

Unamplified, Beck's Voice Still Carries

Establishment Outlets Missed Van Jones Story

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If you have the impression that President Obama is losing his media glow, you're right.

While his coverage in the first 100 days was 59 percent positive, a new study says, that dropped to 43 percent positive -- and 57 percent negative -- in the next 112 days, through mid-August. In short, reporters have noticed that the candidate of hope has run smack into Washington reality.

Under the umbrella of the **Center for Media and Public Affairs**, researchers for George Mason University and California's Chapman University examined the nightly newscasts, the New York Times, Time and Newsweek. The president's policies drew the toughest scrutiny -- 42 percent positive coverage -- while in personal and other evaluations, the assessments were 68 percent positive. The administration fared least well on terrorism and Guantanamo Bay (26 percent positive) and best on the financial stimulus (47 percent positive).

The most favorable evaluations appeared in front-page Times stories (61 percent positive), while ABC's "World News" was the most positive newscast (53 percent positive) and "NBC Nightly News" the least (45 percent positive). Separately, the study found that Obama's coverage was just 23 percent positive on the news segments of "Special Report," Fox News's Washington newscast.

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