

House Votes to Cut Federal Funds

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The House of Representatives just voted 228-192 to bar NPR from receiving any more federal funds. It was a partisan vote, with Republicans voting "aye" and Democrats voting "nay".

As NPR's Audie Cornish reported earlier:

"Republicans on the House Rules Committee said the move to defund the organization this week was sparked by the controversial and edited videos of NPR executives speaking disparagingly of conservatives, and saying NPR did not need federal funding."

No Democrats voted in favor of cutting the funds - all 228 "aye" votes were from Republicans. Seven Republicans voted against the cut.

excerpt from NPR: Does it deserve taxpayer subsidies? The WEEK March 25, 2011

.....In the U.S., we spend less than \$1.50 a year per capita on subsidizing public broadcasting, compared with upwards of \$30 in other developed nations. And a recent study of 14 countries shows that public media create better-informed citizens, who are integral to the "vitality of our democracy."

Defunding PBS

As part of their promise to reign in spending, Republicans in Congress are trying to defund government assistance to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports NPR and PBS stations. Cartoonists want to know one simple thing: Why do they hate Big Bird so much?



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① All 228 "aye" (yes) votes to cut funding for NPR came from the Republicans, who say they are trying to control speaking.

from Christian Science Monitor Nov. 29, 2010 Opinion - Sheldon Richman

Wikileaks: Bradley Manning isn't a criminal. He's a hero.

Many are condemning Bradley Manning for allegedly providing Wikileaks with sensitive reports about US foreign policy. But a gov't that can make war while keeping essential information about its justification and conduct secret is neither open nor fit for free people.

How can the American system be regarded as participatory if the most potentially explosive gov't conduct is hidden? Are "we the people" really in charge or not?

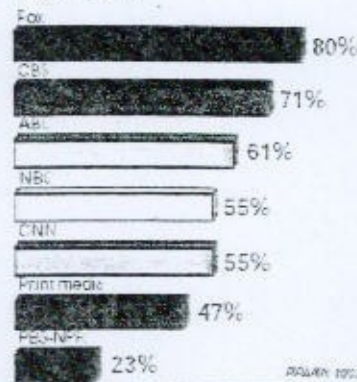
② No Democrats voted to cut spending. ③ "A recent study of 14 countries shows that public media create better-informed citizens"

④ The Christian Science Monitor article is saying our gov't is too secret.

Frequency of Misperceptions:

Evidence of al-Qaeda Links, WMD Found, World Public Opinion Favorable

Respondents with one or more misperceptions:



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⑤ This 2003 study showed, with these issues, fox audiences were the best-informed and the worst-informed was PBS-NPR. ⑥ Bob Gates says wikileaks are an embarrassment and

Secretary of Defense Bob Gates says Wikileaks are only an embarrassment, no lives have been risked. He says the big fears being presented are being created by the news organizations.

no lives have been risked. ⑦ The U.S. is now at war in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya.

⑧ Some say OBAMA should be **IMPEACHED** because....

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⑨ Transferring from gov't-owned to privately-owned: privatize ⑩ Nationalize gov't takes over an industry