

<b>GOP Claims:</b>	The media can't be trusted, they all lie, the media is left biased.
<b>Example Rebuttals:</b>	<p>1 It's important to hold media accountable, but claiming that "all media lie" is too broad and ignores the complexity of journalism. The media isn't a Monolith-there are many outlets with differing standards, ownership and editorial leanings. Some have a liberal slant, but others have a conservative or centrist slant. If bias is the concern, the solution is to cross-reference sources, not to dismiss one slant for the other</p>
<b>Their retort</b>	<p>1 Trump has every right to sue CBS, NBC, and 60 minutes. They should not be allowed to lie <u>about the president</u> to the American people.</p>
<b>Secondary Rebuttal</b>	<p>1 As for lawsuits, like the ones you are referencing, the US defamation law sets a high bar, especially for the public figures. To win they must prove that false statements were made knowingly or with reckless disregard for the truth. That's because the first amendment protects freedom of the press, even when the reporting is unpopular or critical of those in power.</p> <p>2 If the concern is lying or misinformation, those should be addressed transparently through evidence and the courts, not by silencing the press. A healthy democracy depends on a free press, even when it makes Trump uncomfortable.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p> <a href="https://www.newyorker.com/news/fault-lines/how-biased-is-the-media-really">https://www.newyorker.com/news/fault-lines/how-biased-is-the-media-really</a>  <a href="https://guides.library.harvard.edu/newsleans/thechart">https://guides.library.harvard.edu/newsleans/thechart</a>  <a href="https://www.allsides.com/media-bias/media-bias-chart">https://www.allsides.com/media-bias/media-bias-chart</a>  <a href="https://www.college.ucla.edu/report/vol6_media-bias.pdf">https://www.college.ucla.edu/report/vol6_media-bias.pdf</a>  <a href="https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/barro/files/bw04_0614.pdf">https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/barro/files/bw04_0614.pdf</a> </p>