

# Vegas newspaper staff feels casino giant's tightening grip

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When casino mogul Sheldon Adelson quietly bought Nevada's largest newspaper, reporters made it their mission to break the story of their new owner.

Newly energized after years of turnover and turmoil, the news staff at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* furiously reported on the sale and – in a front-page editorial – promised readers that they would stand sentry to make sure the paper's stories were fair, balanced and stripped of any possible influence from Adelson's political and business connections.

But that full-tilt burst of self-reporting has now slowed amid a heavier hand from Adelson's appointed leadership, and some suggest, so has the vow of being transparent.

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