

Project Veritas pokes at the New York Times but loses a legal battle | Columbia Journalism Review

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Project Veritas, the right-wing website that often publishes surreptitiously recorded and selectively edited videos to embarrass liberals and mainstream media outlets, continued a battle against the *New York Times* this weekend by posting edited video of two depositions from a lawsuit the *Times* is engaged in against Sarah Palin, the former governor of Alaska and candidate for vice president in 2008.

Palin alleges that the *Times* libeled her in a 2017 editorial that inaccurately linked her to the 2011 shooting in Tucson, Arizona, that wounded US representative Gabby Giffords and killed six people. In the videos posted by Project Veritas two former members of the *Times* editorial board answered questions about the editorial process. The videos were “sliced and diced,” a lawyer for the *Times* in the Palin trial said. The *Times*’ legal team argued that the evidence, which was not admitted at trial, could interfere with jury deliberations.

Separately, last week, a New York State appeals court stayed an order that had kept the *Times* from publishing certain material about Project Veritas.

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