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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit vs the NYT & 33 Other Media for their Knowingly False, "Fake News", Corruption-Abetting Journalism, Rigging Zohran Mamdani's NYC Mayoral Win, etc.**

Attachments: [cja-oct-29-2025-amended-complaint.pdf](#)

TO: [The Contrarian](#)

Upon signing up for Paul Krugman's substack, shortly before sending him my below e-mail with the above-attached, I was given the option to sign up for your substack – which I was especially pleased to do because you promote yourself as offering “Unflinching journalism in defense of democracy” and being “unflinching, unapologetic, and unwavering in [your] commitment to truth-telling.”

Your welcoming e-mail was of the same vein, stating that you “bend the knee to no one, vigorously challenge unchecked authority, and champion transparency and accountability”.

That's great! How about being the first to report on the above-attached federal lawsuit vs [The New York Times](#) & 33 other media for their *knowingly* false, “fake news”, corruption-abetting journalism, rigging Zohran Mamdani's NYC mayoral electoral win and other top NYC and NYS races? And, if you will not report it, will you furnish it to other “**independent, fact-based, pro-democracy media**” that will?

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you.

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Subject: **Federal Lawsuit vs the Media -- & your Nov 16th blog “Contrary to What Paul Krugman Tells You, We Can Do Something About the Media” & your Nov 6th Podcast "Fighting the Media Oligarchy"**

TO: Dean Baker -- Co-Founder, Center for Economic & Policy Research

"Beat the Press" Blog

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#), with decades of first-hand interaction and primary-source documentary evidence pertaining to the press.

A *propos* of your November 16th blog "[Contrary to What Paul Krugman Tells You, We Can Do Something About the Media](#)", responding to his November 15th podcast "[Talking With Margaret Sullivan](#)" on the "state of the media" and linking to your own November 6th podcast "[Fighting the Media Oligarchy](#)" with Media and Democracy Project Director Milo Vassallo, above-attached and here-linked is [CJA's October 29th verified amended complaint](#) in a federal lawsuit, suing 34 "representative" media defendants for their fraudulent, "fake news", corruption-abetting, election-rigging journalism that has destroyed constitutional, lawful New York state governance. In that regard, there is NO difference between commercial, corporate, nonprofit, public, national/international, and "local" media, including those receiving tax-credits – and this is demonstrated and so-stated by the verified amended complaint.

I look forward to discussing this with you – and with Dr. Milo Vassallo, herein cc'd *via* the generic e-mail address on the [Media and Democracy Project](#) website. If you have a more direct e-mail address for Dr. Vassallo, kindly forward this e-mail to him.

So that Mr. Krugman can be informed of the situation, and, specifically with respect to [The New York Times](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [CNN](#) – which he identifies as three of his news sources with which he starts his day because they are "what's happening in the world" – each defendants in CJA's lawsuit – I am cc'ing him and, additionally, Ms. Sullivan, upon whom he and you lavished undeserved praise – and whose nonfeasance underlies the lawsuit. I would, of course, be most pleased to also speak with them, including about their misinformation about the press and the election of Zohran Mamdani, whose evidentiary rebuttal is furnished by the lawsuit.

Thank you.

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