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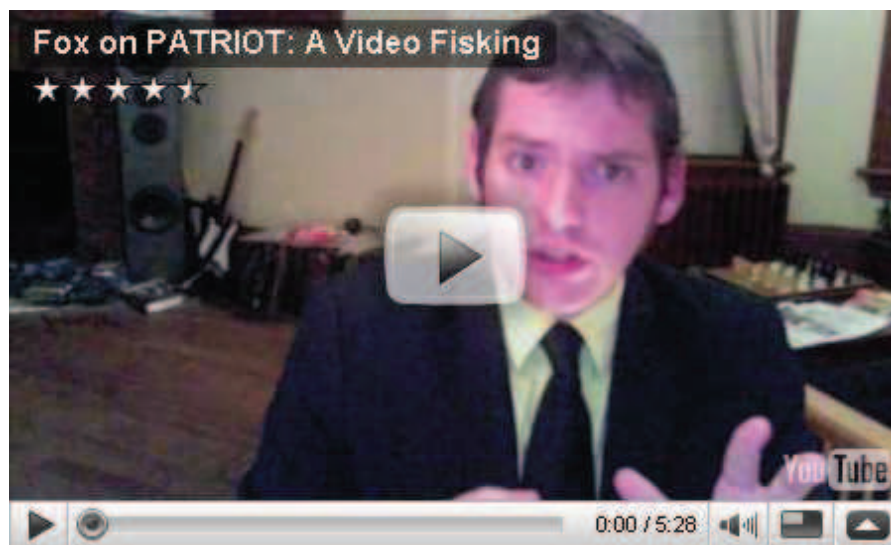
### White House vs Fox News

I don't think I have a ton of brand new substance to add to the Obama administration versus Fox News controversy, but I did think [this take from Roger Pilon at Cato](#) was pretty funny:

**Is Fox News a “legitimate news organization?” As compared to what? The New York Times? NPR? MSNBC? Please.**

The [Obama team](#), Democrats like my good friend [Walter Dellinger](#), and the so-called [Mainstream Media](#) (MSM) howl about Fox News for two main reasons. First, Fox is covering news the MSM ignores because it doesn't “fit.” And second, in part because of that, the Fox audience continues to grow while the MSM audience is shrinking, raising a serious question about whether the MSM is any longer “mainstream.”

I particular enjoy the stilted writing style and the phrase “the so-called Mainstream Media (MSM).” Party like it's 2002. Personally, I welcome the rise of more ideological and slanted media outlets of all kinds. But Fox has a marked tendency toward being factually inaccurate. Pilon might want, for example, to consult with his Cato Institute Julian Sanchez about the quality of the work taking place at Fox:



Meanwhile, someone wake up me up the day Fox decides to dedicate three hours of morning programming to a show hosted by a former Democratic member of congress and then I'll consider conceding the Fox/MSNBC equivalence point.

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