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networks should pay former government employees for their opinions is a trickier question.

An early example of the revolving door between politics and the media is former Clinton administration communications director George Stephanopoulos. After his stint in the Clinton White House, Stephanopoulos went to work for ABC News as a political analyst and correspondent. But over the years, Stephanopoulos has morphed out of that sideline role and into the most important face of ABC News. In addition to his roles on the network's *Good Morning America* and the Sunday news roundup *This Week*, Stephanopoulos is now the network's Chief Anchor. While David Muir mans the slot as the anchor of the network's evening news, Stephanopoulos is the person ABC most trusts to give the public the actual story on events of the day.

While the switch from politics to media *almost* makes sense for Huckabee-Sanders and Stephanopoulos, who were both involved in the communications aspect of politics, one place it should *never* make sense is in the national security area. Amazingly, even that is occurring. Former CIA Director John Brennan, who had access to national secrets we can only imagine, is now a paid employee of NBC and MSNBC. James Clapper, a former Director of National Intelligence under Barack Obama, is now a paid employee of CNN. People such as Brennan and Clapper should be nowhere near any news product as analysts, commentators, or (especially) sources.

We no longer receive unfiltered news and, perhaps, we never really did. For instance, many believe the Yellow Journalism of William Randolph Hearst was the cause of the Spanish-American War. Fake news is a problem that dates back further than our founding as a nation. In 1798, John Adams wrote, "There has been more new error propagated by the press in the last ten years than in a hundred years before 1798."

In 2019, nearly all mainstream news is Fake News. The revolving door between government and the news media (on all sides) is proof of that. It's too bad, because we could really use some unfiltered news these days.

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