

It is well documented that the majority of reporters at news organizations identify themselves as liberal, or they at least typically vote for democrats. People who lean conservative fear that these reporters will report the news in a way that actively helps democratic candidates while hurting republican candidates. I think that these conservative voters can be comforted by the notion that the liberal reporters will probably act in their own self-interests, which will keep them from unduly influencing the upcoming Presidential election in a way that helps Hillary Clinton.

While reporters may agree with Hillary Clinton on the issues, they have a more pressing concern. Namely, they need access to presidential candidates and later to elected officials in order to do their jobs.

Unfortunately, Hillary has not made herself available to the press like other presidential candidates have in the past. If Hillary is unavailable during a presidential campaign, when she needs to convince voters that she is their best option, then she will likely be even less assessable to reporters when she becomes president. No reporter looks forward to a four year presidential term of unprecedented limited access to the president.

The reporters have a different relationship with Donald Trump. They may disagree with many of his policies; they may not even like him much, but they appreciate how easy it is for them to interact with him. It seems that every day he calls into the "Fox and Friends" morning show.

This is not too surprising since Fox News caters to conservative viewers, who are also more likely to be republicans. What is perhaps more surprising is that Donald Trump appears regularly on MSNBC, the most liberal news network and one whose viewers are predominantly democrats. Generally, Donald Trump will appear in front of any news reporter that will talk to him.

This has given him free coverage, so he can reach vast numbers of voters without paying a dime for the air time. In contrast, because Hillary Clinton does not talk to reporters very often, she has to pay for advertisements to reach the voters. Donald Trump, who seems to be on every news venue, has been able to reach a vast number of people at a very low cost, which has given his campaign a great advantage against his opponents.

Trump's approach during the primaries sends an important signal to reporters about how assessable he will be once he is elected. Most reporters probably believe that Donald Trump will continue to talk to them even after he is elected. If this turns out to be true, reporters will have a much easier time doing their jobs. They could talk to the president, and his response would be noteworthy, if for no other reason than the fact that it was the president who said it.

Hillary Clinton is a candidate that has given reporters every reason to believe that she will not be available to them should she be elected. A Hillary Clinton presidency would make being a reporter much more difficult than a Trump presidency would. I have trouble imagining that reporters will slant news and be unfair in order to elect Hillary Clinton into office, when a Trump presidency offers them so much more in their careers.

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