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Studiously mindful of traditional norms of objectivity and balance, they retreat from interpretation back to what seems more uncontentious information: the old “you write what the man says.”

But symmetrical coverage in situations of asymmetrical polarization — where only one party has turned against fundamental democratic rules or is misleading the public systematically about basic facts — turns into distortion.

The effects of a self-consciously neutral stance are not neutral.

Jan-Werner Müller, Democracy Rules, on some journalists' reaction to incessant criticism for being anti-Trump