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shrillness and outrage gimmickry. This election shows the public
don\u2019t like it, and the result has done untold damage to media
relevance. There are plenty of losers from Saturday\u2019s election.
But the biggest \u2014 and most consequential? The news media. Looks
like that commercialisation of snark they were so eager to lean into
as a business model has been irretrievably shattered.It wasn\u2019t
just Saturday\u2019s vote that did it. The election result showed up
the snark for the paper tiger it was. Electorate by electorate, the
politicians most applauded by the media for their savvy shrillness
\u2014 left, right and centre \u2014 were quietly pushed back (and,
usually, out) when voters got the chance.The sneering, punch-down
outrage manufactured wholesale by News Corp (and subsequently absorbed
into \u201cnews values\u201d across media) fell victim to the
unexpected triumph of a public yearning for a bit of positivity,
kindness and gentility.Don\u2019t (just) blame the Coalition of the
shrilling who saw their votes drop \u2014 look to the Greens\u2019 Max
Chandler-Mather from the left, Jacqui Lambie from the centre or (take
your pick) just about any Liberal Party frontbencher on the right.
They\u2019ve spent the past three years servicing the rent-a-quote
market \u2014 a Pavlovian feedback loop created by our broken
media\u2019s rewards of prime-time attention and Facebook algorithmic
virality. Night after night on the evening news (yes, even on the
ABC), the political story of the day has been delivered wrapped in an
outrage grab \u2014 about process, policy, personality \u2014 with the
prize of getting your face on screen going to whoever shouted
loudest.In light of the election result, rising politicians need to
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recognise the old rule has flipped: now, not all publicity is good publicity. And, the media? It needs to stop trying to hang onto the dwindling traffic it has and think more about the two-thirds of Australians who actively avoid the news that old media has opted to give them. Avoiding the stories legacy media treats as \u201cnews\u201d doesn\u2019t mean people get no political news at all. While the legacy media sagely waved past the Liberals preferencing of One Nation as just part of the numbers game, it lit up social media platforms like Xiaohongshu and WeChat, leading to the resultant swings in seats with large numbers of Chinese-Australian voters. In a first-draft-of-history kind of way, this remains the most far-reaching moment of the campaign. It will be talked about long after the trivia of kicked footballs and stage stumbles is forgotten. There\u2019s plenty of blame for the media mess to go around. It starts (of course) with News Corp\u2019s embrace of activist media and its subsequent capture by the darkest corners of its own comments section, who, through their pay-walled subscriptions, pay to keep the lights on at Sky after dark and The Australian\u2019s pundit desk. So politically toxic has the Murdoch brand become that it probably costs the Liberals more votes than it draws. Worse (for the Liberals, that is), its role as commissar for ideological thought prevents conservative parties from recognising what\u2019s right in front of their eyes \u2014 that they are their own problem. Across the mastheads (particularly in The Australian) and on Sky, the News Corp punditocracy spent the parliamentary term painting straw man Albanese as simply too weak and too woke. The result? The conservatives got high on their own supply, convinced \u2014 as they kept telling each other \u2014 that Albanese was simply not reelectable. The ideological disciplining of the right\u2019s thought leaders \u2014 particularly on Sky \u2014 led Dutton into his culture war stumbles like \u201cchate media\u201d and the Welcome to Country imbroglio. Trump-like, they struggle now to accept the legitimacy of Labor\u2019s win in the face of the \u201cclies\u201d narrative they worked so hard to cement. At the beginning of the campaign, I wrote here in Crikey that News Corp simply doesn\u2019t matter. Still true \u2014 but that\u2019s just with voters. The real danger of News Corp has been its cultural impact on the way Australian media goes about its business. Partly, it\u2019s the way Murdoch media shapes how the rest of the news media sees people and policies. Their relentless tearing down of Albanese might not have convinced many \u201cquiet Australians\u201d, but it led astray even the best of Australia\u2019s political commentators, including the normally far more astute Niki Savva or Crikey\u2019s own Bernard Keane (as he, just about alone of Albanese\u2019s critics, acknowledged over the weekend). But more, it\u2019s the near-universal acceptance across legacy media of the Murdoch schtick that anger, rage and conflict are the definitive news values. If it works for News Corp, the rest of the media have convinced itself to think, maybe it will work for us, and perhaps it will for that dwindling minority of hardcore political junkie news consumers. Instead, the weekend vote showed that\u2019s not where most Australians are. And looking at the

best of journalism, it\u2019s not where most journalists are, either. Once the election was called, the ABC reached for its strengths, mobilising its deep pool of journalists with a remarkable reporting pivot. The broadcaster dropped its dreary focus on the trivia of the politics of politics for a more detailed focus on policy and policy differences that engaged a diverse community and outside experts. Laura Tingle\u2019s explainer on migration policy in the final week, for example, did much to illuminate the complexities of the issue in a way that broke through the frozen, post-Tampa talking points that have derailed reporting for over two decades. The ABC\u2019s interviewers dialled back their irritating accountability-by-interrupting style (most of the time anyway). They were (again, usually) cautious about indulging the far right with a false \u201call sides\u201d bias. They kept alive policies (like Indigenous rights) that none of the major parties wanted to talk about. Sure, there\u2019s much to criticise: the never-ending fetish for the largely economically irrelevant federal budget deficit, a leaning into finance industry economists as \u201cindependent\u201d experts, and an insistence on the \u201dcrise of the minors\u201d narrative, long after the campaigning showed it was a story for last time, not this time. It lets us dare to hope: maybe, this parliamentary term, all our news media will catch up with Australian voters in repudiating the outrage gimmickry that has done so much damage to media relevance. QUOTE ENDS#AusPol", "created_at": "2025-05-05 06:51:43+00:00"}]

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