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Media on Gay Marriage - 2015-12-04 06:47

The media has a very intricate way of sliding slander towards its opposition and it sometimes includes a religious aside. Earlier this year a pretty monumental wall was finally torn down after copious efforts in the past. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing gay marriage to be legalized throughout the United States. And without further a-due, the media had the situation in a head lock analyzing every last spec of it.

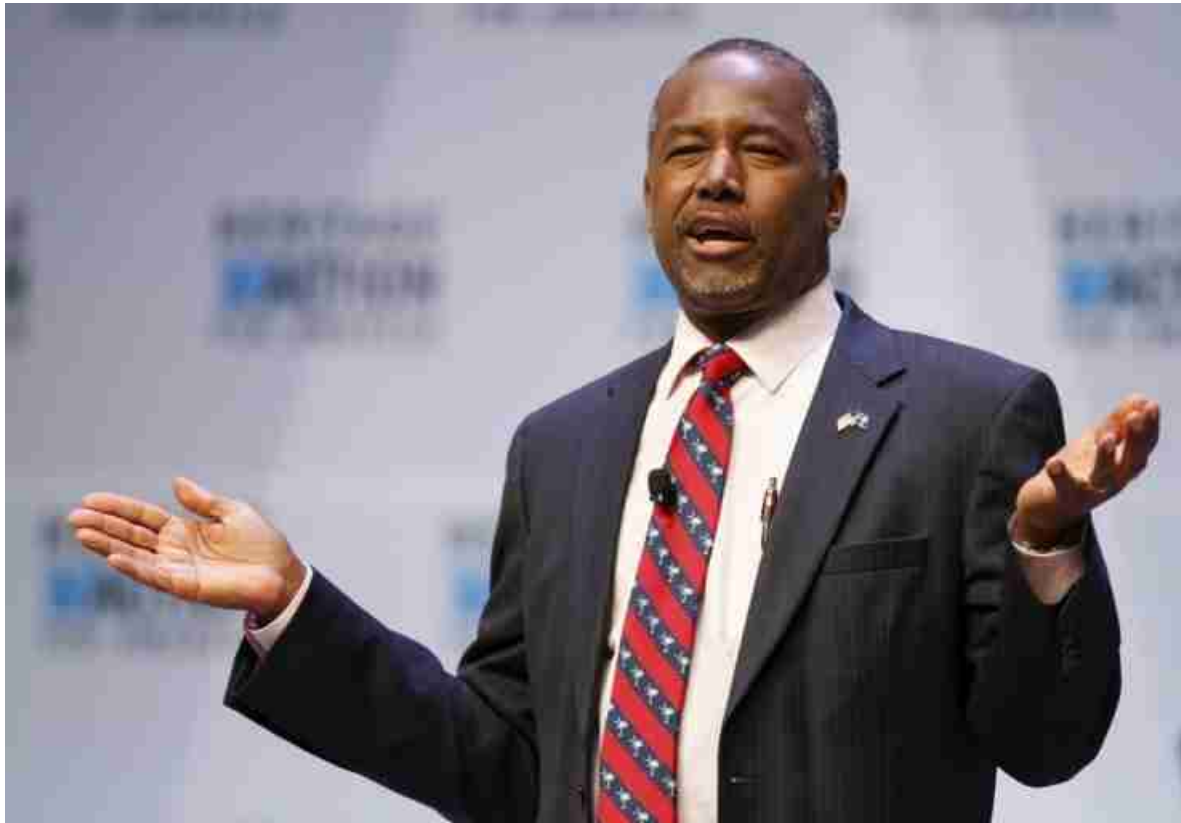


As we will start to see some political parties their media equivalents tend to have consistently different portrayals of the religion at hand. In particular with this story it is interesting to see that Fox News releases a report the day after the ruling titled, ["Gay marriage: Why Supreme Court got it Wrong."](#) And its not a political front yet religious one, as the author is a Pastor. Fox News does a great job at just portraying Christians as if they victimized by the whole situation. This particular article is very open and adamant about how the legalization of gay marriage is "shaking a fists in God's face." It more or less is a ramble of all things bad are to happen to Christian schools and churches, solely due to the legalization. To even expand, Fox News practically snowballs all Christian denominations into the Southern Baptist type. For me personally and for millions others out there, this single pastors voice, which ultimately is Fox News voice is falsely speaking on my behalf. It doesn't bother asking the Methodists, ergo passing up the chance to tell them that the Church doesn't really have a say on it yet accepts everyone. This portrayal is of the most conservative Christian, and "right winged" person. Sources: Link in text

A Presidential Religious Feud - 2015-12-04 08:44

As this new presidential campaign starts up, all the candidates are going to be drilled with some of the toughest of questions by the media, and eventually the true feelings come out of the woodworks.

There to catch him as he "faults" will be all his haters. Ben Carson, Republican Presidential candidate, was asked about his thoughts on a Muslim taking the Presidency. His response, quite bold and shocking as he said that, ["Islam is incompatible with the U.S. Constitution and a Muslim should never be elected as president of the United States."](#)



As shown in the link published by CNN they take support a quite interesting approach to challenging this statement. It is a more passive jab at this seemingly non-allowance of this specific religion. The CNN article shows a supportive role of Muslims. It of course it consists of it's political takedowns, but all while showing support for the Islamic religion.

About a month later as the candidates constantly fight for the leg up on each other, Trump and Carson get in a little scuffle over the state of Iowa (which has a major population of the same religion as Carson.) CNN again is there to collect more dirt on Carson. ["Inside Ben Carson's religious faith,"](#) CNN explains the argument between Trump and Carson, although it has a way of denouncing the Seventh-day Adventist by constantly proving that nobody knows anything or much about it. The article gives facts and statistics about the religion but then really drive home and make evident points that show it is not good or it is dying. One jab in particular, "But they have this leader who is a woman, Ellen G. White, and they veer off of traditional mainline Christianity," clearly shows such degradation I was alluding to above.

The article covers his faith. FALSE, the article is written in a way to portray his faith as an inhibitor for his personal successes. It even mentions how because he declared himself a follower of the Seventh-day Adventist, he became uninvited to a Southern Baptists convention. This statement by CNN obviously aimed at Carson's religion, portrays their mindset that Seventh-day Adventist aren't good enough. Sources: Link in text

Not all Islams are Radical - 2015-12-04 09:54

Probably the hottest topic within this media mashup of religions would be the one of the Islamic faith. Starting on the infamous 11th day of September in 2001, the international media began to degrade and denounce the Islamic faith and all its smaller sub religions. There was, and in some still is, this understandable fear of Muslims because of what these few nut cases decided to do. Although once the initial wave of shock rolled over us, and new information became available the isolation of all Muslims lowered, but we still kept our ever-watching eye on these "radical Islamics." Unfortunately, this acceptance is mainly just a front for most non-Islamics.

As humans when something so traumatic happens our minds constantly stress and worry and fear that happening again. So it hard to fully trust whatever perturbed you in the first place again. The media, in today's world plays one of, if no the most, pivotal role in relaying information, which in turn relieve or initiate more stress. In this situation with Islamics, mainly the extremist, the media does the best it can differentiating between the two.

Bump ahead to the present, a new radical Islamic group even over shadows the previous one, ISIS. And as stories the media releases stories about ISIS's ability to blend in as a passive Islamic, fear is ever abundant.

Most recently the episode in Paris, ISIS took the city by surprise and stunned the world. The media though (only through years of experience) now assesses these radical religious groups quite differently. They are not referred to by the media, who also has learned its role in appeasing worry and doubt, as terrorist, infidels, and overall bad guys, with not much religious affiliation.

But what makes this group special for the sake of this relationship with the media and religion; most practicing Muslims don't even consider these maniacs Muslim. Therefore the media is left listening to ISIS claim their Islamic faith but they Islamic faith not claiming them back. Though the media is still sharing both of these statements the connection between the two give the people the portrayal that Muslims now are just worst than ever. So that is why we see picketing in front of mosque and even some state and local governments shutting them down.

Producing like Rabbits - 2015-12-04 10:39

The Catholic Church for the longest time has prohibited contraception of any source. It's stubbornness has led to a ["visible gap between official teaching and actual practice undermines Catholic vigor and unity at every level."](#) The clergy has now brought up this issue may a time with hopes that the Pope will look at the problem. The Washington Post shares light on the issue as it is a prevalent predicament that even the most devout Catholic's deal with regularly. The Post explains that many of these devout followers have made practical choices to use contraception. The Post also portrays the church to be ever separating. This portrayal makes sense though as the followers, especially the younger crowd, see that rules are going to be broken so then its therefore easier to not follow other rules. Although this issue is as pressing as others the media relaying the disappointing message to the patrons sends the image of discontent and frustration between the leaders and the layman.



71% of British Catholics believe that contraception should be used more often to avoid unwanted pregnancies, AIDS and other STDs

23% feel that it is entirely up to couples to decide if and when to use contraception

4% think that artificial contraception is wrong and should not be used

1,636 British Catholic adults, 31st August-2nd Sept 2010

The graphic should speak for itself as it shows the heavy desire for the Catholic Church to allow more usage of contraception. Sources: Link in text, the graphic is from [YouGov](#)