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Campaign Desk: CJR's Desk for Politics, Policy, and the Press

Campaign Desk is CJR's online outlet for intelligent and timely analysis of political and policy journalism. By praising the media for good work and criticizing them for bad, Campaign Desk aims to elevate the character and caliber of our national political discussion. Re-launched in 2007 to provide in-depth analysis of the coverage of 2008's presidential campaign, Campaign Desk has remained active to keep tabs on the Obama administration's successes and failures, and evaluate the media's coverage of the administration's political maneuverings and major initiatives.

Campaign Desk had wide-ranging impact during the presidential campaign, earning credibility in all camps. Since election day, Campaign Desk has continued to serve as the conscience of the political press. Whether assessing the political press's coverage of the government's efforts to speed the nation's economic recovery; the rhetoric involved in the health reform debate; the administration's fidelity to Obama's campaign-trail promises; or the daily political goings-on in Washington, we have done our part to uphold and improve the quality of our democratic conversation through honest and rigorous press criticism.

Campaign Desk is edited by Justin Peters, CJR's managing Web editor. Regular contributors include Trudy Lieberman on health policy and reform; Clint Hendler on governmental and journalistic transparency; and Greg Marx and Alexandra Fenwick with must-read responses to the day's most compelling political stories.

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