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LRO/LCROSS Mission a success! But how did the media see it this time?



November 13, 7:32 PM Tampa Space Program News Examiner Jason Rhian

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LRO, LCROSS and the rocket that took them to the moon - Atlas. Image Credit: NASA

Leading up to, during and after the impact of NASA's Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite the media...well it did not cover the story as unbiased and free of opinion as the media is supposed to.

So now that the mission has done what it was set out to do, now that it has proven that water exists on the moon in large quantities - did the media redeem itself? In large part the answer is - yes.

Both CNN and FOX News, (whom Cavuto works for) made sure to have the story covered in large print with an image on the upper right of their respective websites.

Media in the area where I live, (Tampa) also favorably covered the story. TBO.com, the website of the local newspaper the Tampa Tribune and the conservative talk radio show The Schnitt Show, which rarely covers space issues mentioned the findings at length.

In all the media has done far better covering the story now that the mission has accomplished its primary objective. The media considers itself a "watchdog" of the government and its initiatives. However, the media needs to be watched too to ensure it keeps opinions and biases out of its reporting, otherwise it isn't "news" its an Op-Ed piece.

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