



# The Watchdog

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

## The President's Report: A Year to Remember

As we close out the year, I wanted to reach out personally and reflect on what we've accomplished together at the Media Research Center. It has been one of the most significant periods in our organization's history, and your commitment played a real part in that.

For nearly four decades, the MRC has worked to end the forced subsidizing of public broadcasting. This year, that work finally paid off. Congress voted to end federal funding for NPR and PBS, and the president signed it into law. For us, the fight wasn't about budgets; it was about principle. Taxpayers should not be required to underwrite media organizations that long ago abandoned any pretense of neutrality. This is a generational win, and I am grateful you've stood with us throughout the long road to get here.

We also continued our work exposing the broader media ecosystem, including the culture that shapes it. Our analysis of late-night programming — showing the ideological lockout of conservative voices — gained national attention and contributed to major changes in the industry. When lies and absurdities spread about the shooting of Charlie Kirk, our rapid response helped ensure the truth reached millions.

On the free speech front, our team at Free Speech America documented 57 separate censorship initiatives carried out during the previous administration. Working alongside the current administration, we've now helped shut down a significant portion of them, with more under review. This is difficult, detailed work, but it is essential, and it is making a real impact.

We also expanded our investigations into Wikipedia and its outsized role in shaping AI training data and

educational material. These platforms influence how future generations understand history and current events, and we intend to make sure the left's agenda does not go unchallenged.

Meanwhile, NewsBusters marked its 20th anniversary, and our digital archive surpassed 1 million recorded hours of broadcast news. That archive has become one of the most powerful tools we have — a factual record that prevents the press from rewriting the past.

And on a personal note: this year marked a transition for our organization and for my family. After 38 years of leadership, my father accepted the nomination to serve as Ambassador to South Africa, and I stepped into the role of president. I am proud of the foundation he built and honored to continue the mission he started.

Looking ahead, 2026 will bring challenges of its own. Our country is approaching its 250th anniversary, and the national media will play a defining role in how Americans understand the choices before them. Their influence remains strong, and their intentions remain clear. Our job is to hold them accountable with facts, data, and transparency, and it has never been more important.

I hope you will continue standing with us as we take on the year ahead. With your support, the MRC is prepared, focused, and ready for the work to come.

Thank you for your friendship and trust. Wishing you a Happy New Year.

David Bozell,  
MRC President



MRC President David Bozell congratulated staff for years of work exposing PBS/NPR's extreme leftist bias, praising their key role in Congress finally defunding the public networks in July.

# ELITIST MEDIA'S ONE-SIDED *SHUTDOWN SMEAR* Bashing the GOP & Coddling Democrats

In October, MRC scrutinized 67 “shutdown” segments from ABC, CBS, and NBC evening news programs. Verdict: 87% pro-Democrat spin, 13% pro-GOP. Anchors fired 83 anti-Republican barbs; Democrats got just 12 mild taps.

## KEY OUTRAGES:

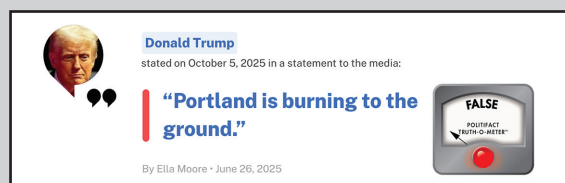
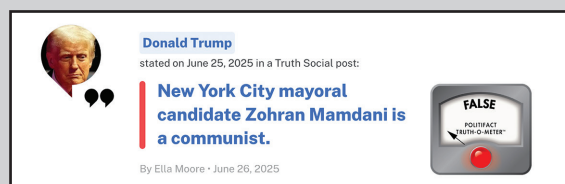
- Only 12 reports (less than one-fifth) even mentioned that Senate Democrats had refused to vote for a clean continuing resolution.
- Not a single report mentioned that Democrats created these Obamacare subsidies as temporary 2021 pandemic relief — yet now they’re shutting down the government to make them permanent at a \$350 billion cost.
- Analysts identified 21 instances in which reporters tried to justify Democrats’ demands while also omitting that those demands were the reason the government was not being funded.

Hypocrisy alert: Back during the 2013 government shutdown, when Democrats controlled both the White House and the Senate, the broadcast networks aired 41 reports blaming Republicans. Just 17 stories blamed both sides, and there was not a single instance in which any broadcast journalist specifically blamed Democrats.

But in 2025, with Republicans in control of both chambers and the White House, there were only 10 reports that blamed Democrats exclusively. That’s less than one-third of the blame they heaped on Republicans back in 2013.



None of the eight Democrats who crossed party lines and voted to reopen the government are up for reelection in 2026.



Whether President Trump is stating a fact or speaking figuratively, Poynter's PolitiFact tries to brand him a liar.

## MRC Exposes PolitiFact's Fact-Checking Bias

At the MRC, we track leftist influence across the media ecosystem — from legacy networks to fact-checkers and beyond.

Of the so-called fact-checkers, whose ratings shape search results, throttle content, and define reality for millions, none wields more influence than PolitiFact. Launched in 2007 by the *Tampa Bay Times* and now owned by the Poynter Institute, it brands itself as an impartial "Truth-O-Meter" for politicians. Its verdicts dominate Google, social media, and news outlets, dictating "fact" versus "fiction." Yet, Poynter's funding from left-wing sources, including George Soros-linked foundations, exposes their true agenda.

MRC's June-October 2025 analysis reveals the bias: Republicans, including President Trump, received "Mostly False," "False," or "Pants on Fire!" ratings 84% of the time — versus 19% for Democrats. GOP figures faced nearly three times more checks. Trump alone notched 92.5% false ratings since January, with 13 "Pants on Fire!" labels. Trump's claim that NYC mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani is a communist was labeled as false, while Democrats freely brand Trump a "fascist" without rebuke.

Since 2007, Trump has had 219 "Pants on Fire!" ratings. Kamala Harris? Zero. PolitiFact's editor-in-chief Katie Sanders vowed in June to keep targeting Trump aggressively through his second term.

As midterms loom, expect PolitiFact to go into election meddling mode. MRC will continue to expose and counter these fake fact-checkers.



# MRC IS EVERYWHERE



MRC President David Bozell joined the *Jenny Beth Martin Show* to discuss MRC's study showing 87% of shutdown coverage favored Democrats.



NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck appeared on OAN's *Fine Point* to discuss how BBC, in its new documentary *Trump: A Second Chance*, edited President Trump's Jan. 6 speech to make it appear he called for violence.



On Newsmax's *Chris Salcedo Show*, NewsBusters' Tim Graham and Nick Fondacaro laughed off AOC's claim that Trump supporters are flocking to her and embracing socialism.



MRC Free Speech America's Luis Cornelio joined RSN's *Matthew Alvarez Show* to expose how Big Tech news aggregators suppressed Democrat scandals before the election.



*The Daily Wire* highlighted NewsBusters' Nicholas Fondacaro's post slamming *The View*'s Sunny Hostin for attacking Sen. John Fetterman over his vote against starving constituents.



CNN's Scott Jennings joined David Bozell and Tim Graham on the NewsBusters Podcast to discuss prepping for clashes with Abby Phillip and his new book, *A Revolution of Common Sense*.



NewsBusters' Bill D'Agostino joined Newsmax's *Sunday Agenda* to slam the "incredibly left-wing" BBC for deceptively editing videos to damage President Trump.



On *The Sean Spicer Show*, NewsBusters' Curtis Houck discussed KJP's imploding book tour and the media's overreaction to the recent Nov. 5 elections.



MRCTV's Justine Brooke Murray joined Fox's Jimmy Failla in-studio to discuss her coverage of D.C.'s "No Kings" rally and how beauty pageants have gone woke.



On Newsmax's *Wake Up Early*, MRCTV's Brittany Hughes blasted the media for portraying the government shutdown as the GOP's fault.



NewsBusters' Tim Graham on Newsmax's *Wake Up America* slammed elitist media for suddenly pushing Epstein files after ignoring them during Joe Biden's term.



# “Epstein! Epstein! Epstein!”

## — The Media’s New “Russia! Russia! Russia!”

Remember the endless “Russia! Russia! Russia!” chorus? Meet its 2025 sequel: “Epstein! Epstein! Epstein!”

From July 7 — when the DOJ officially confirmed Jeffrey Epstein’s suicide and shot down the mythical “client list” — through mid-November, ABC, CBS, and NBC drowned America in 821 minutes of breathless Epstein coverage, desperate to tie President Trump’s name to Epstein’s activities. That’s over 13½ hours of airtime despite zero evidence of sordid wrongdoing.

The numbers are staggering:

**ABC: 358 minutes**

**NBC: 276 minutes**

**CBS: 187 minutes**

Evening newscasts alone devoured 274 minutes. Morning shows piled on 398 more. Even Sunday programs, usually reserved for weightier topics, gave it 148 minutes — 98 of them on ABC’s *This Week* alone.

It’s pure insinuation journalism — no proof required. Just the stench of “Trump + Epstein” to declare checkmate. Dusty old emails get hyped as scandal and mountains of exonerating facts are ignored.

Meanwhile, the real second-term victories vanish from the screen: the EU trade deal and tariffs igniting manufacturing, a solid economy, a locked-down border,



David Muir and his fellow ABC colleagues spent the most time of the three networks obsessing over Jeffrey Epstein.



breakthrough peace talks — silence. Instead, the networks keep resurrecting this zombie story to distract from the Democrat shutdown chaos and Trump’s momentum.

This is media malpractice hiding in plain sight — operatives, not journalists, weaponizing every broadcast to sabotage a presidency. But we’re fighting back, exposing and countering media bias one study at a time.

## BBC Bosses OUT After Pushing Doctored Trump January 6th Clip

The unemployment line for leftist media “truth-tellers” just went transatlantic.

Across the pond, Britain’s publicly funded BBC — every bit as woke and anti-Trump as America’s PBS — collapsed in scandal just weeks ago. On Nov. 9, Director-General Tim Davie and News CEO Deborah Turness resigned after their flagship Panorama news program was caught red-handed splicing President Trump’s January 6 speech to falsely claim he told supporters to “fight like hell” and storm the Capitol — an incendiary lie aired one week before the 2024 election.

A leaked whistleblower memo called the edit “completely misleading.” Trump spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt branded the BBC “fake news,” and the top brass were gone.



Even CNN reported BBC execs resigning, noting “British lawmakers and media critics” (likely nodding to MRC) say “the scandal exposes long-standing bias at the BBC.”

The BBC meltdown caps a brutal year for the global leftist press. In America, CNN’s Jim Acosta, MSNBC’s Joy Reid, CBS’s John Dickerson, and ABC’s Terry Moran all got the axe for relentless bias. Even PBS — stripped of federal funding in July thanks to MRC’s efforts — shrieked that James Comey’s September indictment for lying to Congress about the Jan. 6 pipe-bomb investigation was “Trump revenge” and an “erosion of democracy.”

From Britain’s mandatory “licence fee” tax to PBS’s severed federal lifeline, the same smug elite that spent years peddling Jan. 6 hysteria is finally paying the price.

The reckoning is here — and it’s glorious.





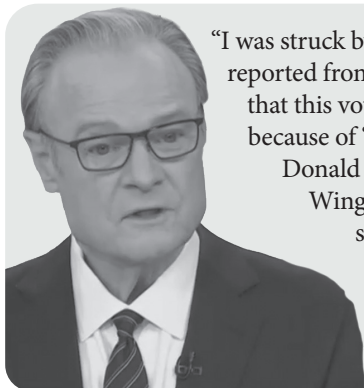
# (Not-So) Notable Quotables

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



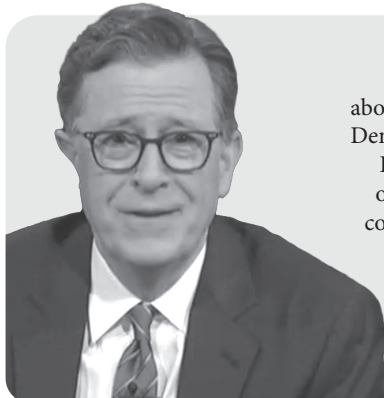
## Swing That Wrecking Ball, Swing Those Votes?



"I was struck by something Vaughn Hillyard reported from a voter in New Jersey saying that this voter was out there today voting because of 'the White House demolition.' Donald Trump tearing down the East Wing of the White House. Surely it sent thousands of voters to the polls all around the country."

**LAWRENCE O'DONNELL**  
during MSNBC's election night coverage

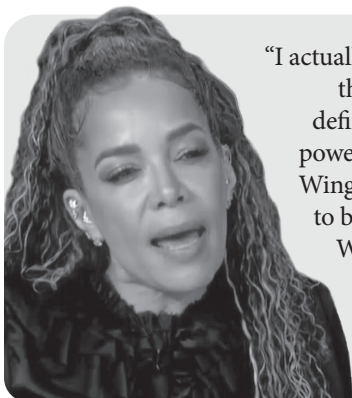
## Colbert is More Delusional Than You Think



"The demographics of these shows are interesting, too. It's about a third Republicans, a third Democrats, a third independents. People perceive me as this sort of lefty figure. I think I'm more conservative than people think."

**STEPHEN COLBERT**  
CBS *Late Show* host  
in *GQ* interview

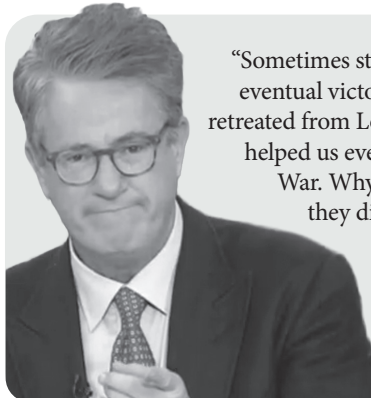
## From Drywall to Dictatorship



"I actually have come to the conclusion that he [Donald Trump] is most definitely going to try to remain in power, because remember, that East Wing – it's going to take a long time to build that. He is hooking up the White House because he doesn't plan on leaving it."

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

## Uh, Joe ... Which Party Voted to Pass the CR Over a Dozen Times?



"Sometimes strategic retreats actually lead to eventual victory. When George Washington retreated from Long Island in 1776, that retreat helped us eventually win the Revolutionary War. Why did these Democrats do what they did? Because Democrats, unlike a lot of Republicans, actually care about the hungry."

**JOE SCARBOROUGH**  
Host on  
MSNBC's *Morning Joe*

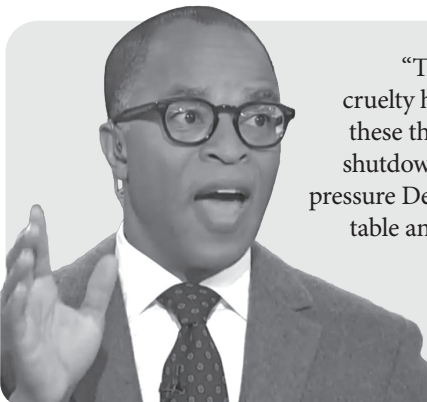
## TDS to BDS — Ballroom Derangement Syndrome!



"Can the President tear down anything he wants, without oversight? Could he demolish this building, or say the Jefferson Memorial?"

**WEIJIA JIANG**  
CBS correspondent  
addressing question to White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt

## Think You Got That Backwards



"There's a meanness and a cruelty here when you put all of these things together, using the shutdown, using these things to pressure Democrats to come to the table and come up with a deal."

**JONATHAN CAPEHART**  
Contributor  
on *PBS News Hour*



## EXCLUSIVE MRC FREE SPEECH AMERICA STUDY

# How Wikipedia Infiltrated Colleges to Seek and Train the Next Generation of Radical Editors

Wikipedia — the self-proclaimed “neutral” encyclopedia — has become one of the Left’s most powerful propaganda tools. Ranking fifth globally with 1.7 billion monthly visitors, it now operates as a tightly controlled ideological fortress that buries conservative voices and elevates radical agendas.

### Wikimedia Education — The Left’s Dirty Little Secret

MRC Free Speech America’s latest investigation exposes how Wikipedia is training the next generation of partisan editors inside America’s classrooms through its partner, Wiki Education. Spun off from the Wikimedia Foundation yet still funded by millions from Wikimedia insiders, Wiki Education has received at least \$3.9 million, infiltrated over 7,650 college courses, and enlisted 145,000 students.

Professors assign Wikipedia editing for credit and Wiki Education staff coach students to enforce a left-tilted version of “neutrality.” Coursework includes:

- Skidmore College’s “**Queering Religion**,” reinterpreting Abrahamic faiths through radical queer theory
- UC Berkeley’s “**Queer of Color Critique**,” treating explicit slang as scholarly fact
- Colby College’s “**Critical Race Feminisms and Tap Dance**,” forcing CRT into every subject
- Endless classes pushing climate alarmism, transgender activism, and smears of conservatives

Leadership and trainers, many earning six figures, have funneled tens of thousands of dollars to ActBlue and Democrat campaigns. Tax and tuition dollars are bankrolling activist training disguised as education.

**Once again, MRC's findings expose a deep-seated ideological bias within Wikipedia, a site that once proclaimed to embrace neutrality but now functions as a gatekeeper for left-wing narratives and shuts down conservative viewpoints.**



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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