

Wait? Is Rupert Murdoch the Champion of the 2020 Election Season?

Here's a quick little one-page essay on Fox News.

I'm not the kind of person that tends to agree with Fox News, but the fact that they were so bullish on Arizona for Biden in the 2020 election has aroused my imagination. The implications of it seem very significant. When we are able to return to this moment retrospectively, we may just owe them some appreciation for what they are doing right now.

As I am aware, Fox, PBS and the Yahoo election coverage are calling Arizona for Biden Thursday night. Other major outlets including ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN and MSNBC are not calling it at all. I've been told it was called by the Associated Press but I'm having a hard time finding the official AP electoral map results. Arizona is currently leaning blue with Biden leading by 50,000 votes with around 340,000 more to count. Granted, there is still 10% of Phoenix' county (Maricopa) remaining but it still certainly seems feasible.

The appearance of those 11 electoral votes on the electoral map put Biden within 6 of 270. With modest Nevada already leaning blue. Those facts might be the only thing keeping this powder keg from blowing. If the Trump had the optics of a closer race, he would have the QAnon, Proud Boy and Midwest militia demographics spun into a greater frenzy than they already are. I suspect the narrative would be very different if it were PBS, Yahoo and CNN who had the more favorable Biden projection.

Today I read an article or heard an interview talking about Rupert Murdoch's influence within the Republican party. I wish I could give credit for this insight to someone, but I have been ingesting so much political junkfood that I can't even keep the sources straight anymore. Anyway, the point was being made that Murdoch was effectively a kingmaker for the Republican Party. He has served as the provider of their major platform for something like 20 years. Ex-politicians are often rewarded with years of presumably lucrative segments on his programming. Even Trump himself is a beneficiary of the Murdoch empire. They were the ones that gave him a reliable platform to spew his birther slander.

I've also heard from several media outlets that there have been angry calls between the Trumps and Murdoch regarding the Arizona call. I am so interested in the content of those conversations.

Is Murdoch crushing Trump's political career under his bootheel?

Does he realize how severely this is undercutting Trump's ability to work up the chaos and civic distrust he wants?

Is this the kind of repudiation of Trumpism that we actually need more than anything?