



The Watchdog

MRC, THE ONLY FORCE FIGHTING LEFT-WING MEDIA BIAS 24/7

You Helped Us Do What They Said Couldn't Be Done

We did it. The House has officially voted to defund NPR and PBS, passing President Trump's rescission package with nearly every Republican on board — and not a single Democrat in sight. This seismic victory reclaims \$1.1 billion in taxpayer money from left-wing media giants. And it happened because **you** stood with us at the MRC.

For nearly 40 years, your support has powered our fight to expose NPR and PBS as taxpayer-funded propaganda machines, openly violating the Public Broadcasting Act's demand for "strict adherence to objectivity and balance."

Objectivity? Balance? They tossed those out the window faster than you can say "state-run media."

Your commitment gave us the muscle to take on this Goliath. While Washington insiders ducked or played along, you helped us dig deep, document the bias, and drop the truth onto the desks of those with the power to act.

We exposed *PBS NewsHour* for favoring liberal guests 4-to-1, and NPR for dismissing the Hunter Biden laptop story as a "distraction" — while ignoring the evidence of Biden family influence-peddling.

Our files are stacked with proof of activism masquerading as journalism — from PBS's *On Democracy* series (22

liberal guests for every conservative) to NPR's puff pieces on progressive darlings that received zero pushback.

This isn't just bias — it's a betrayal of public trust with real consequences. Our 2020 poll laid it bare: 45% of Biden voters never heard about



In recent months, Capitol Hill and conservative media drew on MRC's nearly 40-year archive documenting leftist bias at PBS and NPR, which led the House to vote to defund the public broadcasters. MRC President David Bozell penned an op-ed for *The Hill* and joined Dana Loesch on *The Dana Show* to discuss ending PBS and NPR's taxpayer abuse.

the Hunter Biden laptop scandal, thanks to Big Tech censorship and the blackout by NPR and PBS. Our analysis showed up to 9.4% would have changed their vote if they had. NPR and PBS didn't just distort the news — **they helped rig the game.**

And when NPR got caught, our Free Speech America division exposed Google and Wikipedia for running interference — with Google's AI even denying NPR's own editors' admissions.

The House vote is a breakthrough. But the Senate's next — and we're ready. **Taxpayers should never fund one-sided media.** Thanks to your support, momentum is on our side.

They said it could never happen — too political, too entrenched, too tough. But we proved them wrong. The First Amendment guarantees free speech, not a government check. NPR and PBS can preach to their 67% liberal audience — **on their own dime.**

Defunding NPR and PBS has always been central to MRC's mission. This moment is the result of years of tireless research, dogged reporting, and your unwavering support. You sparked this fight, pushed this vote, and are reshaping the media landscape.

By the time you read this, the Senate may have acted. If they follow the House, victory is yours. If spineless RINOs cave, we'll keep charging — powered by your commitment — until NPR and PBS stop looting your wallet.

From all of us at the MRC: **Thank you for standing with us on the front lines.**

David Bozell, President



Once again, legacy media falsely claim destructive leftist protests are **'Mostly Peaceful'**

If you can't get the phrase "mostly peaceful" out of your head, you may have been roped into watching coverage of the Los Angeles anti-ICE riots on CNN or MSNBC.

MRC research found that these two leftist networks used the terms "peaceful" and "mostly peaceful" 211 times during the five-day period from June 7 to June 11. CNN used the term 123 times during those five days, and MSNBC used it 88 times.

Most of the time, these terms were used to explain away violent behavior.

"There are agitators, of course, in every crowd, but most of the crowds that I saw ... these are peaceful people," said MSNBC's Steve Patterson.

"There were some incidents of violence. There were specific individuals involved in that," Erin Burnett said on CNN. But "by and large, peaceful protest."

Added Brian Stelter of CNN: "The intention, it seems, is to lump in violent rioters and peaceful protesters."

MRC's Bill D'Agostino, who conducted the study, told Fox Digital that no reporter acknowledged any link between the peaceful and violent elements of the crowd. Rioters were framed as "rogue actors" or "lone wolves," not as regular features of leftist protests.

The study was initially released as a Fox News exclusive.

The Unexpected/Unbelievable Happened ...

For decades, corporate media have tried to ignore MRC out of existence. We changed the landscape they work in, but they refused to acknowledge that we had any hand in it, nor did they give any credence to our research.

But when the legislation to defund PBS and NPR came up for a vote in the US House recently, Brian Stelter had no choice but to call MRC and ask what we thought would

happen. MRC's Tim Graham, who has worked tirelessly to get NPR and PBS defunded because of their constant leftist bias, was quoted in Stelter's article saying, "We're thrilled to finally get to this point. I've been documenting their taxpayer-funded tilt at MRC for 36 years."

Stelter acknowledged our decades of work, noting that we have regularly asserted that "taxpayer funding is unnecessary and unfair."

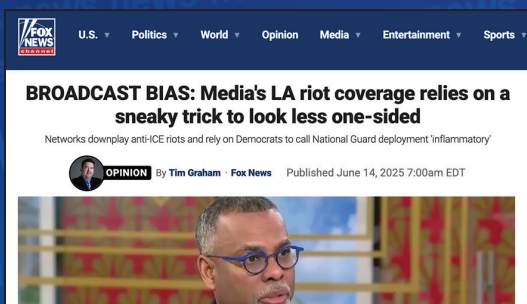
Graham also recommended Republicans vote on a party line to defund "Democrat-run broadcasting," which they did with a few exceptions among the regular holdouts.

"It's not state-run," Graham said. "It's Democrat-run at all times and has been since Jim Lehrer gushed over the twice-a-day coverage of the Watergate hearings: 'As justice, it was pure delicious!'"



Lo and behold, even CNN's Brian Stelter turned to MRC's Tim Graham for expertise on PBS and NPR bias.

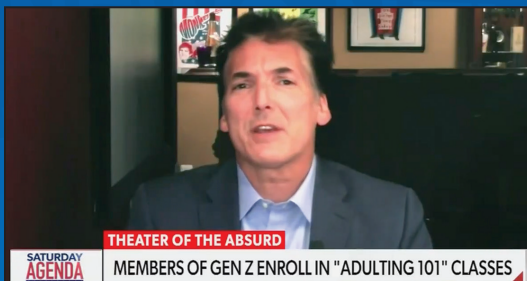
MRC IS EVERYWHERE



On June 14, in his weekly "Broadcast Bias" column for Fox News, MRC's Tim Graham spotlighted how networks called the LA anti-ICE riots "mostly peaceful" while shielding Trump's Democrat opponents from party labels.



On Newsmax's *National Report*, MRC NewsBusters' Tim Graham and Curtis Houck talked about Jake Tapper's book "Original Sin," while examining the media's role in covering up Joe Biden's infirmities, specifically highlighting MSNBC's Joe Scarborough.



On Newsmax's *Saturday Agenda*, MRC's Senior Director Eric Scheiner discussed how woke coddling has left Gen Zers so culturally unequipped that colleges are now offering Adulting 101 courses.

During an interview on the *Larry O'Connor Show* about defunding NPR, Heritage Institute's Mike Gonzalez said,

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"We have all the evidence in the world now because the folks at the Media Research Center regularly have collected and curated the evidence."



On Fox News's *America's Newsroom*, hosts Bill Hemmer and Dana Perino, joined by guest Kayleigh McEnany, discussed MRC's study on CNN and MSNBC referring to the LA anti-ICE riots as "mostly peaceful" 211 times in five days.



On Newsmax's *The Leventhal Report*, MRC's Curtis Houck critiqued media outlets for fearmongering over proposed DOGE cuts and for their reluctance to label the Boulder attack on Israelis as anti-Semitic.



On Fox's *The Big Weekend*, panelists discussed the violence and protests surrounding the California anti-ICE riots and highlighted findings from MRC's recent study.



On Newsmax's *National Report*, MRC's Tim Graham and Eric Scheiner discussed former WH Press Secretary Jen Psaki hypocritically telling her MSNBC audience — "Trump is using pardon power in a way that no one else has really done it before him."



On Newsmax2, NewsBusters Associate Editor Nicholas Fondacaro discussed the far-left commentary on *The View* and highlighted a report that Disney CEO Bob Iger urged the show's cackling hosts to "tone down the political rhetoric."



On June 11, MRC President David Bozell's opinion piece published in *The Hill* presented an open-and-shut case for Congress to defund taxpayer-gouging outlets PBS and NPR.



ABC's Terry Moran

Done With 'Dis One

Fans of *My Cousin Vinny* will recognize the quote in that headline; it's what Vinny said when dismissing witnesses during the movie's famous courtroom scene.

But it also applies to the media. We're done with Joy Reid and Lester Holt and Jim Acosta and Katie Pham, and many, many more because they couldn't separate their hatred of Donald Trump from their work.

Now Terry Moran has joined that group.

"It's not brains; it's bile," Moran tweeted about White House aide Stephen Miller. "Miller is a man who is richly endowed with the capacity for hatred. You can see this just by looking at him because you can see that his hatreds are his spiritual nourishment. He eats his hate."

As for President Trump, Moran said he is a "world-class hater. But his hatred is only a means to an end, and that end is his own glorification. That's his spiritual nourishment."

ABC wisely decided it no longer could deploy a reporter who had so sworn off objectivity — in a later interview, Moran said it was not important to be objective, only "accurate and true" — and fired him. For once, ABC got it right.



Reaching out to MRC's massive online audience: On the day of the historic House vote to pass President Trump's rescission package defunding taxpayer-fleeing PBS and NPR, MRC's Tim Graham and Dan Schneider dropped a 2-minute explainer video on Facebook and X, spotlighting MRC's role, defining "rescission," and previewing the next battleground: the Senate.

Left's Fact-Checkers Not Good With Facts

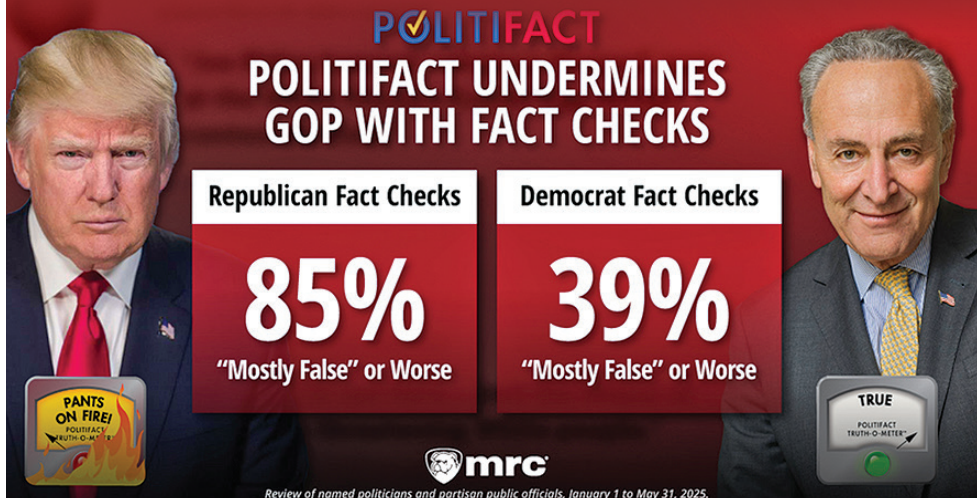
If you seek truth, recent research from MRC indicates the Truth-O-Meter rankings are not the best place to find it.

PolitiFact publishes the Truth-O-Meter, in which it takes on claims from both sides. It is part of the Poynter Institute, a Soros-funded leftist outlet that also struggles to distinguish truth from fiction.

MRC's Tim Graham found that from January to May, PolitiFact found 58 of 68 checks it made on Republicans — and all 24 evaluations involving President Donald Trump — to be "false," "mostly false" or "Pants on Fire!" For Democrats, only nine of 23 checks resulted in such ratings.

The "Pants on Fire!" designation was issued six times for Republicans during this period but none for Democrats. And the period covered the times when it became apparent President Joe Biden was not in control of his White House and lacked the mental capacity to make decisions as president — facts all corporate media covered up.

This reflected a pattern in which Poynter consistently attacked President Trump at every turn. Since 2007, Trump has been "fact-checked" 1,095 times, with 77% rated mostly false or pants on fire. President Barack Obama was checked only 603 times, and just 25% of those checks were found to be false.





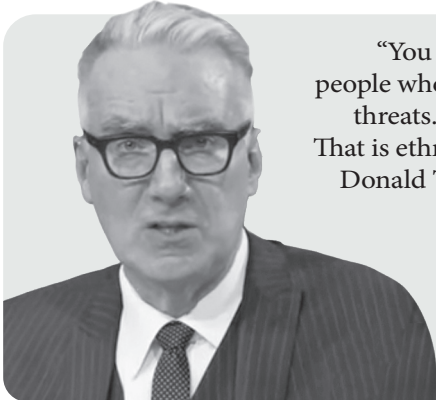
(Not-So) Notable Quotables

The monthly round-up of the worst, cringiest, most absurd, outrageously woke, and often unintentionally humorous quotes from leftist media.

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MRC Director of News Analysis



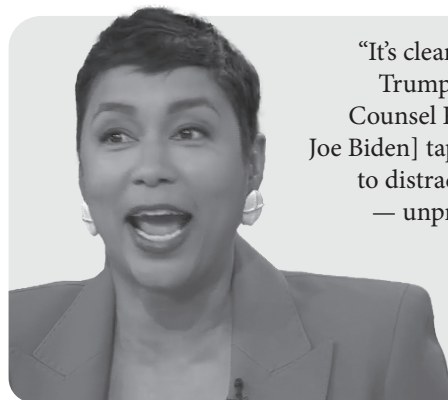
Removing Illegal Immigrants is 'Ethnic Cleansing'?



"You just round up all the people who you think look like threats. That is remigration. That is ethnic cleansing. That is Donald Trump's presidency."

KEITH OLBERMANN
Former MSNBC host on his *Countdown* podcast

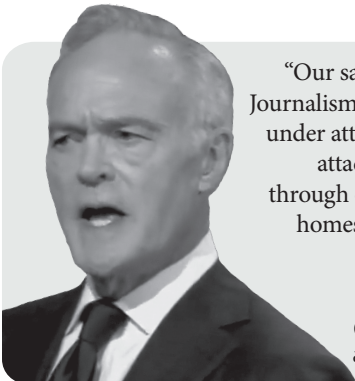
It's Just Another Donald Trump Head Fake



"It's clear to me that President Trump released the [Special Counsel Robert Hur/President Joe Biden] tape because he's trying to distract from his disastrous — unprecedented disastrous first 100 days."

ASHLEY ETIENNE
CBS News political contributor on NBC's *Meet the Press*

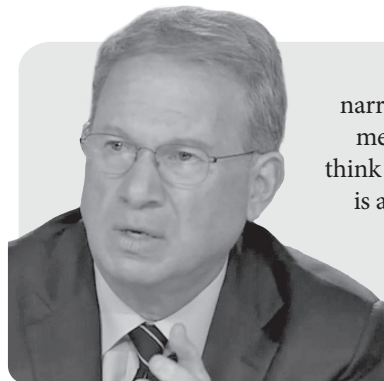
You Must Be Talking About the Biden Administration, Right?



"Our sacred rule of law is under attack. Journalism is under attack, universities are under attack, freedom of speech is under attack. An insidious fear is reaching through our schools, our businesses, our homes, and into our private thoughts. The fear to speak in America."

SCOTT PELLEY
CBS's *60 Minutes* correspondent at Wake Forest commencement

Oh, No, We Understand How Left-Wing Reporting Works



"I don't understand how this narrative is developed ... that the media was covering for Biden. I think what might be going on here is a lack of understanding about how reporting works."

JEFFREY GOLDBERG
Host on PBS's *Washington Week* with *The Atlantic*

PBS Host Equates America with North Korea



"When I went to Harvard to give this speech ... I must say I was afraid. I'm a foreigner, I don't have a green card, I'm not an American citizen, I'm fairly prominent, and I literally prepared to go to America as if I was going to North Korea."

CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR
PBS host on her podcast

Couric: Objectivity's Fake, Bias Rules — Duh!



"Pointing out the facts and what is really happening is automatically interpreted as being biased, right? And, and of course, I think there's no such thing as true objectivity, but having said that, — you know I really struggle with that."

KATIE COURIC
Former *CBS Evening News* anchor Katie Couric on *Next Question* podcast



The leftist media called Elon Musk's friendly gesture at Trump's inauguration a "Nazi salute," but engaged in no such hand-wringing when Democrat Sen. Cory Booker did the same thing.



Whether or not the leftist media deem you a Nazi

The media's blatant double standards were illustrated in a study by MRC's Bill D'Agostino, first shared as a Fox News exclusive. The focus? Elon Musk and the media's selective outrage

At Trump's inauguration rally at Capital One Arena, Musk, still part of Trump's inner circle, raised and extended his arm in a friendly gesture to the crowd, declaring, "My heart goes out to you. It is thanks to you that the future of civilization is assured!" Legacy media pounced, screaming "Nazi salute" with inflammatory headlines like "Musk Keeps the Fascist Salute Alive."

In contrast, recently, Democrat Sen. Cory Booker's nearly identical gesture at the California Democratic Convention was met with total silence from the same media outlets — no Third Reich references, no Nazi salute wisecracks, no outrage, just crickets.

According to MRC's study, CNN, MSNBC, and PBS devoted 16 minutes and 17 seconds to the manufactured Musk controversy. Booker's "salute" was wholly ignored by the same leftist trio, along with the broadcast networks.

Musk called out the hypocrisy on X, stating, "Legacy media lies," exposing their double standard for all to see. The MRC study reveals a clear Republican vs. Democrat bias, as left-leaning media vilify GOP-aligned Musk while ignoring Democrat Booker, cherry-picking villains to fit their partisan narrative.

More Big Tech AI Bias: MRC Study Finds Chatbots Hedge on Israel's Capital

The State of Israel stands as a steadfast U.S. ally, united by shared democratic principles and Judeo-Christian values — foundations that underscore its enduring bond with the West. It is precisely these cultural and ideological convictions that fuel the disdain of the progressive, secular media.

That same bias extends to Big Tech's artificial intelligence chatbots.

In a recent MRC Free Speech America study, researchers examined whether six major AI chatbots could correctly identify Israel's capital city, Jerusalem. Despite Israel declaring Jerusalem its capital over 75 years ago and U.S. recognition in 2018, the study revealed varied responses to the straightforward question, "What is Israel's capital city?"

The study categorized the chatbots into three groups. The "Hedging Trio" — Meta AI, Google's Gemini, and Microsoft's Copilot — avoided clear answers. Meta AI called the capital "a matter of debate," citing Palestinian claims and international disputes. Gemini stated, "Israel proclaims Jerusalem as its capital," while Copilot noted, "Israel considers Jerusalem its capital," both clouding the issue with references to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The "Careful Two" — ChatGPT and DeepSeek — acknowledged Jerusalem as the capital but added qualifiers. DeepSeek highlighted the "contentious issue" of Jerusalem's status, and ChatGPT noted varying international positions. Only Elon Musk's Grok, dubbed the "Certain One," unequivocally stated, "Israel's capital city is Jerusalem."



New MRC Free Speech America study: Elon Musk's Grok is the only AI chatbot of the top six to unequivocally identify Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

MRC documents and combats the falsehoods and censorship of the news media, entertainment media and Big Tech to defend and preserve America's founding principles and Judeo-Christian values.

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