters that the Judaists (commonly referred to as "Jews") **control the media** (and the govt.) because they have an ulterior motive-to destroy American by inciting the alien invasion, pornography, miscegenation, homosexuality and pushing laws to imprison Christians and gain power through the divide and conquer strategy.

[Does the Media Have a Liberal Bias?](#)

← <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/is-the-media-liberal-2315202>

The media misconception that some people including politicians try to convey is that in **media** companies across the country, there are secret meetings that take place, where reporters are given orders on how to slant the **news** so that there's a liberal political benefit.

[Who Owns the UK Media? | Sociology | tutor2u](#)

< <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/who-owns-the-uk-media>

The term **media** mogul refers to an individual who owns a significant share of a **media** company, arguably providing them with significant **control** over that company's **media** content. The classic example of a **media** mogul is Rupert Murdoch, who owns a number of newspapers and TV broadcasting companies around the world.

[Who REALLY Controls The Mainstream Media? | Cosmic ...](#)

cosmicconvergence.org/?p=2422

Jul 19, 2012 Cosmic Convergence Research Group. This is an extremely important question because whoever does **control the Mainstream Media (MSM)** does **control the world..** However, the stark reality is that it is impossible to know just who it is that **controls the MSM** from the very peak of the pinnacle of the pyramid of worldly power.

[6 Corporations That Control Your Perception | Think Tank](#)

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↳ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hxMaAmaX0>

Jun 6, 2013 Abby Martin goes over the 6 corporations that **control** nearly everything in the mainstream **media**, and discusses a few of the most famous cases of **media** censorship with BTS producer, Manuel Rapalo.

[Concentration of media ownership - Wikipedia](#)

< https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concentration_of_media_ownership

Controls over **media** ownership in Australia are laid down in the Broadcasting Services Act 1992, administered by the Australian Communications and **Media** Authority (ACMA). Even with laws in place Australia has a high concentration of **media** ownership.

[WHO OWNS THE MEDIA? - Harvard University](#)

< <https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/shleifer/files/media.pdf>

the consequences of who owns the media.⁷ The public interest theory predicts that the more "benign" or "public-spirited" governments should have higher levels of **media** ownership and that the consequence of such ownership is greater freedom of the press, more economic and political freedom, and better social outcomes.

[A complete guide to who controls the Russian news media ...](#)

↳ <https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2013/12/brief-history-russian-media/>

The media were introduced into **new** realities: the market economy, the end of ideological **control** of the Communist Party, political pluralism, the development of **new** public institutions, et al. Fascinated by the seemingly ideal Western model of the press, Russian **media** borrowed most of its characteristics: freedom of speech, private ownership of ...

[Former NPR CEO opens up about liberal media bias - New York Post](#)

◁ <https://nypost.com/2017/10/21/the-other-half-of-america-that-the-liberal-media-doesnt-cover/>

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