A different take on Trump

Former CBS News anchor Dan Rather continues to be an observant reporter. He and his grandson are on a road trip from Texas to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. Via social media, they are posting videos about their journey.

One emerging theme is quite telling: Local newspapers throughout the heartland give very little attention to the issue of President Trump and alleged collusion with Russia. According to Rather, items pertaining to this topic mostly are buried on back pages and lack the nuance that engages most readers who closely monitor politics and are titillated by daily revelations from Washington. However, front-page attention is given to stories about the Republican health-care proposal.

There is a lesson for Democrats to learn from Rather’s observations: perhaps they should keep in mind how non-coastal newspapers cover political events as they choose what to talk about and prepare for the 2018 elections.

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