

To: Father writes to his Men's Club

bcc: son#1, son#2

Subject: **Columbia Journalism Review on the Trump era**

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism is located in Pulitzer Hall on Columbia's New York campus. Published there twice a year is the **Columbia Journalism Review (CJR)**. The editor-in-chief, Kyle Pope, directed scholar Jeff Gerth to assemble a massive historical document entitled **The Press versus the President**. It's awesome! It's about **our news media in the Trump era**. Here it is:

https://www.cjr.org/special_report/trumped-up-press-versus-president-ed-note.php

The top bar there contains four parts leading to four sections. Each section is long. It took me about an hour to read each of the four parts. That's too much for many of us. If I'd find time to read any of this massive tome a second time it would be Part 4, which I suggest is the best place for us mortals to evaluate the perspicacity and reliability of our favorite media sources.

The four parts are generally chronological. By the end, history provides many opportunities to contrast early assertions to the emergent realities. CJR then invited many prominent journalists to comment on various of their publications during the Trump period. About half of them failed to reply thus snubbing the Columbia Journalism Review. Not only did many individual journalists fail to respond, but so also did many of their publications! Some narratives had not done well we may suppose.

If you find an hour for reading Part 4 is too much, I can suggest you read only the last 20% of Part 4. Pass over 80% of it to the heading "AFTERWARD". Read that. Surely you can manage 20% of the last 25%, $\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{4}$ which is $\frac{1}{20}=5\%$ of all the research CJR has done. Do it! Tough it out! Go pick out your own highlights. Send them to us!

Son #1 replies

Did you write that, or is that copied from another site?

Father replies:

I wrote the one page directing the men's group here to CJR. Didn't sound like me? It's summary paragraphs point straight to NYT. If I pushed that info at them any other way they would ignore the information and pigeonhole me.

Son #2 replies:

Sort of thing lazy me would stick into an AI and say "summarize!"

Father replies:

The four hours is a big pile of instances. Good question how AI would summarize it compared to the author's own summary in the last 5% where he almost says outright to blame the NYT. Recall the [NYT can take some blame for the Ukraine war](#).