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It's very sad that the Murdoch media has so much control and can totally sway an election with completely biased news. Making up stories about the ALP and failing to run negative stories against the Liberals or the Nationals. IE in the last Federal election they told outright lies about the economy and projected figures where even the Federal Treasury and the Reserve Bank came out and said their figures were wrong. Did Murdoch run either of those reports? No they didn't!

If they can't be forced to be impartial 99% of the time then laws around elections certainly need to be tightened where they not only have to give equal time or space BUT have to report on ALL factual matters such as one of the major parties lying about their budget figures and called out by the RBA and Treasury. Keeping that from the states and areas where Murdoch news has 100% coverage means people in those areas had NO CHANCE of accessing the truth.

It should also be made clear that channels like Fox is an "Entertainment network" and NOT a "News network" and therefore their news coverage should be taken as more entertainment and opinion than factual.

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