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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Next Frontier in the War on Leftist Lies

In December, the Media Research Center grabbed national headlines with our groundbreaking poll showing that fewer than a quarter of Americans could correctly identify the political views of the man who allegedly assassinated Charlie Kirk. The numbers among college students were even more alarming. Only 4% knew the shooter was a left-winger, and a full third believed someone from the right pulled the trigger. This, despite all the evidence pointing in the other direction.

This is the generation that gets its news directly from the built-in news aggregators on their phones. There is no switching to another channel. This is the information they are fed. And what they are given is elitist media. An MRC study found that of the 560 stories Apple News posted for its 130 million captive users in November, 559 came from the Left.

So how did we get here? How is the public so far off the mark on something so clear? How do so few realize that the most significant political assassination of this century was carried out against a figure of the right by a radical from the Left?

Another recent poll found that public trust in the media has collapsed to an all-time low. That is something we take pride in, because MRC helped make that collapse possible through decades of exposure and accountability. But so many Americans distrust elitist media and reject what they see that the left's new effort is to make sure they're not shown the truth in the first place.

Jimmy Kimmel helped muddy the waters when he “joked” the killer was a MAGA supporter. He was suspended after our video went viral. Even so, his false claim stuck with millions.

The problem is no longer just the traditional press. We are being deprived of key information in a different way. The editors and engineers who decide what appears on the front pages of aggregators like *Google News*, *Apple News*, and *Yahoo News* are filtering reality. And anything that contradicts the worldview of *The New York Times* simply does not appear.

Our past research documented this clearly. Google regularly gives Democrat candidates a clear advantage by elevating favorable coverage and buries anything positive about their Republican opponents, including their own official websites. That is not an accident. It is by design.

Our work exposing elitist media bias will continue, but now we are moving deeper into the machinery that delivers information to the country. The efforts to expose

Google's manipulation were the beginning. The next phase is far more ambitious. We intend to break the grip that search engines and aggregators with radical editors have on public discourse.

To do that, our IT department built a new tool. We call it the MRC News Crawler. It tracks, in real time, which outlets appear on major aggregator homepages,

how often they are placed in the most prominent positions, and which viewpoints are shut out entirely.

Our early findings confirm our suspicions. *The New York Times* and other elitist outlets are boosted to the top. Conservative sources are pushed aside. And networks like CNN and MS NOW, both of which have collapsed in the ratings, owe their survival to artificial elevation by these platforms.

We cannot allow this online bias to continue. We intend to stop it. And the truth is that MRC is the only organization with the experience, infrastructure, and will to take this fight directly to Silicon Valley's front door.

We are able to do this only because of you. Your support, your patriotism, and your willingness to stand with us give us the strength to take on battles no one else will touch.

We are grateful to have you with us. We are grateful not to face this challenge alone.


 David Bozell,
 MRC President



Beware of poisoned Apples

MRC now has a proprietary tool to track the top five news aggregators and assess whether bias is reflected in the stories they choose to showcase. And Apple News, which is on every Apple phone and iPad, appears to be biased.

Not just a slight bit biased. Not within the margin of error. No, it's big-time biased.

As in, we tracked 560 stories that Apple News put up in November, and 559 of them came from left-leaning sources. And the lone exception came from *The Telegraph*, which is based in the UK and hidden behind a paywall.

So for a month, all 130 million Americans who carry an Apple phone had a mandatory news app that served up CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, Vox, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, NPR affiliates, and even obscure outlets such as the *North Dakota Monitor* and the *Louisiana Illuminator*. But Fox News and America's oldest existing newspaper, *The New York Post*, got not one mention.

This matters for two reasons – the obvious blackout on balance is one. The other is that the *New York Times* is struggling as a newspaper, and CNN is dying as a TV network. But both are becoming giants in online media, and promoting their content and blacklisting content from their conservative competitors provides a significant competitive advantage.

It's wrong on many levels, which is why MRC calls them out. And MRC wouldn't be able to do it without your support.



Scaring people to push the climate agenda ...

Remember how elitist media warned us we were in for a summer of dangerously large hurricanes? How global warming was going to catch up to us and wipe out coastlines from Texas to New York?

Remember how that didn't happen? For the first time in 10 years, zero hurricanes made landfall in the United States. Just five hurricanes developed, and all stayed far out to sea.

NewsBusters' Joseph Vazquez covered the media reaction when hurricane season ended, and the results were not surprising.

Gone was the tough talk by CNN meteorologist Briana Waxman that the Atlantic "is a powder keg" and that tropical storms would pick up because the Atlantic "is loaded with potential." And the warning from *The Washington Post* that "a new era of floods has arrived; America isn't prepared." It's been replaced by CBS's John Dickerson, who said it was "welcome news for hurricane-prone states, but doesn't mean future years will be equally calm."

Admit they were wrong? No way. Question their trust in leftist climate fearmongering? You must be kidding. Pretend they never made the bad prediction in the first place? That's why MRC is here.

ONLY LOGICAL ... Red states have the best gas prices!

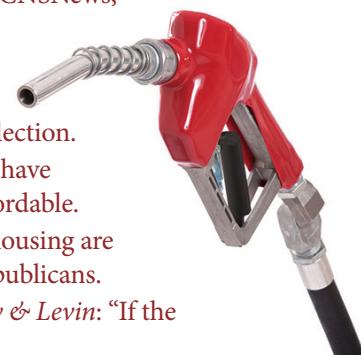
If you want to find cheap gas, move to a red state. According to an analysis of AAA statistics by CNSNews, four of the top five and eight of the top 11 states in terms of gas prices have Democrat governors.

The national average price for gas dipped below \$3 in early December, but of the 18 states that remain above \$3, 13 are governed by Democrats. Meanwhile, the top six states for low gas prices are governed by Republicans, and nine of the top 10 were carried by President Trump in the 2024 election.

Elitist media, doing the left's bidding, have tried to make an issue out of "affordability." But they have nothing to say when evidence mounts that the right's economic policies do more to make living affordable.

Housing provides another example, as CNSNews reported. The five worst states for affordable housing are all led by Democrat governors, and four of the five most-affordable states for housing are led by Republicans.

Mark Levin summarized the impact of CNSNews' report on his Fox News program *Life, Liberty & Levin*: "If the battle is over affordability, you should be cleaning their clocks," he said.



MRC IS EVERYWHERE



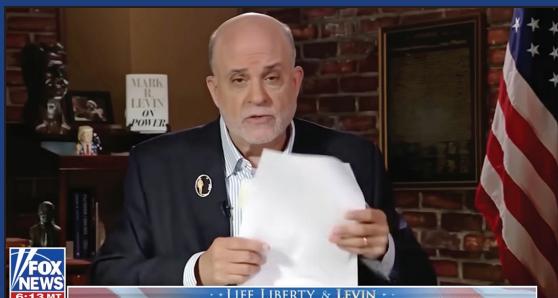
NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck joined the *Right Squad* panel on Newsmax to discuss current topics, including the media's biased reaction to the Venezuelan drug boat incidents.



Jesse Watters *Primetime* featured a popular video commentary from MRCTV's Brittany Hughes, who slammed free education for illegals while American students fall behind.



NewsBusters' Tim Graham and Curtis Houck appeared on Newsmax to discuss a new White House "Media Offenders" website that mimics MRC's "Worst Media Take of the Week."



On Fox News' *Life, Liberty & Levin*, Mark Levin discussed an MRC CNSNews report showing gas prices are higher in blue states than in red states.



Former WH Press Secretary Sean Spicer joined the MRC NewsBusters podcast to discuss media bias, including an MRC poll showing 33% of college students falsely believe Charlie Kirk's killer was "right-wing."

"Love our friends over at the Media Research Center and the great work they do. Part of the power of what they do is polls to test the public's understanding of basic news stories and news events. Their latest poll reveals yet another failing grade for America's media." — Radio host Larry O'Connor, WMAL



MRC President David Bozell joined the *Derek Hunter Show* to break down the fall of late-night "comedy" television.



NewsBusters' Curtis Houck and Dr. Drew discussed how news consumers can "defang the leftist media" and support quality news.



The Daily Wire featured Free Speech America VP Dan Schneider's recent op-ed exposing Wikipedia's hidden war on truth, calling the site an "ideological weapon" for the Left.



For one of his weekly Fox News "Broadcast Bias" columns, NewsBusters' Tim Graham noted how the networks largely ignored the \$1 billion Feeding Our Future fraud scheme in Minnesota's Somali community, focusing instead on criticizing Trump's reaction to it.

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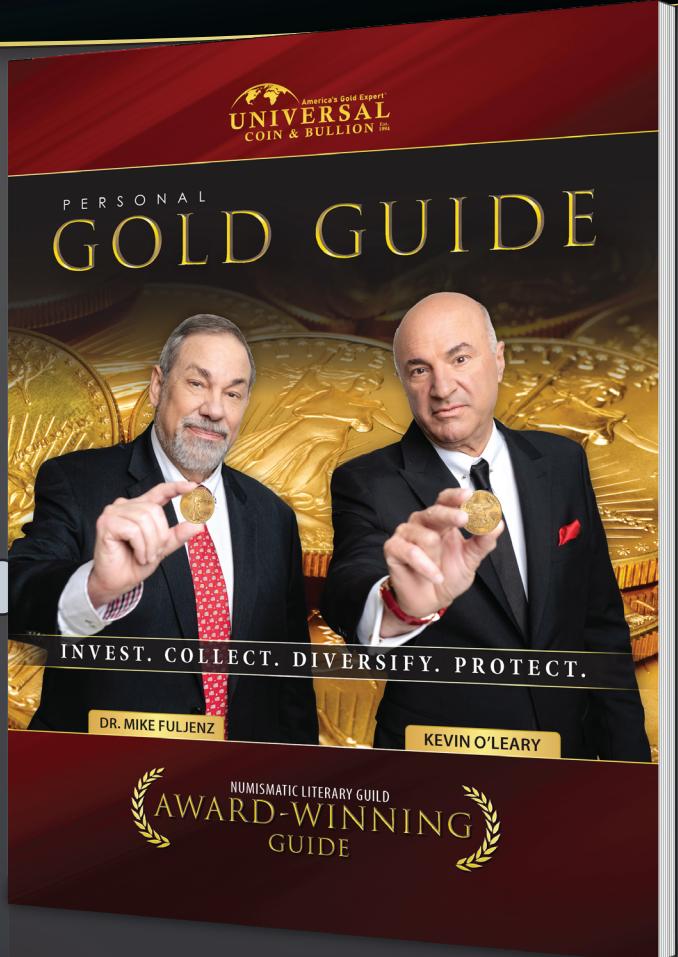
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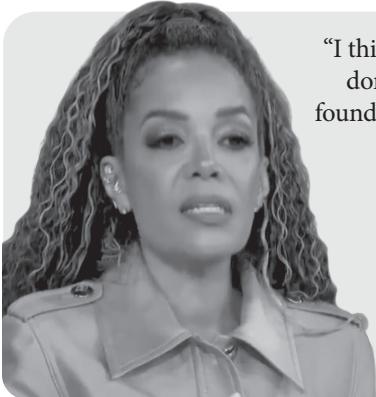
(Not-So) Notable Quotables

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



No, the Country Is 'Sick' of Race Hustlers Like You



"I think it's ridiculous that people don't see what this country was founded on and what this country still is sickened with. It's a sick country. It's a racist country."

SUNNY HOSTIN

ABC's *The View* co-host on the *Behind the Table* podcast

'Dark Side'? You Mean Schumer's Shutdown Theater, Katy?

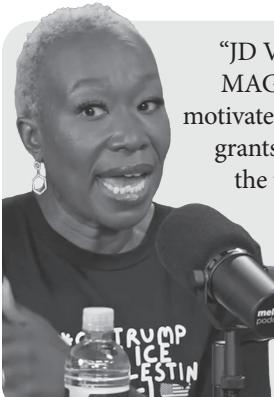


"The shutdown did reveal quite a dark side of Donald Trump ... Posting about the grim reaper coming to slash government jobs, laying off workers ... There was a certain callousness that went further than I've seen Donald Trump go in the past."

KATY TUR

Host of MS NOW's *Katy Tur Reports*

Race Hustler Among Race Hustlers



"JD Vance has a problem in that the base of MAGA is fundamentally racist. What most motivates MAGA? Hatred of non-white immigrants and undocumented people. They use the term illegals, which is just the N-word for brown people. So they can't have the successor to MAGA be the guy with the brown Hindu wife."

JOY REID

Former MSNBC host on *I've Had It* podcast

Typical Leftist: Blame the Victim, Not the Bad Guy

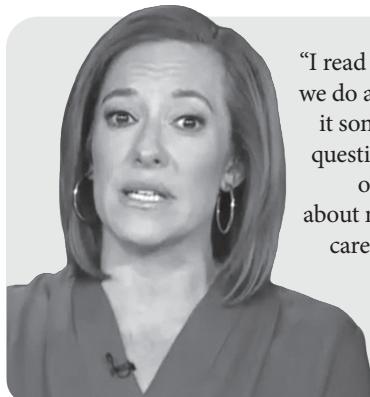


"I think some people might say Charlie Kirk's rhetoric was extreme. You know, I think that's the conversation that happened. People condemned political violence, but they also felt a great deal of discomfort with his language, suggesting that these kinds of words lead to violence."

KATIE COURIC

Host of *Next Question* podcast

So, Non-Leftist Press Are 'Sycophants'?

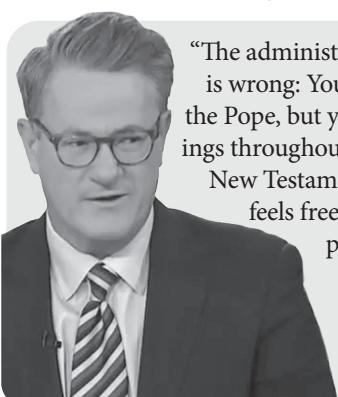


"I read the press briefing a lot because we do a little thing on our show about it sometimes. More and more of the questions in there are by sycophants, or by people who are not asking about news that the American people care about. It's becoming more of a Kremlin-esque press corps."

JEN PSAKI

MS NOW host Jen Psaki on *Next Question* podcast

Scarborough's Bible: Open Borders Edition



"The administration official who said the Pope is wrong: You're kinda going against not only the Pope, but you're going against Jesus's teachings throughout the entire New Testament. The New Testament is so painfully clear the Pope feels free to say, 'Please don't call yourself pro-life if you're against abortion, but you support inhumane treatment of these souls.'"

JOE SCARBOROUGH

MSNBC's *Morning Joe*



The Post Admits Soros Hijacked Justice — Then Shields Him with Antisemitism Card

In a jaw-dropping concession, even the reliably left-wing *Washington Post* now admits what the Media Research Center has warned about for years: George Soros has used his billions to hijack America's criminal justice system. For over a decade, he has funneled massive sums into district attorney races to elect radicals who refuse to prosecute crimes, push to abolish cash bail, and wage war on police.

Astonishingly, The Post even details how Soros cash-rigged the 2022 Maine DA race to force his extremist agenda on voters.

Then the spin: Reporter Beth Reinhard paints Soros and son Alex as victims of "antisemitic conspiracy theories," scoffing that Trump accused them of bankrolling violent protests "without evidence."

Wrong again. Our Soros Project's 2024 probe of 7,785 internal Open Society documents proved Soros funneled \$117 million into prosecutor races while micromanaging policies, hires, and PR. For 15 years, we've tracked their anti-American agenda: funding BLM riots, Antifa chaos, soft-on-crime DAs unleashing urban crime waves, and \$80 million to terror-linked groups.

The "evidence" is public, ironclad, and devastating. Trump's warnings weren't bigotry — they were prophetic.

Soros isn't a victim. He's a clear and present danger. It's time to expose, defund, and end his war on law, order, and America itself.



PBS's Persistent Bias: 'Far-Right' Labels Dominate, 'Far-Left' Vanishes

For the Left, ideology trumps objectivity — and even funding apparently.

A 2024 MRC study highlighted in the White House's PBS defunding press release found PBS news staff used 162 variations of "far right" but only six of "far left." This labeling bias demonizes conservatives and shields radicals.

We revisited *PBS News Hour* with a new study covering December 2024 to November 2025. Spoiler: Nothing has changed.

PBS hurled 44 "far-right" labels at conservatives versus just 4 "far-left." Even after Trump's July 2025 defunding bill, the pattern persisted: 11 "far-right" to 2 "far-left."

Examples: Co-anchor Amna Nawaz called Laura Loomer a "far-right conspiracy theorist" and Trump's "controversial far-right activist" ally, Judy Woodruff labeled radical podcaster Mehdi Hasan merely "liberal," but his opponents "far-right conservatives."



No "hard-left" mentions, but "hard-right" appeared 4 times, "hard-line right-wing" 14 times, and "extreme right" 8 times.

One rare "left-wing" reference — to Antifa — came with a defensive caveat from Geoff Bennett, downplaying Trump's terrorist label.

David Brooks even dubbed Trump's DOGE cuts "Ivy League right-wing nihilism."

This double standard endures: Radicals are cushioned, conservatives are vilified.

Democrats will push to restore taxpayer funding to PBS and NPR. MRC's studies provide irrefutable evidence to arm conservatives in Congress, alert the public, and protect your wallet from subsidizing biased "journalism."

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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