

outlets continues to rise because of the media's persistent bias and one-sided coverage.

A recent Pew Research Center survey found that nearly two-thirds, or 65 percent, of Americans believe the national news media has a negative effect on our country. This is because the media slants stories with their opinions instead of reporting the facts.

For example, the media often praises President Obama's regulations involving climate change, but their reports fail to cite the costs of extreme environmental regulations and the loss of jobs. National news stories also fail to mention that these regulations would have little impact on global warming.

Americans will continue to believe the media has a negative impact on the country until the media provides the American people with the facts, rather than tells them what to think.

TERRORIST GUN LOOPHOLE

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, my constituents in San Bernardino County are still reeling from the horror of last week's attack in the city of San Bernardino, as is everybody throughout the Nation. Fourteen people died, at least 21 were injured, and thousands are asking: What now?

There are people who are afraid that their office, shopping plaza, or community could be next, which is why already country officials in my area and elsewhere are seeking ways to tighten and improve security so that an attack like this does not happen again. They cannot be alone in this endeavor. It is time for Congress to act.

We cannot let terrorists on our own U.S. terrorist watch list buy guns. If you are considered too dangerous to board a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun. That is why closing this loophole is just common sense. Yet, over the past 11 years, 2,000 suspected terrorists have walked out of stores with a lethal firearm. Ninety percent of them have been able to buy guns, no questions asked. We have left a huge hole in our counterterrorism efforts, and it is time we close it.

HONORING MIAMI DADE COLLEGE MEDICAL CAMPUS PRESIDENT DR. ARMANDO FERRER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Armando Ferrer, retiring from his post as President of the Medical Campus of Miami Dade College, a state-of-the-art complex in the heart of Miami's health district. Dr. Ferrer has worked at Miami Dade College for over 30 years, including as Dean of both the North and Kendall Campuses.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Miami Dade College, my alma mater, ranks first in the Nation in awarding health profession and nursing degrees, and Dr. Ferrer's tenure as President of the Medical Campus is a key feature of that success. I thank Armando for his many years of dedicated teaching and professional development efforts in service to the students of Miami Dade College. It is through these students that he leaves a positive and lasting legacy throughout our community.

Congratulations, and Godspeed, Armando Ferrer.

CLIMATE CHANGE PARIS CONFERENCE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's efforts in Paris to work together with world leaders to combat and address climate change.

The impacts of climate change are real. And as the consequences are being felt here at home and around the world, now is the time to make history.

By taking action here in Congress, the United States has an opportunity to lead by example, while protecting the health of our communities and our environment. This involves supporting efforts like the Clean Power Plan, which will reduce carbon emissions by more than 30 percent by 2030; by promoting critical investments in renewable energy, while eliminating our dependence on fossil fuels; and supporting innovative new technologies to keep up in a global economy. These are steps we must take or risk being left behind by the rest of the world.

For the first time in history, the United States has the opportunity to work together with the world's largest emitters, including China, India, and Brazil, to build the foundation upon which we can take real action to address climate change. We must capitalize on this historic step and be a leader in this fight.

SOCIAL MEDIA, A TOOL OF FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, terrorists have used Twitter to convert thousands of young American minds and recruit new jihadists for ISIS.

Federal law prohibits giving aid or helping a designated foreign terrorist organization. These FTOs use Twitter, an American company, as a tool, and no one is adequately stopping them.

Why are American companies and the U.S. Government allowing social media platforms to be hijacked by terrorists?

Some say shutting down terrorists' social media accounts would be violating free speech. That is nonsense. They are wrong. The United States Supreme Court has already ruled there are no constitutional protections for foreign terrorist organizations to incite violence. Allowing terrorists to wage their cyber war with America has helped radicalize thousands of foreign fighters and raise millions of dollars online.

Today, the House Foreign Affairs Committee passed my bill, co-authored by my friend, Mr. CONNOLLY from Virginia, the Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act. This bill requires the administration to come up with a comprehensive strategy to counter terrorists' cyber war and use of social media.

Private American companies should not be operating as the war propaganda mouthpiece of designated foreign terrorist organizations like ISIS.

And that is just the way it is.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO KEEP GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES OUT OF THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS

(Ms. CASTOR of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the House Republicans to allow a debate and a vote on an important bill that would address a terrorist threat in America and help keep our families safe.

We must address the loophole in the law that allows someone who has been identified as a terrorist to obtain a firearm or explosive license. Many of these folks are not allowed to board airplanes, yet they can walk into a gun store and buy a firearm. And after the Paris and San Bernardino attacks, no loophole is more glaring than the one that has allowed 2,000 terrorists to buy deadly weapons in the U.S. over the past 11 years.

I urge my GOP colleagues to stop blocking this bill. We must act to keep guns and explosives out of the hands of terrorists, and we must do so as urgently and quickly as possible.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK PROKOP

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick Prokop.

After 38 years as a meteorologist, 35 of which were spent in Savannah, Georgia, Pat Prokop is retiring.

He started his broadcasting career in 1977 and, through the years, worked in Kansas, Missouri, and Georgia. He was an advocate for letting science do the talking and never missed an opportunity to educate people about the weather.

Pat announced his retirement on November 25 and said he is looking forward to spending more time volunteering, marathon training, and traveling. He also said he plans to enjoy