

**Walt Disney Shareholder Meeting Question**  
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research. Mr. Iger, responding to a question we asked last year, you said Disney's media outlets were free from bias. Our skepticism about your news organizations' unwillingness to be politically neutral, already shared by millions of Americans, is now loudly joined by the President of the United States. The President has even labeled ABC an "enemy of the American people,"<sup>1</sup> and coined the term "fake news."

WikiLeaks has provided plenty of evidence that you are not requiring your news organizations to be politically-neutral. After ABC News' George Stephanopoulos interviewed Clinton Cash author Peter Schweizer, WikiLeaks exposed communications appearing to show operatives for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign working with Stephanopoulos to delegitimize Schweizer and his work.<sup>2</sup>

WikiLeaks also exposed an email from a top liberal donor to Mrs. Clinton's campaign chairman in which it was alleged you wanted "to be helpful" to the campaign.<sup>3</sup>

It is not just outsiders who have these concerns. An ESPN host claims the network is obsessed with bashing conservatives. He recently said, "I feel like there's so many people that I work with that every show, every topic, every angle on it, is hoping to be... destroying the [political] right on every single thing that comes up... I hear it every single day." Agreeing, his cohost asked: "Can you imagine if I teased this show and said: 'coming up, why all of you are wrong about Trump and why he's awesome?'" The host replied: "We wouldn't make it through the commercial."<sup>4</sup>

Last year, Mr. Iger, you told us that bias in your operations is "very very rare." The examples we presented to you just now argue instead that the bias is pervasive and exists at the top levels. It is not rare at all.

The election of President Trump shows the power of a frustrated base that is at best ignored by your elitist networks and, at worst, ridiculed. Now that these masses have a voice – one that largely rejects your media narrative – you have a choice to make. You can continue to cater primarily to liberal coastal elites or make your company's media welcoming to all Americans. What's it going to be?

<sup>1</sup> <http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/320168-trump-the-media-is-the-enemy-of-the-american-people>

<sup>2</sup> <http://dailycaller.com/2016/10/08/did-clinton-campaign-collude-with-george-stephanopoulos-on-interview-with-clinton-cash-author/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/10545>

<sup>4</sup> <https://player.fm/series/russillo-kanell-1203975/hour-1-13017>