

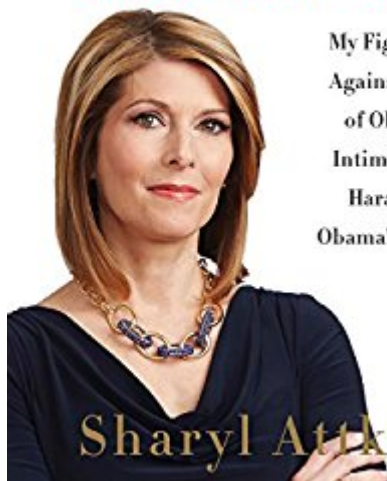
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Stonewalled: My Fight For Truth Against The Forces Of Obstruction, Intimidation, And Harassment In Obama's Washington

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Sharyl Attkisson



Synopsis

Seasoned CBS reporter Sharyl Attkisson reveals how she has been electronically surveilled while digging deep into the Obama Administration and its scandals, and offers an incisive critique of her industry and the shrinking role of investigative journalism in today's media. Americans are at the mercy of powerful figures in business and government who are virtually unaccountable. The Obama Administration in particular has broken new ground in its monitoring of journalists, intimidation and harassment of opposition groups, and surveillance of private citizens. Sharyl Attkisson has been a journalist for more than thirty years. During that time she has exposed scandals and covered controversies under both Republican and Democratic administrations. She has also seen the opponents of transparency go to ever greater lengths to discourage and obstruct legitimate reporting. Attkisson herself has been subjected to "opposition research" efforts and spin campaigns. These tactics increased their intensity as she relentlessly pursued stories that the Obama Administration dismissed. *Stonewalled* is the story of how her news reports were met with a barrage of PR warfare tactics, including online criticism, as well as emails and phone calls up the network chain of command in an effort to intimidate and discourage the next story. In *Stonewalled*, Attkisson recounts her personal tale, setting it against the larger story of the decline of investigative journalism and unbiased truth-telling in America today.

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Customer Reviews

This is a very credible, well written, and insightful book concerning some very important issues. Pre-release and other reports seem to focus on the hacking of Ms Attkisson's computers, which some believe to be an outrageous act (perhaps by the federal government) and others don't believe at all. After the Snowden revelations, the Clapper lies, and the Justice Department's treatment of Rosen, Risen and AP, I would find it harder to believe that her computers weren't spied upon, rather than that they were. After reading the book, I find the entire computer hacking issue to be a side issue that is being nitpicked by critics in an effort to discredit the author. The real story here is the credible documentation by a seasoned insider of the control exerted by the Obama administration over CBS News. Nowhere is this demonstrated more clearly than in Ms Attkisson's account of the extent to which CBS covered up the truth concerning a pivotal moment in the 2012 Presidential election (debate 2). After the debate, pundits everywhere were arguing about whether or not Obama called the Benghazi attacks terrorism in his Rose Garden speech on 9/12/12. While discussions continued and the media largely sided with Obama, CBS "sat on" video evidence (shot on the same day), proving that he did not call or consider the Benghazi attacks terrorism. (At least that is what Obama said in the interview with Kroft). Furthermore, after reading the book, one might conclude that the entire debate moment was orchestrated. Ms Attkisson poses the key question: "- How did the White House know CBS wouldn't use the part of the 60 Minutes Obama interview that disproved the president's debate claim?" In addition to numerous interesting stories about perceived bias at CBS, another continuing theme of the book is that the Obama administration is very reluctant, and often won't provide even trivial information to reporters. - Does the government serve the public, or do the citizens serve the government? This is a must read book for any engaged American concerned about honesty in the media and government. We should all be informed, concerned and frightened by what corporate interests and the federal government have done to our "free press." (Or have the "free press" done it to themselves?)

Sadly, it appears that Sharyl Attkisson is one of the last of a dying breed, the "Investigative Journalist." Unlike just about everyone else in major network media, she understands the critical importance of an independent press in fostering freedom in a republic. In this fast paced and interesting book, she describes in heartbreaking detail how the media has become a lap dog for corporate and governmental interests, while abandoning its responsibility to ask hard questions and hold our leaders to account. She is one of the few who understand that it is the job of the media, "to remind politicians and government officials as to who they work for." The Left loves to trumpet the idea that, "There's Nothing to See Here," when anyone talks about Fast and Furious or Benghazi,

but the fact remains that there is plenty of filth that needs to be exposed and cleaned up. If the press continues to abandon its duty and if low information voters continue to cast the deciding ballots, the next few years are going to be bloody.

An interesting book, that describes Attkisson's illicit surveillance and why someone, almost certainly a highly placed government official, would be willing to break the law, and hack her electronics without a warrant. This part of the story bookends the central part of the book, which tells of her extensive investigative journalism, and the troubles that she has endured because of it. I had not realized that Attkisson was responsible for so many of the stories that has the left up in arms: Benghazi, Fast and Furious, The Green Energy Debacles, Obamacare, etc. Ignored by these folks is the fact that she is an equal opportunity investigator, having earlier gone after the Bush Admin. and Corporate fraud. This should be a wake up call, for all of us who believed that government domestic spying ended with Nixon, and that the promises of "The Most Transparent Administration in History" has become a sham. Every person who cares about our freedom of the press needs to consider her story, especially liberals who believe that only Republicans do the kinds of things that have happened to her.

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