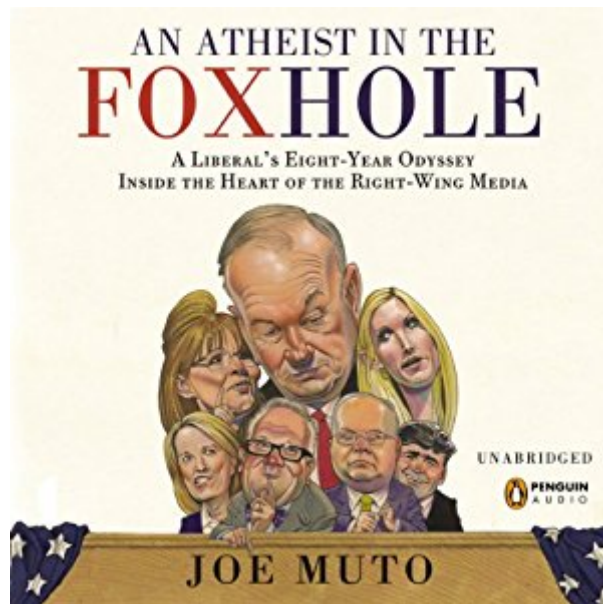


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# An Atheist In The FOXhole: A Liberal's Eight-Year Odyssey Into The Heart Of The Right-Wing Media



## Synopsis

The "Fox Mole" - whose dispatches for Gawker made headlines in Businessweek, The Hollywood Reporter, and even on The New York Times website - delivers a funny, opinionated memoir of his eight years at the unfair, unbalanced Fox News Channel working as an associate producer for Bill O'Reilly. Imagine needing to hide your true beliefs just to keep a job you hated. Now imagine your job was producing the biggest show on the biggest cable news channel in America, and you'll get a sense of what life was like for Joe Muto. As a self-professed bleeding-heart, godless liberal, Joe's viewpoints clearly didn't mesh with his employer - especially his direct supervisor, Bill O'Reilly. So he did what any ambitious, career-driven person would do. He destroyed his career, spectacularly. He became Gawker's so-called Fox Mole. Joe's posts on Gawker garnered more than 2.5 million hits in one week. He released footage and information that Fox News never wanted exposed, including some extremely unflattering footage of Mitt Romney. The dragnet closed around him quickly - he was fired within 36 hours - so his best material never made it online. Unfortunate for his career as the Fox Mole, but a treasure trove for book listeners. An Atheist in the FOXhole has everything that liberals and Fox haters could desire: details about how Fox's right-wing ideology is promoted throughout the channel; why specific angles and personalities are the only ones broadcasted; the bizarre stories Fox anchors actually believed (and passed on to the public); and tales of behind-the-scenes mayhem and mistakes, all part of reporting Fox's version of the news.

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Joe Muto is a midwestern guy who grew up with dreams of moving to the Big Apple & establishing a career. Unfortunately, his only "shot" of getting his proverbial foot in the door is to become an employee of FOX News. As a Liberal, this is quite a complex and convoluted direction to take. Such is the story told within these pages. Muto finds himself getting by on a meager salary whilst working for the "evil empire" that is Rupert Murdoch's prized network. He ends up rubbing shoulders with the likes of Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter and Karl Rove. Not exactly "natural surroundings" for someone of the leftist mindset! Muto gives short intermittent chapters that take us through his last day @ FOX News; the day he was identified as the (gasp!) mole who leaked unauthorized footage of Newt Gingrich getting his hair done & Mitt Romney discussing horses with Sean Hannity. The chapters in between are flashbacks to his first days on the job & detail his meteoric rise to becoming an assistant for the bombastic Bill O'Reilly's radio show. The book is told with a sense of humor unbecoming a Notre Dame grad, and that was refreshing. Not surprisingly, Muto describes his fiery Irish boss as being every bit as bellicose in person as he appears to be on TV. Somewhat surprisingly, he describes Ann Coulter as being very friendly so long as she's not in "attack dog" mode. Least surprisingly of all, he characterizes Sarah Palin as being even more(!) clueless than people give her credit for. Of course, this should not come as a shock to anyone who has watched Game Change.

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