

Pre-publication draft of the developing report for MHProNews by third-party artificial intelligence (AI) on the topics as shown.

CBS News Anchor Tony Dokoupil Makes Major Video Admission. Ongoing Affordable Housing and Manufactured Housing Industry Impacts Unpacked. MHVille FEA

According to [left-leaning Yahoo News](#): "CBS News has acknowledged declining public trust and announced an editorial reset for its flagship evening broadcast as it prepares to relaunch under new leadership next week." In a video posted on CBS News' X account on 1.1.2026 at 7 AM ET that as of 7:5-AM ET on 1.3.2026 has had some 11.2 million views, [Yahoo](#) reported that Tony Dokoupil said the following. "On too many stories, the press has missed the story. Because we've taken into account the perspective of advocates and not the average American. Or we put too much weight in the analysis of academics or elites, and not enough on you. That changes now," adding that "the CBS Evening News account...announcing the broadcast will debut Monday at 6:30 p.m. Eastern." This follows the previously reported appointment last October of Bari Weiss and the head of [CBS News \(see Part III #3 linked here and below.\)](#) "Dokoupil said distrust in the media has been building for decades," per [Yahoo](#). ""You come first, not advertisers, not politicians, not corporate interests," Dokoupil said, adding that the promise extends to CBS's corporate ownership." Stella Escobedo via X said: "Having spent years inside a CBS newsroom, I can tell you this shift didn't happen by accident. It happened because independent journalists - many of whom left mainstream media - forced conversations legacy outlets avoided." A transcript of Dokoupil's statement as reported by [centrist-leaning Real Clear Politics](#) (RCP) is provided in Part I. This development also follows the viral video by [Nick Shirley](#) that sparked increased reporting by mainstream media of [multi-billion-dollar fraud involving taxpayer dollars](#). These developments will be viewed through the lens of the often-misunderstood (and/or inadequately reported) dynamics of the HUD Code manufactured home industry via the [facts-evidence-analysis](#) (FEA) journalistic methodology. CBS News could, at least in principle, be 'tested' to see if they will in fact report on developments and insights related to the affordable housing crisis and the dynamics in the manufactured housing industry that have kept the industry underperforming during essentially all of the 21st century.

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— Stella Escobedo (@StellaEscoTV) [January 1, 2026](#)

Paramount announced it is acquiring The Free Press, the independent news and commentary website founded in 2021 by Bari Weiss.

As part of the \$150 million deal, Weiss will also take on a new role at CBS News as editor in chief. A former opinion editor at The New York Times,... <pic.twitter.com/IVTQOYqydv>

— PBS News (@NewsHour) [October 6, 2025](#)

1) As [MHProNews](#) has previously [reported](#), from 1995 to 2000, there were over 2 million new HUD Code manufactured homes built during those six years. That breaks down on an average annual production as follows: $2,033,545/6=338,924.166667$. From 2001 to 2024, total production was some 2.333 million units. Here is the average annual 21st century manufactured home production math: $2,333,714/24 = 97,238.083333$. Taking the 6-year average and subtracting the 21st century average's math looks like this: $338,924.166667 - 97,238.083333 = 241,686.083$. That 241K annual deficit times 24 years yields the following gross deficit from the historic production levels of the mid-to-late 1990s. $241,686.083 \times 24 = 5,800,465.992$. Given a [20.54% increase in population](#) and multiplying that 20.54 percent times 5,800,465.992 unit deficit math looks like this: $1.2054 \times 5,800,465.992 = 6,991,881.71$.

2) Restated, [MHProNews](#) observes that the roughly 6,991,881.71 manufactured home deficit is similar to the 7.1 million unit shortage of affordable housing units that the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) annual GAP report claims the U.S. needs.

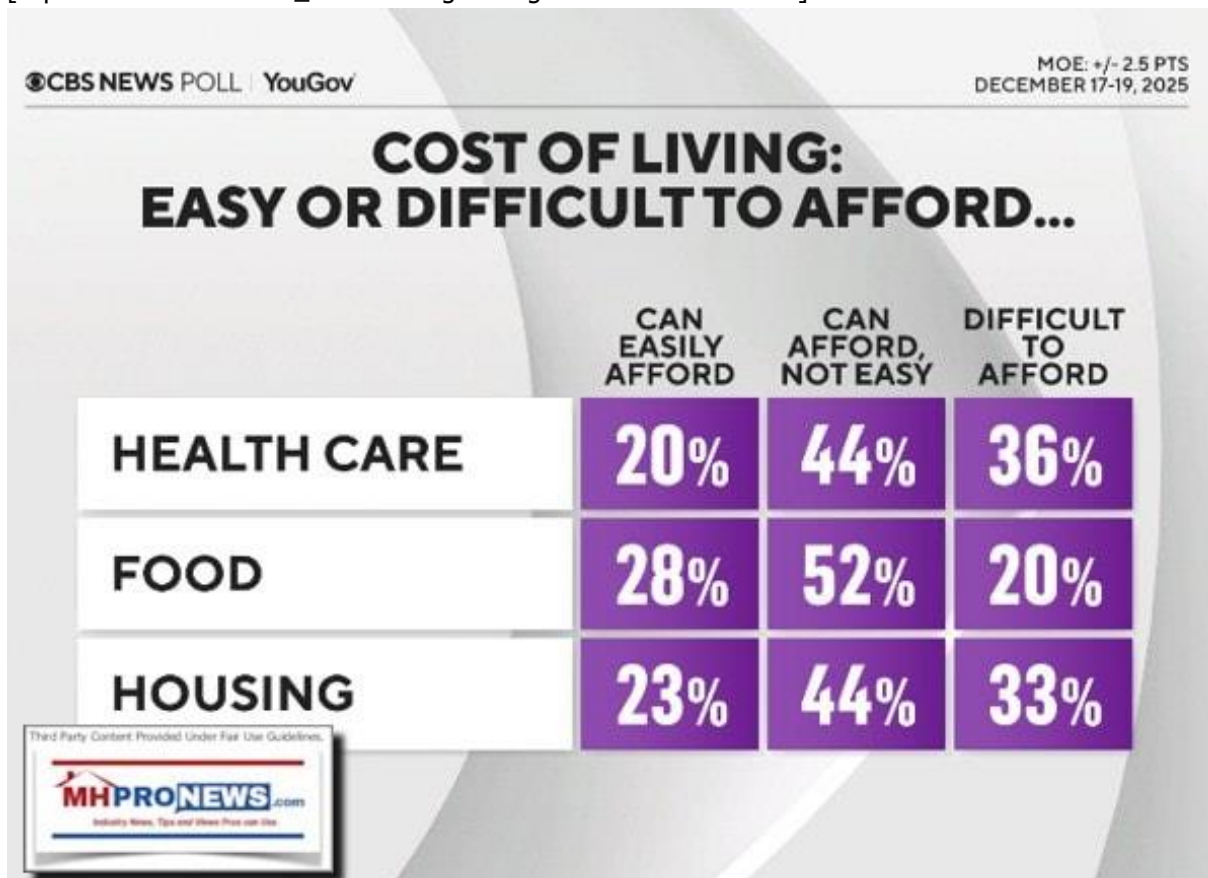
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Meaning, the often-incomplete reporting on the manufactured housing industry is a wider national problem impacting the tens of millions among the affordable housing seeking public, for taxpayers, for public officials, investors, and others.

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3) So, when CBS (or any others in media) News acknowledge that they have put 'advertisers, politicians, corporate interests, and expert opinions' first in their reporting, the kind of data and industry [expert](#) analysis reported by MHProNews is often overlooked.

4) As was noted above, Part I will provide the [Real Clear Politics](#) transcript of CBS Evening News anchor Tony Dokoupil's remarks as shown above via X. Part II will provide additional context to the data on public trust, or lack thereof, in mainstream media and other related facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) analysis.

This MHVille FEA is well underway.



Part I. The following transcript of the remarks of CBS Evening News anchor Tony Dokoupil is from the [full article at RCP at this link here](#) and is provided under [fair use guidelines](#) for [media](#).

TONY DOKOUPIL, 'CBS EVENING NEWS' ANCHOR: A lot has changed since the first person sat in this chair, but for me, the biggest difference is people do not trust us like they used to. And it's not just us, it's all of legacy media. And I get it.

I get it because I've been hearing about it from just about everybody for more than 20 years as I've traveled America on this assignment or that. My mom's neighbors in West Virginia, my own neighbors in New York City, thousands and thousands of conversations in between. Sometimes people want to talk to me about our coverage of NAFTA or the Iraq war.

Other times it's all about Hillary Clinton's emails or Russiagate or more recently COVID lockdowns, Hunter Biden's laptop or the president's fitness for office. The point is on too many stories, the press has missed the story because we've taken into account the perspective of advocates and not the average American, or we put too much weight in the analysis of academics or elites and not enough on you. And I know this because at certain points, I have been you, I have felt this way too.

I felt like what I was seeing and hearing on the news didn't reflect what I was seeing and hearing in my own life. And that the most urgent questions simply weren't being asked. So here's my promise to you today.

And every time you see me in this chair, you come first, not advertisers, not politicians, not corporate interests. And yes, that does include the corporate owners of CBS. I report for you, which means I tell you what I know when I know it and how I know it.

And when I get it wrong, I'll tell you that too. It also means I'm going to talk to everybody and hold everyone in public life to the very same standard. After all, I became a journalist to talk to people.

I love talking to people about what works in this country, what doesn't, and not only what should change, but the good ideas that should never change. I think telling the truth is one of them. I'm Tony Dokoupil, the anchor of the CBS Evening News. Hold me to it.

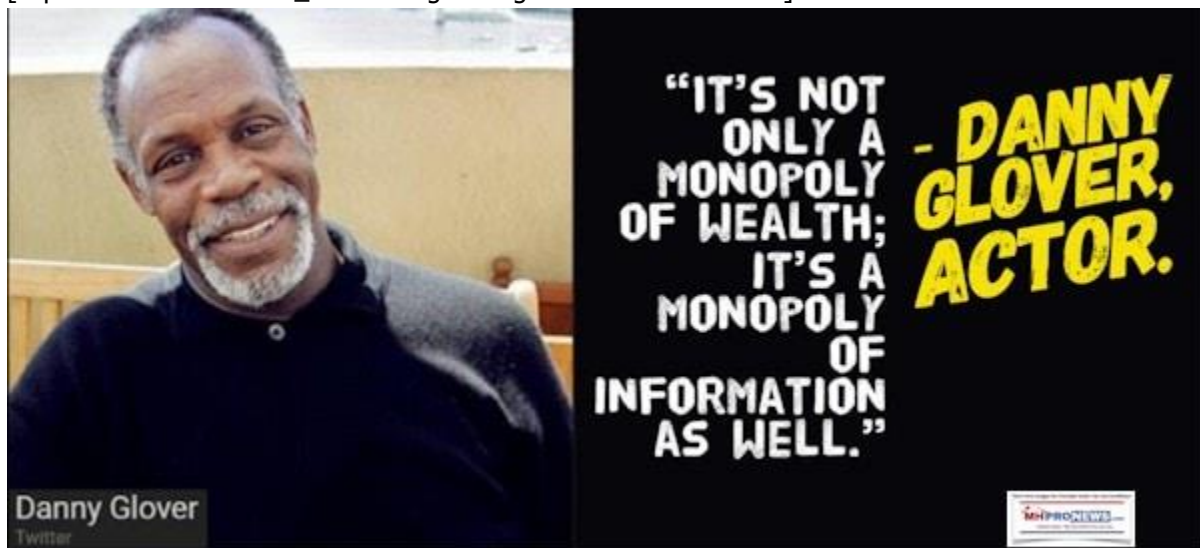
Their full [RCP post is found at this link here](#).

Part II. Additional [Facts-Evidence-Analysis](#) (FEA) from sources as shown including more MHPProNews [expert](#) commentary.

In no particular order of importance are the following.

1) For much of the history of MHPProNews and [MHLivingNews](#), there have been periodic reports like the following have documented the vexing reality that there is what [left](#)-leaning Google's [artificial intelligence](#) (AI) powered Gemini recently called [information asymmetry](#).

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Quote from the full length and award-winning "[Shadows of Liberty](https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/danny-glover-and-revealing-manufactured-housing-realities-power-of-correct-questions-and-observations-regardless-of-good-bad-laughable-or-no-reply-plus-sunday-manufactured-home-weekly-r/)" documentary drama. **Shadows exposed several aspects of the political, media, corporate, and regulatory nexus by interviewing insiders involved in it.** It explores examples from left and right with the impact of money and information manipulation. Glover has served on a Warren Buffett funded board.

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- BARI WEISS,

**IN HER RESIGNATION
LETTER TO THE NEW YORK
TIMES WHERE SHE SERVED
AS AN EDITOR.**



See her scathing letter as part of a new report on MHLivingNews, at [this link here](#).

<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/why-are-affordable-manufactured-homes-and-other-types-of-factory-built-housing-so-misunderstood/>[/caption]

The New York Times

MarketWatch

“But the lessons that ought to have followed the election...have not been learned. Instead, a new consensus has emerged in the press, but perhaps especially at this paper: that truth isn’t a process of collective discovery, but an orthodoxy already known to an enlightened few whose job is to inform everyone else.”

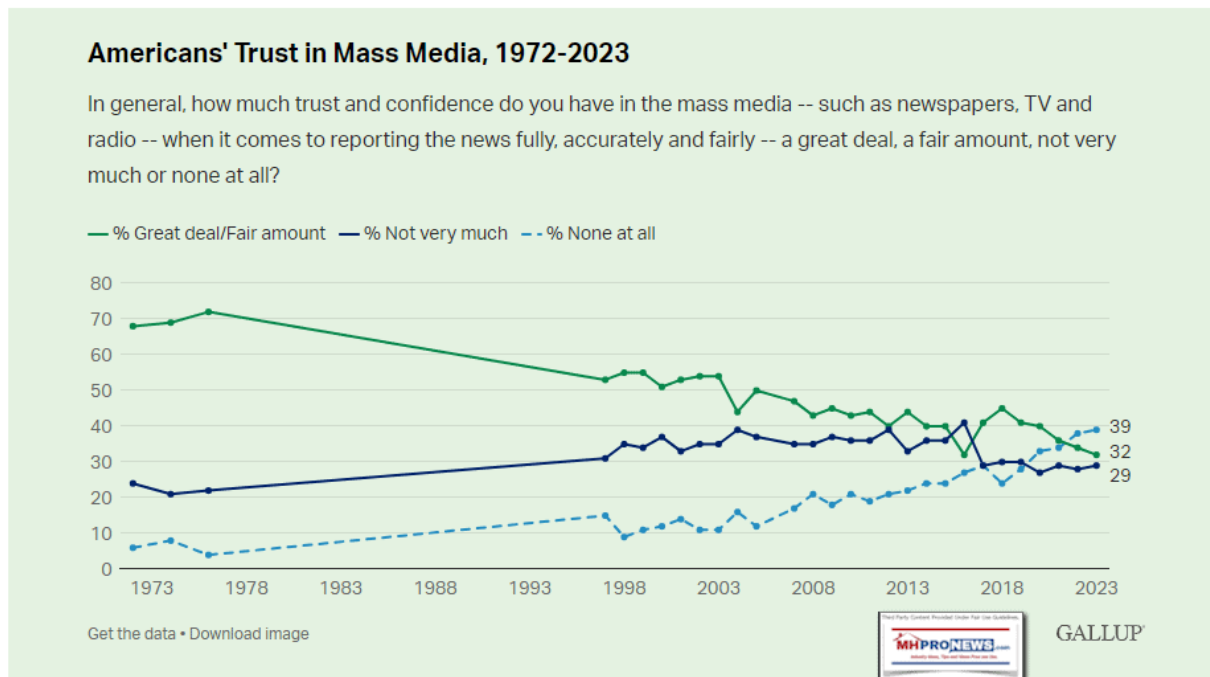
**- Bari Weiss,
resignation letter to
the New York Times.**

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2) It may be a mistake to assert that Bari Weiss, the recently appointed CBS News as editor in chief, is a conservative. Arguably a more accurate description is that she is a liberal who asserts a belief in free speech. The statement of *CBS Evening News* anchor Tony Dokoupil should be viewed through the lens of the data presented herein. That includes what Gallup said in their poll below.

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3) The highly acclaimed documentary drama [Shadows of Liberty](#) documented media bias and the ability of media to manipulate much of the population's belief by often repeating a message time and again until it is perceived by millions as being true. This is hardly new. It was arguably used a century or more ago in episodes like the attack on the U.S.S. Maine that started the Spanish American War or the propaganda used to move Americans to enter World War I. [Edward Bernays and others \(see the third-link below\) explained in 1928](#) how these methods operate in the U.S.

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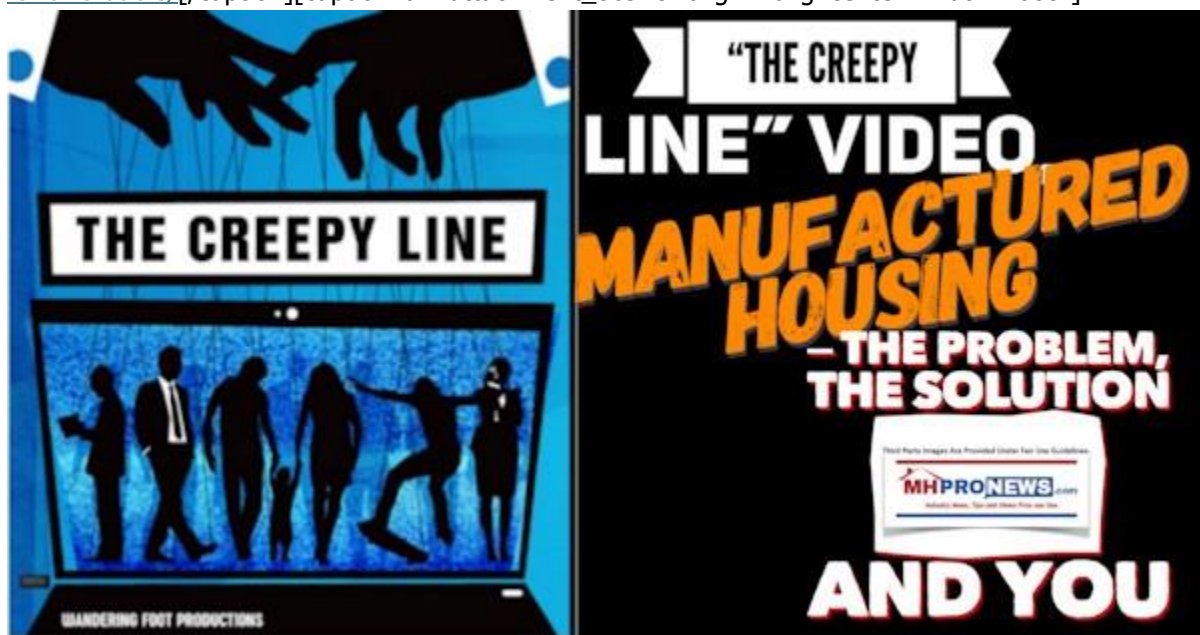
More recently, Dr. Robert Epstein, Peter Schweitzer and others have documented the seemingly complex interrelationship between big tech, big business, government and how these influence the democratic process in the U.S. or beyond.

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Uploaded on October 18, 2018. Video and report are still relevant.

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4) MHPProNews and/or MHLivingNews has long reported that it is not necessarily a case that mainstream media (or others who bend 'the truth' by paltering, spin, posturing, 'the two minutes of hate' and other manipulative mechanisms) is providing 'completely fake news.' Often, the more precise way to approach the information challenge is by recognizing that a given news report may omit important information that thus begins to shape a narrative that is useful to influential groups. Some examples of how the truth is both revealed (and perhaps, obscured) are unpacked in the reports that follow.

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5) If someone looks at the 'math' and the historic evidence, it becomes coming into focus that without millions of more HUD Code manufactured homes the affordable housing crisis can't be solved.

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