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I don't always agree with Mr. Coyne, but I deeply respect his opinions for being independent. This confirms my judgement. Well done Mr. Coyne, you are a beacon in this murky environment.

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Yaya Trump 46 days ago

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Andrew has always been the bright and shiny independent voice of journalism . I applaud his courage to stand up to the bullies ! BRAVO

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Mark Shore 46 days ago

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Globe and Mail Editor-in-Chief David Walmsley, asked to comment: "That's a shame, Andrew is a top-notch editor and columnist and—hold on, why are you asking me about this? What are you snickering about?"

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Jon Q Public 46 days ago

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It will be telling to see if the members of the Globe's editorial board have similar intestinal fortitude.

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Jimbo5 46 days ago

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Good for Andrew Coyne. A most respected journalist has just increased his cred.

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deweyed 46 days ago

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Awaiting the same from the G & M editorial board. (crickets)

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renegade 46 days ago

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Hope he gets to write what he thinks when Mr. Harper is ousted today. Well done sir. I believe your readership has just doubled, wherever you end up.

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Dean Snowden 46 days ago

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I've often disagreed with Mr. Coyne's editorial views, but I have admired and respected his professionalism. Bravo, Sir. Bravo.

Does anyone need more proof that we have excessive concentration of media ownership in Canada? It is damaging our democracy.

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Love Vancouver 46 days ago

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Wow! Some honest honest journalism. Feeling hopeful today!

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Opinionated in Toronto 46 days ago

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Good on ya, Andrew! A man of principle, what a rarity! Wonder how long his column will last?

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alphamale 46 days ago

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And so what brave soul at this newspaper will now step forward like Coyne and tell us how their editorial board is nothing more than a sham through which its owners give themselves free rein to editorialize on any subject they like - including for whom we should vote?

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Rmiller101 46 days ago

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Coyne is an independent mind in an increasingly partisan private Canadian media owned by Billionaires.

Always thought that mainstream media would evolve in response to social media, but they have dug their trenches.

This won't end well

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Vic E 46 days ago

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"He had wanted to publish a column disagreeing with the newspaper's endorsement of the Conservative Party of Canada, which is ostensibly written by the paper's editorial board, of which he was the head. But Postmedia's leaders thought that "would have confused readers and embarrassed the paper," Mr. Coyne said.

"I don't see public disagreement as confusing. I see it as honest. Readers, in my view, are adults & understand that adults can disagree," Mr. Coyne tweeted.

YES! YES! Do not permit yourself to be taken hostage and silenced by 'group think'.

Is this how ethics, honesty and transparency are rewarded? One might not agree with everything Andrew Coyne thinks or writes, but he certainly recognized that others could think for themselves and hold their own ideas. Mr. Coyne likes to engage in an honest thought process and dialogue. Postmedia should not only reinstate him ... he should be promoted! Andrew, at this moment, there is a vacancy for prime minister in one of the most secrecy-addicted centralized offices in the western world. Too bad you can't take over and give them a lesson!

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EsperanzaGodot 46 days ago

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A bright man who, with Chantal Hebert, has the best-formed political opinions I've ever seen or read in my nearly seven decades as a Canadian. But I had to laugh to think that the National Post would consider it more embarrassing to take a position other than Conservative. Ha! The most embarrassing position available is to endorse a PM who will go down as one of the biggest losers in Canadian history (and we'll be recovering from his mess for some time to come).

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Mark My Word 46 days ago

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Wait, there's a paragraph missing from this story.

"These developments come on the heels of The Globe and Mail's controversial, mealy-mouthed and absurd endorsement of the Conservatives, raising even more questions about the links between advertising dollars, newspaper endorsements and billionaire owners who don't like uppity voters."

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callitin 46 days ago

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In case you thought nobody could outdo the Globe for the worst editorial

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anotheroldguy 46 days ago

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A guy walks into a newspaper Editorial Board meeting with a Dancing Bear and asks, if I gave you \$5 million would you endorse my political Party?

The Editors paused a moment then huddled together whispering to one another.

The Business Editor pops his head up and asks, 'will that be in USD'?

The guy says, if you like.

The Editor in Chief then passes the guy a piece of paper with an account number in the Bahamas.

Then the guy asks, if I gave you \$50,000 would you endorse my Party?

The Editor in Chief became very annoyed and said, 'what kind of professionals do you think we are?'

The guy says, I think we have already established that, now we're just haggling over the price.

If you're wondering about the Dancing Bear, he was just there to check out the digs as he's considering a career as an editor.

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ooQuooma 46 days ago

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Andrew Coyne will vote for the NDP?

It's amazing what you find out when people are allowed to say what they actually think.

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canadawillliveon 46 days ago

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I would like to add if there were an online media source that did not endorse a candidate, I would pay money to read their articles. I disagree that a media source should have the right to endorse a candidate - so far I have not seen a good argument for this. The media should try to maintain a balanced perspective otherwise they seem opportunistic and one questions their content choices (as this experience with Mr. Coyne highlights). I am not naive, I realise this right is based on who (or what group) can come up with the money to purchase this privilege. My hope is that the online media will one day counter this imbalance and evolve to an environment where this is not a purchasable privilege.

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ThinkAhead 46 days ago

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Is David Walmsley going to do the same?

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Alceste 46 days ago

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This article appearing in the Globe: could the irony be any thicker?

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jo ingblats 46 days ago

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Coyne is easily one of the better writers among the newspaper columnists. Much better than some of the junk writers at the G&M

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Llewellen 46 days ago

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It's nice to see Andrew Coyne exhibiting some dorsal skeletal material. A little late, but welcome nonetheless.

As to Paul Godfrey calling the shots and making the Postmedia papers the official organ of the Conservative Party of Canada, is anyone surprised. That has been evident for a very long time. Witness his editorial diktats during the Alberta election.

It completely destroys the credibility of their papers but they do provide some entertainment value from time to time. How long they can continue to operate at a loss remains to be seen.

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Richard231 45 days ago

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Well done, Andrew Coyne. Puts the Globe's endorsement of the corrupt Tories in the same garbage bin as the National Post.

The only reason I am not cancelling my \$37/month subscription to the Globe and Mail is, I enjoy the readers' comments section.

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FedericoPena 46 days ago

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Both the Globe and the NP twisted themselves in knots endorsing the Harper non-conservatives, mostly citing discredited and baseless perceptions and the party's own talking points. It was utter journalistic failure.

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Scrimbro 2 - Electric Boogaloo 45 days ago

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"Confuse" readers? Shows you what the owners at Postmedia really think about the intelligence of their readers.

Although, if they're looking for lessons in how to confuse readers with contradictory endorsements, I hear the Globe can offer a seminar or two...

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lonsgx 46 days ago

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PostMedia may have single handedly started the tsunami that is end of much of the broadsheet media in Canada. Hopefully from its ashes truly local voices will rise in some form.

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klyde 46 days ago

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Andrew Coyne wrote a first-rate column on the campaign's likely turning point, viz., Justin Trudeau's demonstration of flexibility in handling Mr. Mulcair's referendum 'number' question in that debate. Once we saw a candidate who could think on his feet (just like his father), it was all over. Very perceptive, Mr. Coyne!

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highconcept 45 days ago

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The left wing media bias that Conservatives constantly moan about has now been proven to really be right wing media censorship.

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melanchthon 46 days ago

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The rich want to stay rich; no surprises here. Good on Andrew for resigning.

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ibn batuta 46 days ago

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I agree that the paper's owners have a right to voice their opinion as long as it isn't venal as well as stupid.

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bobskis 46 days ago

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Have there been any similar upheavals at the Globe after their embarrassing "endorsement"?

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Man-o-Man 46 days ago

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I've just gained a lot more respect for Mr. Coyne.

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Thomas Darcy McGee 45 days ago

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So much for the "left-wing media bias" that the conservative right so often whines about.

Postmedia endorsed the Conservatives (yet again) in its media outlets.

Here are some of the news outlets that Postmedia controls:

The National Post
Calgary Herald
Edmonton Journal
Montreal Gazette
Ottawa Citizen
Regina Leader-Post
The StarPhoenix (Saskatoon)
The Vancouver Sun
The Windsor Star
Calgary Sun
Edmonton Sun
Ottawa Sun
The Province (Vancouver)
Toronto Sun
Winnipeg Sun
Financial Post Business
Barrie Examiner
Belleville Intelligencer
Brantford Expositor
Bradford Times
Brockville Recorder and Times
Camrose Canadian

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[Kenora Daily Miner and News](#)
[Kincardine News](#)
[Kingston Whig-Standard](#)
[Kingston This Week](#)
[Lakeshore Advance \(Grand Bend\)](#)
[Lloydminster Meridian Booster](#)
[London Free Press](#)
[Mid-North Monitor \(Espanola\)](#)
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[Woodstock Sentinel-Review](#)

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whengoodmendonothing 45 days ago

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PostMedia is owned by a private equity firm out of the United States.
 Clearly they have an agenda.
 So much for the "leftie" bias.

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CGAtoronto 45 days ago

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Good for Andrew. When the editor is told what to write, he has to resign.

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Thomas Darcy McGee 45 days ago

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"The well-known political journalist wrote that he had "a professional disagreement" with executives at Postmedia Network Canada Corp., the company that owns the Post and numerous other daily papers such as the Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen and Vancouver Province.

He had wanted to publish a column disagreeing with the newspaper's endorsement of the Conservative Party of Canada, which is ostensibly written by the paper's editorial board, of which he was the head."

Coyne is an intelligent man with a conscience.

Two qualities lacking in many of the owners, editors and writers at Postmedia.

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Paul_Toronto 45 days ago

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So Conrad Black is allowed to not endorse Harper and have his (obnoxious) opinion piece published, but Coyne wants to clarify that there is some dissent in the editorial board and the board won't have any of that. I guess convicted felons have more cred on the Editorial Board there.

Coyne deserves credit for his refusal to endorse a leader who has shown nothing but contempt for accountability and transparency, and if the Post had any interest in keeping intelligent readers they may want to reconsider their position in insisting on unanimity.

While there is no surprise in the NP's full throated support for Harper, The Globe's opinion piece has the distinction of calling for a defeat for Harper and a victory for the CPC at the same time as if that were even an option.

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SteveE59 45 days ago

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I guess Mr. Coyne has the kind of personal integrity that we value in a newspaper editor. Too bad that the editors of the G&M don't.

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manuelb 45 days ago

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If anyone believes that anyone else but the controlling shareholders decide on the political decisions at the newspaper they probably also believe in Santa Claus. Almost all North American daily newspapers are controlled by very wealthy individuals. Publishers and editors know that endorsing candidates that the owners don't approve of will cost them their jobs.

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