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Understanding how the media is influenced

I want to suggest a book Obama should be reading on his vacation. I feel it is the most important paperback book he and the rest of the country should read right now. It is called "Killing the Messenger" by David Brock. You can get it at our local library or at Barnes and Noble.

Brock is a Republican attack dog who spent years spinning the truth, with short story lines or just one word, to control the media to convince the masses to believe lies about Hillary Clinton. Now he has switched sides and is telling everything on how they did it. It an amazing story about how billionaires and the media can influence us.

It all started with Richard "Mellon" Scaife, who funded the Heritage Foundation and the Spectator. His Mellon family made their money by owning banks, oil companies and ship building, and they used part of that fortune to reshape our political landscape.

Later, two billionaires known as the Kock Brothers took over running the Cato Institute, which is the nation's premier right-wing think tank. They spent billions of dollars to lobby and buy votes to influence our government and Republicans who were running for office. They also know how to influence one network, and the other networks will follow. The next thing you know, the people have been brainwashed and they are repeating those lies.

So now Donald Trump has taken up the mantle of the right-wing attack dogs to try to hijack your government by using some of these one word tactics and lies to brainwash the American public. Once you read this book, you will finally understand how the right-wing Republicans have influenced the media the last 30 years.