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Liberal Media Bias: A Normative Critique

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Many people currently believe that public media in Western democracies tend to represent liberal rather than conservative positions and thus are politically biased. This observation typically comes in a package with strong criticism of public media.

In my talk, I will take a closer look at the underlying political categories and also at the data about public news coverage in Germany. Although the data are mixed, a very profound recent study seems to suggest that there is indeed a slight tendency towards the left in public as well as private news.

But even if this is true, additional arguments are needed to show that this tendency is also open to criticism. Drawing on the underlying epistemic norms of journalism, I will present three arguments to show that there is nothing normatively wrong with the media's slight turn to the left.



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