

Which Is Propaganda, Which Is News-Reporting? “Obama Considers Arming Pro-US Troops” in Ukraine

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Here is CNN, reporting on 9 February 2015:

Screen shots





FOR COMPARISON:

Here is Russian Television (RT), on a related story, dated 10 February 2015:

[Ukraine Bombs Lugansk Soup Kitchen](#)

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DISCUSSION:

The CNN news-report was not posted to the Internet by CNN, because too many people noticed that it was propaganda and complained; but those three screen-prints shown here from it were posted by various individuals who had complained about the piece. Because of those many complaints, CNN's reporter subsequently [apologized for what CNN had done there](#), and said that "the debate in western capitals is actually about whether the United States and other NATO countries should send arms to the Ukrainian military." But, of course, that is too long for a mere streamer — just an "error," perhaps. The reporter who had delivered that news-segment, and who subsequently issued that apology said, "I regret that error"; so, she implicitly admitted that she was the person who had "erred" in it, even though other employees had controlled that streamer, and she was not the producer who produced that report. She took the fall for it, on the part of the organization, all the way up to the person who hired her, and to the person who had hired that person, all the way up to the person at the top — the CEO.

The RT news-report showed an incident that was not covered nor even mentioned by CNN, though the incident clearly is relevant to the question of "whether the United States and other NATO countries should send arms to the Ukrainian military." Perhaps CNN considers propagandistic such videos as RT issues. But that's for you to judge, whether one or both organizations are more propaganda than news organizations.

Reader-comments are consequently invited here to discuss whether, and the extent to which, readers have encountered more deception by U.S. newsmedia, or by Russian newsmedia.

The present news report — this one — will therefore consist of that discussion: It's yours to write, because the news here (if any) will be how the public feels about the basic honesty of the press in the U.S., and in Russia. This is your news, to write here.

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