

OUCH! Just The Facts, Sir



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The errant classified papers have divided opinion along the usual ideological lines, both sides charging that the other reads only partisan news stories.

(My own view is that neither man should ever again be trusted with the key to his own front door.)

It's true that news reporting is more biased than at any time I can remember. Let's not forget, however, that previous political disputes were not a Socratic debate either, merely that, unlike today, the stiletto was more widely admired than the bludgeon.

As Wolcott Gibbs, one of the most skillful of the *New Yorker* stabbers in the 1930s and 40s, put it when describing a fellow journalist: "He has an apathy toward facts verging on actual dislike."