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New Report from Media Matters Details Disproportional Representation of Conservatives on Major Network Sunday News Programs

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today called for political balance to be restored to Sunday morning political talk shows.

"Millions of Americans trust Sunday morning programs to provide balanced news and analysis, but far too often, that isn't what they receive," Rep. Slaughter said. "Today's report from Media Matters reveals the disproportionately large presence conservatives have had on Sunday morning news programs for years. It is a reality that hasn't changed, even after the establishment of new Democratic majorities in both chambers of Congress."

"As trusted sources of information, Sunday morning news programs have an obligation to provide their viewers with equal representation from both sides of the political aisle," Rep. Slaughter said. "A failure to provide balance is a disservice to the public and renders voters less able to evaluate the performance of our government. They deserve better."

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