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JAPAN'S DISSOLUTION ORDER OF THE FAMILY FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE: A CASE STUDY OF MEDIA MANIPULATION

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Government investigation showed the church had not broken any criminal laws.

The media has abandoned any pretense of impartial investigation. They no longer attempt to fulfill their time-honored role as a watchdog on the government. Journalistic

ethics have been discarded. What are the broader implications for free nations if the media breaks its own ethical guidelines for fair play, fact-checking, and unbiased coverage?

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