

Is there a problem with... Australian media coverage of the PRC?

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I warmly appreciate Professor Manning's interest and comments. He is right that my report carries no academic references; indeed, I do not claim to argue academically, only from experience and observation.

I would just add, viz. his reference to the question of whether an "anti-China stance" has been detected in Australian media, that while I do believe that such a perception exists in certain quarters, it's not one with which I personally agree, and I regret appearing to have delivered a "side-swipe".

As I note in the report: "These perceptions are understandable, and are also made about other focuses of media coverage, such as Papua New Guinea or Indonesia. However, Australia's media coverage of the PRC is not markedly less intelligent or accurate than Australian media coverage in general. In fact, much of it is as good as the best work in the media."

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