

His Master's Voice and the perennial question of SABC bias

The DA's at the SABC's throat, citing bias after the public broadcaster gave the ruling party live coverage for the ANC's final Siyanqoba rally on Sunday, days before voters go to the polls. The SABC, of course, says the DA's talking nonsense. The law says electoral coverage should be equitable, but is vague enough to make deciding what is equitable fairly malleable. And yes, we heard this all before.

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What would an election be without political parties bemoaning unfair treatment by the media? Predictably the ANC is wailing about the press with Gwede Mantashe saying that the ANC has had to "[swim against the media](#)" and that newspapers in particular have been obstructive by presenting analysis as fact.

In turn the DA lashed out at the SABC which gave prime coverage to the ANC's final rally just before voters were due to go to the polls. The DA's James Selfe said the opposition party was consulting lawyers on what action to take, but noted the horse had pretty much bolted the stable.

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