

# *Review The News*



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During this election cycle, most people rely on soundbites to form their ideas. When people are asked where they heard something, a huge number say on the soundbites between my TV shows. These soundbites help us form our ideas about the issues and character of the candidates. The trouble with this is, if you constantly watch the same channels you may not be exposed to the entire story. Some of the stations are actively pro-Democrat or pro-Republican. They give only the part of the story that favors their candidate or maybe not cover a story at all.

Some of you might not have heard of "Hunter's laptop". Many news outlets did not cover this issue, some just pretended it didn't happen. Why is this significant? Well many who did not hear about it later, said it would have changed their vote. The situation was very close and unfair to the voters. If the laptop story interests you, look it up as it has much internet coverage. For this article, I choose not to discuss the issue. But if you are interested, do so.

There are numerous items like this that you may think of on your own. I recently was surprised to find how many seemingly aware individuals do not know that the FBI recently arrested several foreign nationals in possession of machine guns. They were part of a plan to attack polling places on election day. Think about it, if five men with automatic weapons attacked your polling place, it is protected by one CPD officer with a Glock. The officer would probably be the first casualty.

The point is to be aware of your surroundings and listen to more than one station for your news. Then make up your own mind and if your news reporter uses the same "word of the day" change the station and listen to someone else. They do exist. You may still not know the full story, but your do diligence might bring you to a conclusion more in line with your family's worries and concerns on the issues. We, as a people, deserve this from each other.