

Newsprint; 'we're going well,' says Murdoch man, Hartigan

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This past week in Oz could easily be described as surreal. Based on a fraudulent email, the opposition leader, Malcolm Turnbull, launched an exceedingly amateurish, overconfident, FAILED attack on Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Treasurer Wayne Swan -- your longing exceeds your ability, NOVICE!



News Ltd CEO, John Hartigan (left)

Turnbull's pathetic 'lunge' was assisted by sloppy and DESPERATE JOURNALISM from the stable of 'kiddie' reporters at Murdoch's News Ltd. Rupert's rags ran with a story any experienced journo would have presented with the caution an unsubstantiated 'shriek' warranted; however, we all know that cheap sensationalism and sloppy journalism is characteristic of the Murdoch media. So, more egg on face to those concerned and more loss of precious readership!

Hartigan, who should know better, fell for the bait handed to him by the most amateurish politician in Oz today, opposition leader, Malcolm Turnbull, a person who believes it is his prerogative to occupy the office of Prime Minister, after all, he is a Goldman Sachs man - surely that qualifies him for the lowly job of PM!

Timing also seems hostile to News Ltd; Turnbull and his cohorts baited Murdoch's flagship paper *The Australian* soon after CEO, John 'your days are numbered' Hartigan, was forced to publicly apologise for running FAKE NUDE photos of former convict politician, Pauline 'white supremacy' Hanson - caution should have been the order of the day with any unsubstantiated material after the Hanson fiasco BUT not in Murdoch's failing media organisation. Do not forget the role FOX 'news' played in promoting and supporting the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq, a monumental folly that resulted in the first civilian holocaust of the 21st century, over one million innocent Iraqi civilians killed!

Makes ya wonder, don't it? Perhaps wild rumours, fake photographs and concocted emails are mere triflings by comparison! Yet it is Hartigan who smears and casts slurs and aspersions at the Independents and Blogosphere - give us a break, you paid-for HYPOCRITE!

Yes indeed, the character of Murdoch's media is quite distinctive here and abroad; if Murdoch wasn't running a media group he'd be pitching in a sideshow alley somewhere!

Journalism majors are taught by example in Oz and Murdoch's media provides numerous examples

of how NOT to be a good journalist! Hartigan's inept journalists aside, these stories should never have made it past the editorial process in the form they finally took! It seems the only qualification required to be a senior editor in the Murdoch media group is the ability to suck hard! We note from a recent address delivered to the National Press Club that John Hartigan has 'somehow' managed to acquire the intonation, pauses and speech modulation characteristic of his boss, Rupert Murdoch! Psychologists would no doubt have ample explanations for these (servile) phenomena!

Malcolm Turnbull, self-destructed in much the same way as the Murdoch media is self-destructing in Australia; INCOMPETENCE, ineptitude, lack of professionalism and lack of INTEGRITY!

A memorable parliamentary counter attack launched on the hapless Turnbull by serving Minister, Anthony Albanese, compared the current opposition leader with a former Labor opposition leader, Mark Latham, who was arguably the most inept opposition leader in Oz history -- until Turnbull decided to relieve Latham of his inglorious title!

Albanese mocked Turnbull's failed attempt to unseat the PM by referring to the now classic statement attributed to Latham, "we're going well" -- while the 'Titanic' breaks apart and sinks into the icy depths.

Slurred bloggers and smeared Independents listened with amusement as 'glass-house dweller,' Hartigan, parroted Murdoch's new vision of applying fees for online 'news!' Hartigan was stunningly unconvincing in his desperate attempts to sell Murdoch's wishful vision -- constantly intoning the mantra of disaster, "we're going well, we're going well," contributed to the abysmal failure of the sell. If we care to acknowledge plummeting international newspaper sales and the number of major newspapers biting the dust, the FACTS clearly indicate the print media is in its last throes -- 'we're going well,' indeed! [Give the boys a go, Murdoch, they certainly can't do any worse!]

Until such time as Oz journos remember how to pursue ALL socially important/relevant stories, "Aluminium tubing," "Truth Lies and Intelligence," Travers, the Balibo Five, the Haneef collusion, to name a few, we do not hold much hope for paid-for online content.

The type of 'news' and content referred to by 'Rupert Hartigan' is freely available - unless of course free sites that specialise in original and gripping content are filtered by Murdoch lackey and errand boy Communications Minister, Stephen Conroy. It all begins to take shape!

We shall see, the PUBLIC will no doubt VOTE with their feet if any measures are applied to censor the free flow of information. One thing this nation of apathetic, no-hopers holds sacred is the right to access all available information. Good luck to those who mistakenly hold views to the contrary!

What Corporate elitists, servile 'modulators' and puppet politicians fear most is a socially aware public; one currently being created by the condescending, lying, mass media. I have a picture of Kevin Rudd dressed in a raincoat, sandals and holding a bag of lollies, any takers? It should 'go well!'

The public would be better served if Hartigan saved his criticisms, slurs and negative innuendos for his boss, CFR member and Bilderberger, Rupert 'blow it out your arse' Murdoch!

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Malcolm Turnbull, political amateur

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