The stories on the Pope's visit varied from network to network with the stories carried by ABC and NBC again being mostly factual, concerning themselves with security precautions being taken. The CBS story dealt with Pope "shock" being merchandised. Although it was mostly fluff, it was, at least, nondirectional.

Similarly, all three networks replayed Hart's "sensationalism" confession of falsity. But while ABC and NBC spent more time actually on Hart, CBS chose instead to spend an inordinate amount of time on Donna Rice's new line of jeans. No excuses. Again, the CBS story was unbalanced.

The varying liberal biases of the networks were uncontrollable, however, in the reports on Marshall's remarks and on the AIDS commission. With respect to the former, NBC had the most objective coverage with ABC not far behind. Both stories showed blasko's remarks in context. Also, both stories pointed out that Marshall frequently attacks the conservative side.

The CBS story was unfair in almost every respect. Loaded language was used throughout the story, beginning with Blasko's defined Reagan's civil rights record. No mention was made of Marshall's penchant for hyperbole.

The NBC story on the AIDS commission began with excerpts from the opening talks from Otis Bowen, identified three commitments made by the commission.

The ABC story, the CBS story were much more negative. The opening to the CBS story showed some generic activist stating that he disliked the president's stance because the president had appointed amateurs to the committee. No opposing views were shown (4 guest artists are more photogenic than what's been shown)

Congress came back to session, began to cover ABC and CBS but not NBC. The ABC story was concerned with the issue of the hearings for the head of the FBI, while CBS chose to arrive at the slightly more balanced view. The opening to the CBS story began by stating that the story was "the battle for the national agenda." To show how the battle was being fought, CBS then showed a commercial made by liberal Democrats proclaiming, "It's your deficit, Mr. President."

This was followed by stating that Reagan's only agenda item seems to be the continuation of the "conservative extremist" Reagan. In an effort to give time to conservative viewpoints, a clip was shown of some Republicans quoting saying how "times have changed" since the days when Congress supported the President.

No, as you can see, a trend is discernable. Beginning at what I will call unbiased reporting at channel 2 (PBS), you go 2 clicks to the left (please note direction) to arrive at the slightly more biased, yet still watchable, channel 4 (NBC). Another click to the left and you've got the slightly more biased channel 5 (ABC). Now, if you have the stamina for it, you can go the whole way with two more clicks to the left to reach channel 7 (CBS).

Following the general trend of the channel numbers, you would expect the story to attack a news program on channel 8 or 9.

In an effort to be unbiased, the CBS story was first going to attribute the story to conservative viewers, a clip was shown of some Republicans quoting saying how "times have changed" since the days when Congress supported the President.

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But what was before noticed one curious transition to the part of CBS. Both NBC and ABC ran a story on a controversy by "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade fame. She confirmed that she had not been pregnant through an act of love, not through a gang rape as she had originally stated.

Although the method of her pregnancy had been brought up on the Court's ruling, it did have much to do with public opinion for her position. Obviously, this is a sensational story, yet CBS chose not to attack one of the patron saints of liberal causes by using it.

So, please, use your channel selector wisely, avoiding too many clicks to the left. As for me, until a network news program begins airing on channel 6, I'll be sticking with PBS on channel 2.

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To the Editor:

Conventional wisdom holds that the difference between science and engineering is something like the difference between the offense and defense units on the same team with each bringing very different skills and motivations to carrying out their part of the task.

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This conventional view might well be questioned. And it is particularly appropriate to do so now at MIT, at a time when we are undertaking a broad re-examination of undergraduate education.

I believe that we should move fundamentally from a paradigm based on the differences between science and engineering to a paradigm based on the unity of technology. In this regard it is worthwhile to note that we are a university with the word technol-

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