

Mr. Speaker, NPR provides news and cultural enrichment--yes, enrichment--that adds value to the lives of millions of Americans. It reaches into all parts of our country, even into that fact-free universe where the other side seems to be living, saying that factual information is somehow a liberal bias.

We talk about the need for a well-informed public. Just this morning, we had a reminder of the benefits that NPR brings to America. Today, there was a news report on the slow progress the U.S. Army is making towards seeing that wounded soldiers get the Purple Hearts they deserve. General Chiarelli, the Army's second in command, remarked in this story that it was previous reporting by NPR that was removing the confusion and the misunderstanding that had prevented the serving soldiers from getting the Purple Heart recognition. This is good reporting. The other side seems to think that this is, that this is, this is--wait, wait, don't tell me--biased reporting.

We need NPR.