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

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Podcast Wars Don't Matter – The Platforms Do

Every few weeks, there's a new "war" in the conservative podcast world.

One host takes a shot at another. A feud erupts. Clips go viral. Everyone picks sides. The internet treats it like a heavyweight title fight.

And for a few days, it feels like the center of the universe. It's not.

I say that as someone who actually values what the conservative podcast ecosystem has done. It has helped to break the monopoly the legacy media once held. It has allowed voices outside the approved narrative to reach millions. That's a real and lasting shift.

But the current wave of podcast feuds? Largely noise.

They don't change policy. They don't move votes. They don't reshape institutions. They don't alter how information flows at scale.

What they do is consume attention.

And that's where the problem starts.

While everyone is watching podcasters argue with each other, something much more consequential is happening in the background. The real levers of influence are not in long-form conversations between personalities. They are in the systems that decide what hundreds of millions of people see every day.

Search engines. News aggregators. Social feeds. AI interfaces.

That's where narratives are built. Quietly. Consistently. At scale.

You can have the most compelling podcast in the world. But if the major platforms decide not to surface that content, its reach is limited. Not eliminated, but contained.

That's the difference between conversation and distribution.

Podcasts shape conversations. Platforms control distribution.

And distribution is where power lives.

That's why MRC has focused so heavily on the Big Four news apps — Apple News, Google News, MSN News and Yahoo — and the broader digital ecosystem. These platforms function as America's front page. They decide which outlets are elevated, which are buried, and which are effectively erased.

That's not theoretical. We've documented it.

When President Trump's top domestic priority, the SAVE America Act, receives zero coverage from broadcast networks and is nearly invisible across news apps, that's not because it lacks relevance. It's because the distribution layer has made a decision.

These distribution decisions have real-world consequences. They shape what voters think is important. They influence what they believe is happening. Over time, it affects how they vote and how they view the country itself.

None of that is changed by a podcast feud.

This is not to dismiss the value of new media. It's to put it in perspective.

The podcast world is energetic, competitive, and often entertaining. But it is not where the decisive battles over information are being fought.

Those battles are happening in quieter places. In code. In editorial meetings. In ranking systems no one sees.

That's where MRC is focused.

Because if you want to change the trajectory of the country, you don't just win arguments. You make sure people actually hear them.

That's the work.

And it's work you make possible.



David Bozell,
MRC President

ONLINE NEWS APPS — BIAS 24/7

The Big Four's February Tilt

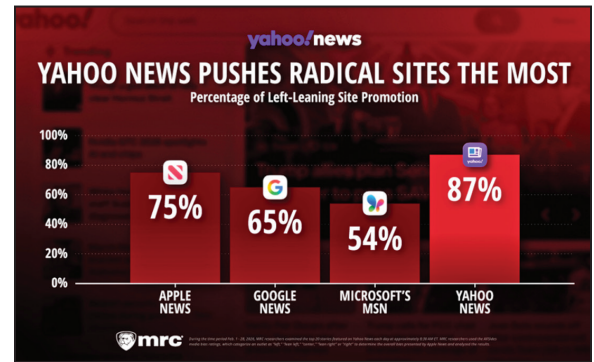
America's most important front pages aren't newspapers anymore — they're the Big Four News Apps: Google News, Apple News, MSN, and Yahoo News.

These apps, preloaded on nearly every phone and browser, curate news feeds that shape what half a billion people see every month. And MRC has exposed a troubling pattern: the stories they highlight overwhelmingly favor left-leaning outlets.

Our February study of Google News revealed 314 left-leaning stories to just 11 right-leaning in its Top Stories lineup. Yahoo News skewed even harder, with 87 percent of its political sources coming from the left. MSN highlighted left-leaning political outlets at a 34-to-1 ratio, sidelining right-leaning coverage almost entirely. These trillion-dollar platforms insist their feeds are neutral. MRC's research shows otherwise. And we're not just documenting the imbalance — we're forcing accountability. From congressional interest to national media coverage, MRC's findings are putting the gatekeepers on notice and compelling them to answer for their choices.

Apple grows increasingly rotten ...

On March 19, MRC President David Bozell made a request to FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson to launch a federal investigation into Apple News, citing MRC research showing the app is consistently biased against right-leaning media, as well as engaging in deceptive trade practices and anticompetitive behavior. **To read the full letter, scan this QR code on the right.**



TWO STUDIES — ONE PATTERN OF SPIN

The elitist media tilt elections the same way every time: they spotlight stories that help the left, bury anything that exposes Democrat obstruction, and rewrite the rest to flip the script against conservatives. Once you understand that, their coverage choices make perfect sense.

Take the DHS shutdown. It began on Feb. 14 after Democrats demanded changes that would cripple President Trump's deportation policies. Across the first 30 days of media coverage (through March 14), MRC found the networks devoted 26 minutes and 22 seconds to the "chaos," but only 8 percent of that airtime (125 seconds) even mentioned Democrats. Instead of naming the party blocking three funding votes, they blamed "Congress," a framing that conveniently leaves viewers assuming Republicans were at fault.

And the pattern extends to any threat involving a protected class like Muslims. In the initial coverage of **the March 7 NYC attempted terrorist bombing outside Mayor Zohran Mamdani's home**, major left-wing print outlets stripped out every key fact already public — the ISIS inspiration, the attacker's identity, the "Allahu Akbar" shout, and the clear motive. Instead, their first headlines implied the device was thrown "by an anti-Islam protester." *The New York Times* described a device "thrown at a protest," while *The Washington Post* and AP framed it as something "thrown at an anti-Islam protest" — language that points the finger at the right. ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, and MS NOW followed with similarly vague, passive-voice headlines that hid who actually threw the bomb.

MRC IS EVERYWHERE



NewsBusters Executive Editor Tim Graham appeared on Fox Business' *The Bottom Line* to critique the woke Oscars broadcast and MRC's latest Google News study.



On *The Sean Spicer Show*, MRC President David Bozell discussed MRC research showing how the networks and major news apps ignored the SAVE America Act, even though 80% of the public supports it.



NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck appeared on Newsmax's *National Report* to discuss the elitist media's negative reporting on Operation Epic Fury.



New York Post covered the MRC's "troubling new" study on late night talk show hosts. MRC found 94% of jokes delivered during the first week of Operation Epic Fury slammed the U.S. and allies instead of Iran and other adversaries.



On Newsmax2's *Leventhal Report*, MRC Video Host Justine Brooke Murray and NewsBusters Associate Editor Nick Fondacaro break down the week's most over-the-top liberal lunacy.

MRC Video's Justine Brooke Murray joined the panel on Fox News *Saturday Night w/ Jimmy Failla* and mocked the media's fake news on Voter ID and the left's backward women's movement which protests here in favor of "the Islamic regime which throws women off buildings."



MRC President David Bozell joined the *Morning Wire* podcast to break down how the Big Four news apps are shaping public opinion and how their partisan curation is dragging down Trump's polling.



HUMOR AND BIAS? Check out MRC's NewsBusters Podcast every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, where Tim Graham and his guests humorously break down the latest chicanery from America's elitist media.

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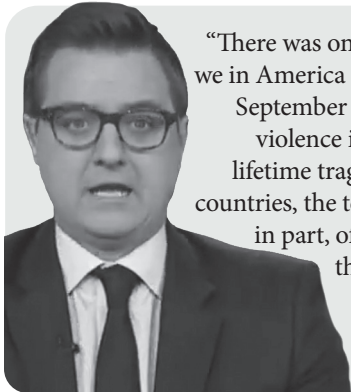
(Not-So) Notable Quotables

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



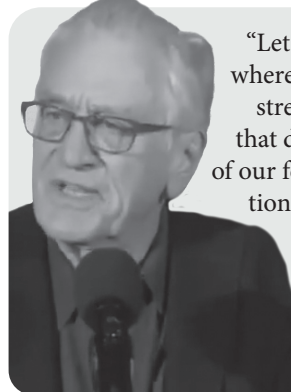
Now Trump Likened to a 9/11 Hijacker



“There was one instance in my lifetime when we in America experienced death from above. September 11th, 2001. For us, that kind of violence is an anomaly. It is a once-in-a-lifetime tragedy. For other people, in other countries, the terror is commonplace because, in part, of the kinds of war of aggression that Donald Trump just started.”

CHRIS HAYES
Host on MS NOW's *All In with Chris Hayes Show* podcast

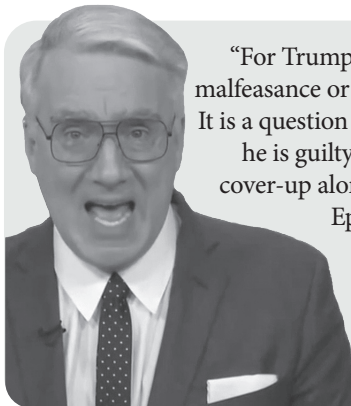
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“Let me ask you: Can you love a country where our neighbors are shot down in the streets by masked government thugs ... that denies healthcare for tens of millions of our fellow citizens ... that ends contributions to sick and starving people around the world, causing hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths, many of them innocent children?”

ROBERT DE NIRO
Actor at “State of the Swamp” event

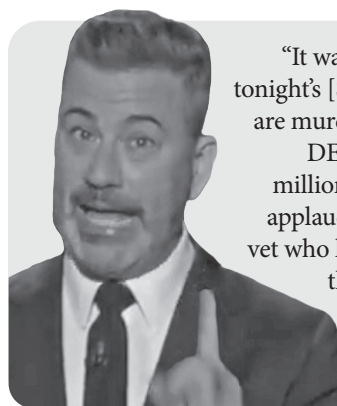
... And Now Trump Likened to a Serial Killer



“For Trump, this is no longer a question of malfeasance or graft or theft or impeachment. It is a question of how many dozens of crimes he is guilty of. On Epstein, on the Epstein cover-up alone. He is the Boss Tweed of the Epstein scandal. He is the Bernie Madoff of the Epstein scandal. He is the John Wayne Gacy of the Epstein scandal!”

KEITH OLBERMANN
on his *Countdown* podcast

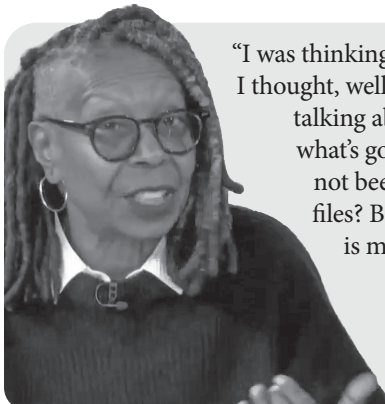
It Was An Angry Monologue — Again



“It was an angry speech. The theme of tonight's [SOTU] speech was all foreigners are murderers. He bragged about ending DEI. He bragged about kicking two million people off food stamps. Trump applauded the efforts of a World War II vet who liberated an internment camp, at the same time, he is building new ones here in the United States.”

JIMMY KIMMEL
on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live*

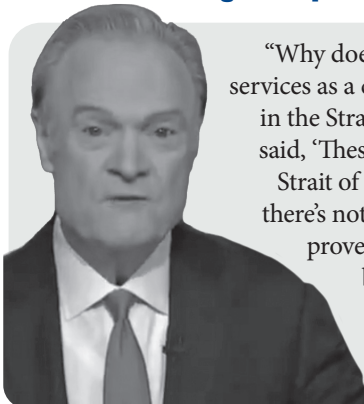
The View's Latest Detour Into Delusion



“I was thinking about it yesterday, because I thought, well, okay, why haven't we been talking about Savannah Guthrie and what's going on there? Why have we not been talking about the Epstein files? Because that's still there. This is meant to get us so worked up that we are unable to see anything else.”

WHOOPI GOLDBERG
Co-host on ABC's *The View*

Turning Trump's Son Into a Political Pawn



“Why doesn't Barron Trump donate his services as a crew member on an oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz? Donald Trump said, ‘These ships should go through the Strait of Hormuz and show some guts, there's nothing to be afraid of. Well, let's prove there's nothing to be afraid of by putting Barron on the deck of one of those ships.’”

LAWRENCE O'DONNELL
MS NOW's *The Last Word*

LATE-NIGHT JIHADISTS

'Comedians' Target War Jokes at America, Not the Enemy

MRC's latest analysis of late-night television shows just how aggressively the comedy establishment targets America. Reviewing 20 episodes across ABC, CBS, NBC, and Comedy Central during the first week of the war, analysts found that 94 percent of all war-related jokes were aimed at the United States and our allies, not Iran.

The tone was unmistakable. On ABC, Jimmy Kimmel lamely joked, "Trump said, 'You cannot let Iran, which is a nation that's been run by crazy people, have a nuclear weapon.' Which may be true, but it's exactly the same thing every other country is saying about us." Over on CBS, Stephen Colbert groused, "If America has a plan, it's probably the one everyone hopes we don't use." These were typical of a week in which the media's favorite comedians cast the U.S. and Trump as the punchline and Iran as an afterthought.

MRC's unique late-night research has already had real-world impact. It led to Kimmel's one-week suspension after he spread a false smear about Charlie Kirk, and it helped expose the hyper-partisan rot that contributed to the cancellation of Colbert's show, ending in May.



The hosts on *Fox & Friends* were rather disgusted to hear the MRC's latest findings (94% late night monologues are anti-American and anti-Trump) — and accurately noted the leftist hosts aren't even trying to hide their bias.

COMEDY CRISIS: Late night hosts are hammering the U.S. instead of the Iranian regime as Operation Epic Fury continues in the Middle East.

A new study by MRC NewsBusters reveals a partisan punchline priority: 94 percent of war-related jokes from major hosts target the U.S. and our allies instead of its adversaries.

HOST	% OF JOKES TARGETING U.S. & ALLIES
Seth Meyers	100%
Jimmy Fallon	97%
Jimmy Kimmel	96%
Stephen Colbert	90%

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The MRC's late-night study was also highlighted on Fox News and trended on X.

Media Try to Rebrand Texas Progressive as a 'Moderate'

The media have done this before. They sold Abigail Spanberger as a "moderate," only for her record to immediately reveal a reliable vote for the Left. Now they're running the same playbook for James Talarico, the extreme progressive Democrat seeking a Senate seat in Texas — a race with enormous national stakes.

Texas hasn't elected a Democrat senator since the 1990s. Flip that seat, and the entire political map shifts. The media know this, which is why they're working overtime to repackage a progressive activist as a thoughtful centrist.

On *CBS Mornings*, hosts treated Talarico less like a candidate and more like a strategic project. They teased his plan to "turn Texas blue," asked what his victory would "signal," and never pressed him on his voting record or his more radical statements. It looked like a campaign rollout, not journalism.

Then *The New York Times* portrayed Talarico as a spiritual reformer, highlighting his attacks on conservative Christians while presenting his progressive theology as enlightened. This is the same secular press that routinely sneers at Christianity, until a liberal politician redefines it in ways that serve their politics. And MRC is exposing the record they'd rather keep hidden.

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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