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THE SPIN GOES ON!

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Roughly speaking, Spin is any statement that reflects the biases, prejudices and/or world view of the speaker. Anyone who has lived in this country will have been surrounded by it. We see and hear it in advertising, from politicians, or from anyone who is trying to talk us into believing something. In some aspects Americans have become very good at spotting spin, such as in discounting claims made in commercial advertising. But in other areas, there is the tendency to accept Spin as fact, without thinking through what is fact and what is opinion.

It has always amazed me how two people can start from the same set of facts and come to two entirely different conclusions. But, this is the world we live in and strongly underlines how important it is to tolerate different points of view without stooping to demonizing those we disagree with. Spin is presenting a subjective world view while trying to look objective. The trick for us is to see behind the world view of the writer to discern the facts behind the opinion, which is often not very easy. All too often, in issues relating to politics, finances and children for example, people tend to accept the spin and facts together, or in other words, accept the spin AS fact.

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