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Subject: Pluralism made a mockery of, to the advantage of the left, as Radio France flouts EU requirements

Political pluralism in the media is a fundamental principle enshrined in Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. It is also a central objective of the European Democracy Shield presented by the Commission, which aims to strengthen the EU's democratic resilience by ensuring a pluralistic, balanced and independent media environment. The Media Freedom Act, which entered into application in the summer of 2025, follows that rationale by requiring public media to be strictly politically neutral and to ensure fair representation of different democratic preferences.

However, a study carried out by the Institut Thomas More for *Le Figaro Magazine* and published in November 2025¹ reveals a worrying imbalance: Radio France's editorial line reportedly systematically favours left-leaning personalities and discourse, while adopting an openly hostile stance towards certain opposition parties, not least the Rassemblement National, which is portrayed as an agent of political disorder.

1. Is the Commission aware of any evaluations demonstrating a lack of pluralism within Radio France or French public broadcasting, or of any reports that such is the case?
2. How does it intend to ensure that the objectives of the European Democracy Shield, including the promotion of a truly pluralistic media environment, are respected by the public media in the Member States?

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¹ <https://institut-thomas-more.org/2025/11/28/pluralisme-et-neutralite-%C2%B7-lequite-de-traitement-et-lorientation-politique-des-matinales-de-radio-france/>

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