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Subject: How fair is the media?

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If any of you know, today Terri Schiavo's autopsy results were released. They conclude that she was blind, irreversibly brain damaged, and nothing to suggest that she wasn't in a persistent vegetative state. So what does the media say?

MSNBC: [Headline story]

CNN: [Headline story]

"Autopsy: Schiavo's brain half the normal size"

FOXNews: 3rd story, after "Australian Hostage Rescued" and "Home Investigated 'Date rape' drug possibly used on Holloway, sources say", with the story header of "No signs of abuse"

So who reported the actual story? Well, MSNBC did a good job of reporting the story, mainly quoting the doctors who carried out the autopsy. CNN actually did an uncharacteristically good job of writing a story, except for the second paragraph where they cast random doubt,

"But what caused her collapse 15 years earlier remained a mystery. The autopsy and post-mortem investigation found no proof that she had an eating disorder, as was suspected at the time, Pinellas-Pasco Medical Examiner Jon Thogmartin said."

without mentioning that the doctors who carried out the autopsy said no signs of physical harm were found, rejecting the idea of Michael Schiavo beating Schiavo into her state.

On to FOX News. I give them a C- for fairness. They did have actual quotes in their article, up until about 5 paragraphs where they switch to quoting the Schindlers and their lawyers about vaguely described "unanswered questions".

So who would you rather use as news?

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