

Trump's criticism of The Washington Post is warranted

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President Trump's exposure of *The Washington Post* may be part of Washington's politics nowadays. The once mainstream and centrist daily has changed. It has shifted toward the radical side while maintaining the appearance of professionalism and journalistic style. The *Post*, though traditionally on the center left, has been publishing political attacks which in the 1990s would qualify as "militant" or toeing the party line. Trump is definitely changing the political landscape with his tweets, but the *Post* also changed from centrist journalism to "activist website" mode. The form and format of the paper and its stories may resemble how they are traditionally known to be, but the substance has been radicalized.

Last year *The Washington Post* opened its pages to