

AN ISSUE OF FAIRNESS

mamayaga makes a superb point, in response to Byron Calame's explanation that withholding the NSA domestic spying story was an issue of fairness:

[C]andidates affected by a negative article deserve to have time "several days to a week" to get their response disseminated before voters head to the polls.

To which **mamayaga** asks:

By the same logic, shouldn't the major news media have held the story of bin Laden's convenient new videotape until a few days after the election? Or did they only want to be "fair" to one candidate?

Well, Calame doesn't really speak for all the major news media. But let's see how the NYT treated the OBL video: