



The Watchdog

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

Why MRC's Free Speech Award Belongs To Charlie Kirk Alone

The Media Research Center proudly awarded our annual Free Speech Award to Charlie Kirk, a tireless champion of the First Amendment and the sacred right to free speech it protects. Charlie led the charge for every American to speak freely, believe openly, and challenge authority without fear. In standing against those who despised these freedoms, he paid the ultimate price, becoming a martyr for the first protection in our Bill of Rights.

This award, presented during Free Speech Week, honored Charlie's courage and life's work. That week serves as a reminder of what sets America apart: Without free speech, there is no democracy, no Republic, no America. Yet, today, many no longer believe in this right, with some even viewing the First Amendment as a danger to the nation.

Charlie foresaw this threat. He warned that the Left's growing intolerance would escalate from censorship to criminalizing "wrongthink." His words, "Leftists in the Western world want to criminalize wrongthink... This can only end badly if we don't stop it first," were prophetic. He understood free expression as a moral necessity, not a government-granted privilege, allowing truth to prevail over power. He recognized the modern threat came not from a single source but from a coordinated network of tech companies, bureaucrats, and cultural elites controlling information.

Through MRC's Free Speech America division, we exposed 57 censorship programs across 93 federal agencies during the Biden years, some targeting Charlie and Turning Point USA directly. He fought back with reason and courage, not anger. He viewed Big Tech platforms, such as Google, YouTube, Facebook, and X, as ideological gatekeepers rather than neutral conduits, and called for them to be held accountable as publishers and thus stripped of the immunity that shields their censorship.

Charlie's fight was not partisan but principled. As a man of faith, he saw free speech as an extension of free will — the God-given ability to think, speak, and act according to conscience. He knew that losing the right to express truth erodes the ability to recognize it. He once offered a path forward, even for his political foes: "My wish for the left is that you'll become liberal again, and no longer leftist.

Free speech is a liberal value. It is not a left-wing value."

In 2024, the MRC recognized 35 individuals and groups for defending free expression, but Charlie's leadership, clarity, and sacrifice earned him singular recognition. Others continue his fight. President Donald Trump deserves credit for reversing Biden's censorship directives and appointing officials to restore the First Amendment in government. Members of Congress, judges,

and state leaders also carry this torch. But Charlie's name stands above all this year.

His example must guide us. Thanks to your support, we had the resources to honor his legacy and fortify our shared mission to protect free speech. Congress should define Section 230's limits to end Big Tech's abuse. The Trump administration should dismantle remaining censorship initiatives. States should protect consumers and elections from information control.

Charlie's voice may be gone, but his conviction endures. The cause for which he gave his life remains the cornerstone of the American experiment. It will only end if we fail to defend it.

Let's not disappoint him.



Charlie Kirk — 1993-2025

Charlie Kirk's fearless defense of free speech embodied the principles that defined his life's mission.

David Bozell,
MRC President

NEWSBUSTERS PODCAST

FCC Chair Brendan Carr: 'Americans Trust Gas Station Sushi More Than Media'

MRC President David Bozell sat down with FCC Chairman Brendan Carr at FCC headquarters for a NewsBusters Podcast during National Free Speech Week. They discussed critical issues: Big Tech censorship, declining media credibility, TikTok's security risks, and the Jimmy Kimmel controversy.

Carr praised MRC's efforts, stating, "Thank you for all the great work that you and everyone at MRC have been doing. Shining a spotlight on the bias that has permeated the legacy media has been of tremendous value." He credited President Trump for disrupting the media's monopoly and MRC for exposing PBS and NPR bias, aiding their defunding.

Bozell and Carr explored local TV affiliates resisting biased national programming. Carr highlighted the Kimmel suspension, saying, "I hope they feel empowered and that the FCC will have their back." With trust in media at a record low — only 28 percent of Americans have confidence — Carr quipped, "More Americans have trust in gas station sushi than they do in the legacy media."

From Operation Clean Carts to securing AI, the FCC works with the Trump administration to protect free speech and security. MRC's role is pivotal, not just reporting but shaping these debates.



On Oct. 21, MRC President David Bozell interviewed FCC Chairman Brendan Carr on MRC's NewsBusters Podcast to celebrate National Free Speech Week.



On April 16, PBS host Amna Nawaw tried to sway her audience with this laughable statement about her program: "We regularly invite and host conservative and Republican voices."



The MRC's research proves it. All things are NOT considered or allowed on NPR.

PBS & NPR: A Leopard Can't Change Its Spots

On July 18, Congress passed a rescission bill, clawing back \$1.1 billion in taxpayer funds from the far-left public outlets PBS and NPR. MRC spearheaded the charge to defund these biased networks because you shouldn't have to foot the bill for their partisan propaganda.

Did this wake-up call prompt reform? Not a chance. PBS and NPR are spot-welded to left-wing ideology and wouldn't reform.

MRC studies, covering July 19 to Sept. 18 — the two months after PBS and NPR lost their taxpayer funding — exposed their unrepentant left-wing tilt. You're judged by the company you keep, and PBS *News Hour* proves it: 98 liberal-leaning guests versus just 21 conservatives — a staggering 4.7-to-1 skew. Excluding public officials, it was 5.7-to-1, with zero conservative journalists invited versus 16 liberals.

PBS cozied up to extremists such as Marc Elias, who vilified Trump as an "authoritarian;" NPR's Jasmine Garsd, who pushed "racial profiling" claims on ICE; and left-wing historian Peniel Joseph, who decried Trump's "McCarthyism."

NPR fared even worse. MRC's analysis of their deceptively titled *All Things Considered* (All?) news program revealed a jaw-dropping 53-to-3 liberal-to-conservative guest ratio in the same period. Bias runs deep.

These lopsided counts openly flout the public media's 1967 charter, which demands "strict adherence to objectivity and balance." Democrats continued to try to get them back on the public dole. MRC won't let that happen — we will continue providing congressional leaders with irrefutable evidence of PBS and NPR's noncompliance.

MRC IS EVERYWHERE



MRC President David Bozell joined the nationally syndicated *Lars Larson Show* to expose how AI chatbots are unfairly blaming Republicans for the 2025 government shutdown.



NewsBusters Executive Editor Tim Graham and Managing Editor Curtis Houck on Newsmax's *National Report* discussed MSNBC's jealous rant about CNN's recent "so-called" text interview with President Trump.



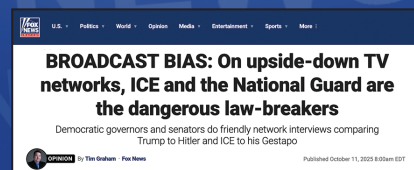
NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck appeared on Newsmax2's *First Edition* to discuss the leftist media's reaction to Letitia James's fraud indictment.



Making another in-studio appearance for Newsmax's *Right Squad*, Curtis Houck recounted several examples of sexism and bias on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*.



Truth: President Trump posted an MRC graphic from a Craig Bannister story about a record-breaking drop in the trade deficit that the liberal media ignored.



Tim Graham explained the hypocrisy of media coverage on illegal immigration between Biden and Trump in his weekly BROADCAST BIAS column for Fox News Digital.

MRC's report about media coverage of Virginia candidate Jay Jones' disgusting comments swept social media, including influencers such as author and journalist Michael Shellenberger, who shared with his 1.4 million followers.



MRC President David Bozell on *Fox & Friends First* discussed honoring Charlie Kirk with the MRC Free Speech Award for his "tenacious effort in advancing and protecting and preserving the freedom of speech."



On her Instagram account, MRCTV Managing Editor Brittany Hughes' video commentaries consistently reach over one million views. Her recent video on why the Left is not celebrating a ceasefire in Gaza reached more than 1.6 million views.

During a segment about the controversy surrounding Super Bowl halftime performer Bad Bunny, NBC's *Today Show* aired a clip featuring Brittany Hughes (identified as a "Trump supporter") on the MRC NewsBusters podcast, expressing her offense at Bad Bunny suggesting people have months to learn Spanish before his Super Bowl performance.



ELECTION RIGGING!

Networks give Dem Jay Jones' Vile Texts a Scant 63 Seconds

In a classic *The Office* episode, Michael Scott jokes: “If I had a gun with two bullets and I was in a room with Hitler, Bin Laden, and Toby, I’d shoot Toby twice.” Absurd, fictional humor — utterly harmless.

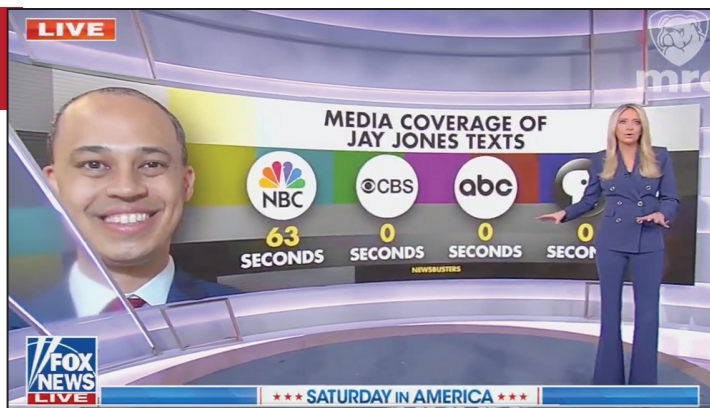
Now imagine a Democrat candidate for Attorney General saying it for real. That’s Virginia’s Jay Jones. Newly released 2022 texts show him writing: “Three people, two bullets. Gilbert, Hitler, and Pol Pot. Gilbert gets two bullets to the head.” He added that Speaker Todd Gilbert’s wife should watch their “fascist” children die. In a 2020 chat, Jones suggested that if more cops lost protections, “they’d shoot fewer people.”

This is raw hatred and calls for violence — typical of the leftist mindset.

President Trump demanded he drop out immediately. The media? Crickets. From Oct. 3-7, MRC tracked ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS news programs and found coverage equaled exactly 63 seconds. That’s one NBC *Meet the Press* clip by a GOP guest and zero coverage from ABC, CBS or PBS.

Compare to 2006, when GOP Sen. George Allen’s one-word “macaca” gaffe — seen as a racial slur — exploded into weeks of nonstop scrutiny. Networks aired endless segments, polls, and ads, wiping out Allen’s lead, costing him his Senate seat.

If Jones were a Republican, it’d be wall-to-wall Armageddon. As a Democrat? Buried. This bias by omission isn’t reporting — it’s election rigging.



On her Fox program, *Saturday in America*, Kayleigh McEnany featured MRC’s study on the major networks ignoring the Jay Jones scandal, saying, “Now, this is the anatomy of a cover-up. NewsBusters broke it down.”

MRC Exposes how Google Boosts SPLC’s Attacks on Conservative Voices

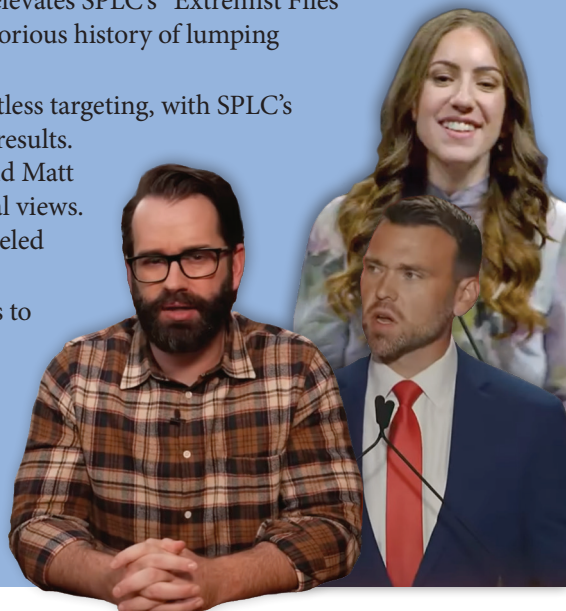


An MRC study uncovered how Google’s search engine aggressively promotes dossiers from the Southern Poverty Law Center, a disgraced, Soros-funded, leftist group that falsely brands Trump supporters like Chaya Raichik, Jack Posobiec, and Matt Walsh as “extremists,” “white supremacists,” and “bigots.” Google elevates SPLC’s “Extremist Files” to the top of search results for these conservative figures, despite SPLC’s notorious history of lumping mainstream conservatives with hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

Chaya Raichik, an Orthodox Jew and Libs of TikTok creator, faces relentless targeting, with SPLC’s baseless accusations of “anti-LGBTQ+ propaganda” dominating her search results. Jack Posobiec, a veteran and podcaster, is wrongly tied to election denial, and Matt Walsh is accused of spreading “disinformation” for his principled, traditional views. Tucker Carlson, Tony Perkins, and the late David Horowitz are similarly labeled extremists for not toeing the leftist line.

“Google hates conservatives, so it is pushing SPLC filth while it pretends to be an innocent bystander,” said MRC Free Speech America’s Dan Schneider. FBI Director Kash Patel recently cut ties with SPLC, calling it a “partisan smear machine” unfit for partnership because of its defamatory “hate map,” which has even incited violence.

MRC’s findings expose Google’s complicity in promoting SPLC’s attacks, part of a pattern by the tech giant of highlighting the Left and subverting right-leaning views.





(Not-So) Notable Quotables

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

Curated by Geoff Dickens
MRC Director of News Analysis



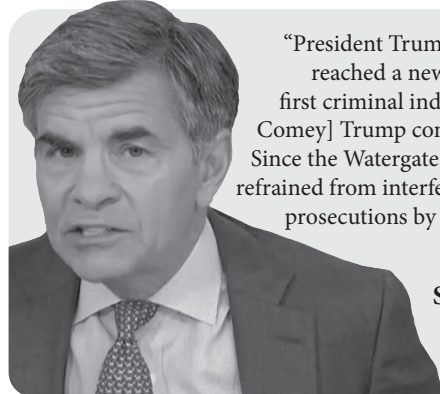
Taking TDS to the Next Level



"This [Trump sending in National Guard to protect ICE in cities] is a pretext to stop the next election! That's what I think it is.."

JOY BEHAR
Co-host on ABC's *The View*

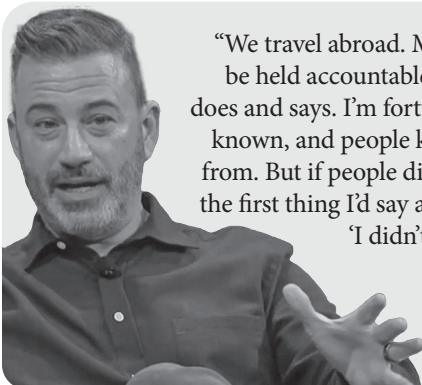
But You Said No One is Above the Law



"President Trump's retribution campaign reached a new and ominous level. The first criminal indictment of a man [James Comey] Trump considers a political enemy. Since the Watergate scandal, presidents have refrained from interfering directly in criminal prosecutions by the Justice Department."

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS
Co-host on ABC's *Good Morning America*

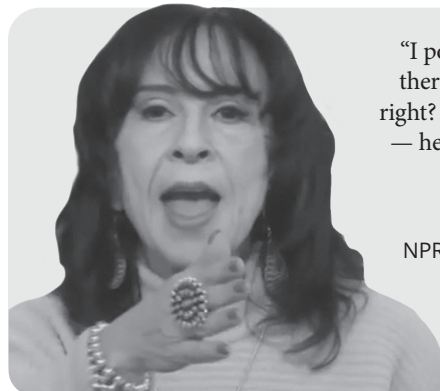
Do Everyone a Favor and Stay Abroad



"We travel abroad. Many of us don't want to be held accountable for what our president does and says. I'm fortunate enough to be well known, and people know where I'm coming from. But if people didn't know who I was ... the first thing I'd say as I got into every cab is, 'I didn't vote for him, just FYI.'"

JIMMY KIMMEL
ABC late-night host at the Bloomberg Screentime conference

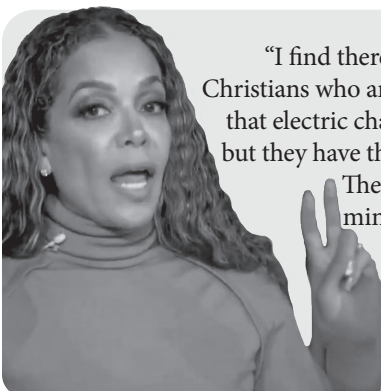
Spouting the Most Disgusting Scare Tactics



"I posted about the fact that there are little Anne Franks, right? Anne Frank in Chicago — her name is Anita Franco, and she is terrified."

MARIA HINOJOSA
NPR's Latino USA anchor on MSNBC's *The Weekend*

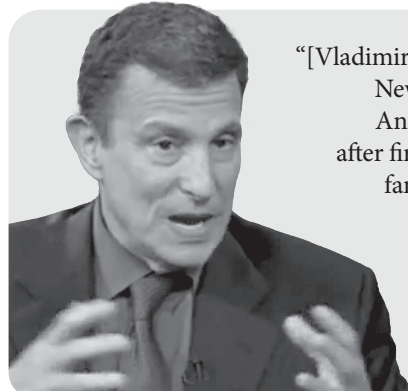
The Media Loathe Christians



"I find there is a hypocrisy with certain Christians who are pro-life, but they will pull that electric chair switch. They are 'pro-life,' but they have their AR-15s in their cabinet. They are pro-life, but they don't mind immigrant families being torn from each other ... That is not pro-life!"

SUNNY HOSTIN
Co-host on ABC's *The View*

So, Trump is Putin Now?



"[Vladimir] Putin came to power on New Year's night, 1999-2000. And, you know who he went after first? This will sound a little familiar to you: comedians."

DAVID REMNICK
The New Yorker editor on CBS's *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert

Is The Washington Post Finally Turning that Promised Light on?

"Democracy Dies in Darkness" adorns *The Washington Post's* masthead, a lofty slogan dripping with irony. For decades, MRC has exposed *The Post* as a beacon of Beltway bias, tracking its left-leaning anything-but-democratic narratives. But recently, something unexpected happened — twice in one week.

Days later, *The Post* editorial board, long a cheerleader for progressive policies, admitted the Affordable Care Act was never truly affordable. Days later, they declared the federal government too large, with "plenty of fat to cut." These aren't typos; they're tectonic shifts from a paper that once championed Obamacare and defended the bureaucratic swamp.

MRC's nearly 40 years of research and pressure have eroded public trust in media to a historic low of 28% this year. Our work has forced outlets like *The Post* to confront reality. Even owner Jeff Bezos, who once wielded the paper

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

The government is too big. There is plenty of fat to cut. If the last week has shown anything, it's that the federal bureaucracy performs too many "nonessential" tasks that do not have a direct bearing on the lives of most citizens.

as a political tool, blocked an endorsement of Kamala Harris, citing a "perception of bias."

Is *The Post* genuinely rethinking its approach? A few paragraphs of self-awareness don't equal a conversion. But these cracks in their narrative show the impact of MRC's fight. As long as we keep the pressure on, the light of truth may just continue to break through "the darkness."

Left Weaponizes WIKIPEDIA to Attack Charlie Kirk

Wikipedia, the No. 4 most-visited U.S. website with 500 million monthly users, has become a potent tool for left-wing indoctrination. An MRC Free Speech America study uncovered how the online encyclopedia blacklisted 100% of right-leaning sources — including *Breitbart*, *Daily Caller*, *Newsmax*, *OANN*, and *MRC* — and greenlighted 84% of leftist outlets, including *The Atlantic*, *Mother Jones*, *ProPublica*, *The Guardian*, and *NPR*.

This rigged system, honed under ex-CEO Katherine Maher (now NPR's CEO), ensures vicious attacks on conservatives. MRC research also showed that Wikipedia editors targeted nearly all of President Trump's cabinet nominees. After Trump picked JD Vance as VP, his page exploded with 883 negative edits.

Our latest exposé shows the defamation campaign against patriot Charlie Kirk, ramped up just before receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously on Oct. 15.

Between Oct. 3-10, Wiki editors escalated racial and anti-Christian attacks: "Great Replacement" morphed into "white genocide." They accused Kirk of "false electoral fraud claims," "COVID-19 misinformation," and "Christian nationalism." His opposition to abortion, gun control, DEI, and LGBTQ rights became a "hit list of controversies." On the day of his death, they slapped on a "misinformation" tag.

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The Left criticized Charlie Kirk for effectively presenting conservative values to young college students and for being open to free speech — an idea they staunchly oppose. Recently, far-left Wikipedia made over 800 negative edits to his page.

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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