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Propaganda Shoved Where?

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The continued existence of "public radio" and "public television" is out of place in these United States. Not because it's partisan—all news vendors tend to toe some partisan line—but because it's partisan and taxpayer subsidized.

Though NPR aficionados tend to downplay the subsidies to NPR and PBS, what public media boosters have more consistently done is deny the *partisanship*.

They have no standing any longer—if the evidence of our senses weren't enough.

In "The Bell Finally Tolls for National Public Radio," Matt Taibbi

<u>explains</u> how the media behemoth's CEO Katherine Maher admitted NPR's and PBS's partisanship in her defense of it.

That won't help her case in Congress, though, notes Mr. Taibbi.

While the *New York Times* <u>insists</u> that tax-funded "public" media "improves the lives of millions of Americans" and "strengthens American interests" (presumably by being relentlessly progressive), it has no defense to Taibbi's indictment: the branches of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting have taken "the country's signature public news shows into an endless partisan therapy session, a *Nine Perfect Strangers* retreat for high-income audiences micro-dosing on Marx and Kendi."

Taibbi makes clear just how annoying the dish served by CPB/NPR/PBS is, the entities seeing no "problem with taking funds from a huge plurality or even a majority of citizens and pursuing a nakedly politicized, ear-splitting propaganda project in opposition to the views of those people. NPR is the vegetables we refuse to eat, administered up a different entrance for our own good."

I was thinking about the blight upon oureyes and ears and reason, but point taken.

De-fund National Public Propaganda immediately.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.