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Reinforcing the importance of my October 26th e-mail to you, posted on CJA's webpage "[Will Metric Media Come to the Rescue?](#)", below is the e-mail I received this morning from "CJR Editors", via Lauren Harris, a [CJR Delacorte Fellow](#), entitled "*Investigating local partisan shadow news: A Q & A with Priyanjana Bengani*". It asserts that "partisan websites posing as local news...pose a threat to an informed electorate, particularly in a year that has seen accelerated attrition in local newsrooms across the county" – and focuses on the websites of Metric Media.

Meantime, I am awaiting response from [CJR Editor-in-Chief/Publisher Pope](#) and Managing Editor Morais and from Tow Center Director Bell and its Senior Research Fellow Rafsky to my October 26th e-mail to you to which they were cc'd, explicitly, so that they could address EVIDENCE of the "fake news", election-rigging, fraudulent journalism of the supposed trustworthy, agenda-free "local news" of New York's 62 counties, including "non-profits" purporting to be "nonpartisan" and "independent" and which, on that basis, are philanthropically-endowed and publicly-supported. As a further reminder, I am cc'ing the four of them on this e-mail – and take the opportunity to lay down a challenge to [CJR](#) – itself a nonprofit, receiving foundation funding – to list and link such "local news" as it purports gave New York's electorate, in the 62 counties, information from which to meaningfully vote on candidates to fill the 213 state legislative seats and 15 D.A. offices on the ballots. This will PROVE the sham, rigged nature of what little "local news" there was – and I am cc'ing Ms. Harris and Tow Computational Research Fellow Bengani so that they may assist in such truth-establishing, essential project.

Thank you.

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