



The Watchdog

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXPOSED: The Curious Case of NPR

NPR is having quite a moment.

In March, NPR.com ranked as the 20th most visited news website in the United States, drawing 67 million visits. That would be notable for any digital outlet. It is even more striking for an organization that still brands itself as “radio.”

Radio is not driving that kind of traffic.

Distribution is.

By our count, the Big Four news apps — Google News, Apple News, MSN, and Yahoo News — placed NPR content in front of users 74 times in the month of March. Google alone accounted for 36 of those placements. Apple added another 34. Repetition at that scale is not passive. It is deliberate exposure, delivered through platforms that sit preloaded on devices and shape what millions of Americans see each day.

That kind of visibility produces results.

Now step back and consider the broader landscape.

Cable news audiences on the Left are shrinking. CNN has lost 47% of its audience over the past five years. MS NOW (formally MSNBC) is down 43% over the same period. (And most of those years were Biden years!) Liberal talk radio barely registers. Public trust in left-leaning media has collapsed, with believability falling to just 8%, according to Gallup.

Americans are not watching the liberal media. Americans are not listening to the liberal media. Americans are not believing the liberal media.

And yet, NPR, the most liberal of them all, and the

one most Americans wanted to stop funding, surges?

The explanation is not a sudden wave of organic demand. The explanation is a distribution system that decides what rises and what disappears. A system where a handful of platforms control placement, repetition, and reach. A system that can take an outlet most Americans would never seek out and turn it into one of the most visited news destinations in the country.

Bias is no longer confined to coverage. Bias lives in distribution.

The Media Research Center is exposing it with hard data. Every placement tracked. Every pattern documented. Every disparity brought into the open. What was once dismissed as anecdotal is now measurable, repeatable, and undeniable.

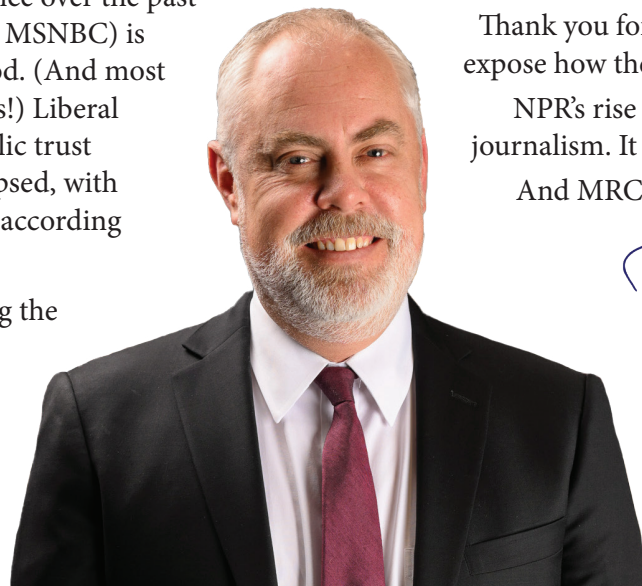
Your support makes that possible.

Your support funds the tracking, the analysis, and the ability to present these findings in a way policymakers, journalists, and the public cannot ignore. Your support turns suspicion into proof.

Thank you for providing the resources to expose how the system works.

NPR's rise is not about radio or even good journalism. It is about power.

And MRC is exposing every piece of it.



David Bozell,
MRC President



President Trump Calls Out Media With MRC Stats

Sitting in the Oval Office before the national press corps, the most powerful man in the world delivered a thunderous validation of the Media Research Center — and then backed it up with our numbers. Holding nothing back, President Trump laid out the reality he has endured for years: The media give him overwhelmingly negative coverage. Then he delivered the line that tells the whole story: “When you get 93% to 97% bad stories, bad press, and you win in a landslide, you know what that says? People don’t believe the press.”

President Trump trusts the MRC. He tracks our work. He uses our research as instant, factual ammunition because he knows America’s media watchdog always has the receipts.

He wasn’t guessing. He was drawing directly from MRC research, the same research he has cited *dozens* of times. From the first time back in 2017, during his first 100 days, he told a rally crowd: “According to Media Research Center, 89% of the media’s coverage of our administration has been negative.”

The hostility has only intensified. MRC’s analysis of the broadcast networks shows 92% negative coverage in the first 100 days of his second term, including 93% on tariffs, 97% on DOJ cuts, and 93% on immigration. The contrast is staggering. During the 2024 campaign, ABC’s debate moderators gave Kamala Harris 100% positive coverage, while Trump received 93% negative coverage. Gallup confirms the collapse: Media trust has fallen to 28%, a historic low.

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MRC President David Bozell spoke to the Palm Beach Freedom Institute on April 15, outlining the MRC 2.0 project and its work exposing the leftist slant of the Big Four News Apps. His visit was sponsored by longtime MRC supporters Bob and Rosellen Schnurr. The Institute hosts invitation-only events featuring leading voices defending freedom.

MRC IS EVERYWHERE



NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck appeared on Newsmax2's *The Pulse* to discuss how the elitist media are parroting propaganda from Iranian TV.



NewsBusters Associate Editor Nick Fondacaro appeared on *The Leventhal Report* to discuss the week's latest media outrages in the "Liberal Lunacy" segment.



MRC Free Speech America Vice President Dan Schneider appeared on *Fox & Friends First* to discuss how social media is accelerating ideas that are causing young people to have anxiety issues.



NewsBusters Managing Editor Curtis Houck appeared on Newsmax's *Bianca Across the Nation* to discuss Kash Patel's \$250 million defamation lawsuit against *The Atlantic*.



On RAV's *Stinchfield Tonight*, MRC President David Bozell highlighted some of the media's over-the-top negative coverage of President Trump and the Iran war, stating, "It's Trump Derangement Syndrome on steroids ... We've gone beyond typical negativity toward the president, and we struggle to see if any legacy network is actually rooting for the home team."



On Newsmax's *Saturday Report*, MRC Free Speech America Vice President Dan Schneider discussed NY Mayor Zohran Mamdani putting public safety on the line and protecting illegal immigrants beyond any protection U.S. citizens would receive.



NewsBusters Executive Editor Tim Graham appeared on Newsmax's *Sunday Agenda* to discuss how a complicit media does not challenge NY Mayor Zohran Mamdani's radical socialist ideas.



MRC Video's Justine Brooke Murray appeared on Newsmax2's *John Bachman Now* to discuss the media's reaction to and coverage of Eric Swalwell's accusers.



MRC's Tim Graham and Curtis Houck appear weekly on Newsmax's *National Report* to review the week's worst examples of media bias during the "Fake News Friday" segment.

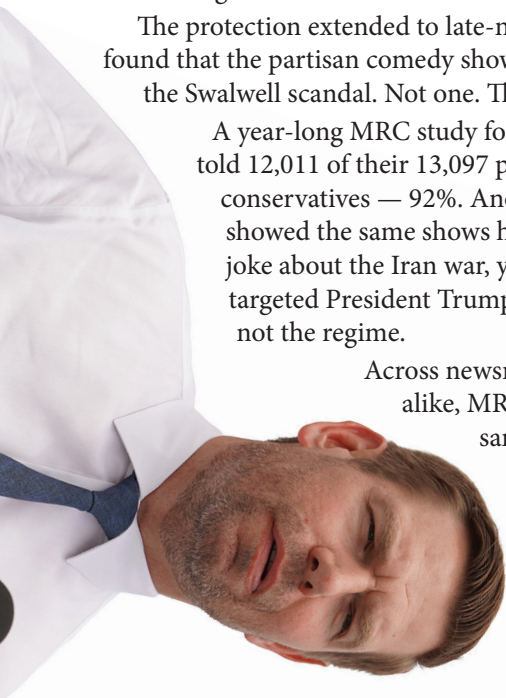
How the Media Built and then Dumped Their Tarnished Golden State Boy

For years, Eric Swalwell was the elitist media's golden boy. An MRC study, covered by Fox News, found he appeared 26 times on MS NOW and 24 times on CNN in just the first 14 weeks of 2026, averaging three to four hits per week despite holding no leadership role. Left-wing cable outlets treated him as a go-to partisan voice — an anti-Trump attack dog, until he became a political liability. When sexual-misconduct allegations surfaced, the same media that once boosted him quickly turned on him, or went silent. Swalwell went from a prized guest to an expendable one. Now he's out of the California governor's race and out of Congress.

The protection extended to late-night television. MRC found that the partisan comedy shows told zero jokes about the Swalwell scandal. Not one. That figures.

A year-long MRC study found that late-night hosts told 12,011 of their 13,097 political jokes about conservatives — 92%. Another MRC analysis showed the same shows had plenty of time to joke about the Iran war, yet 94% of those jokes targeted President Trump and America's allies, not the regime.

Across newsrooms and comedy desks alike, MRC research shows the same pattern: The media protect favored figures until they become a burden — then they work just as hard to hide the fall from grace.



Eric Swalwell was cable news star for years before rapid fall from grace

Democrat goes from cable news regular to the subject of scathing reports about sexual misconduct allegations

By Brian Flood | Fox News | Published April 14, 2026 1:07pm EDT

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S RACE

STEVE HIRON (D) CHAD BIANCO (D) KATIE PORTER (D) TOM STEYER (D)

XAVIER BECERRA (D) ANTONIO VELAZQUEZ (D) MATT MAHAN (D) BETTY YEE (D) TONYTHON WONG (D)

A Media Research Center study found that Swalwell appeared on MS NOW 26 times and on CNN another 24 times in 2026 alone, with all the appearances coming between January 1 and April 10.

"A combined 50 cable news appearances in just the first 14 weeks of 2026 is astounding considering he's not in party leadership. He was averaging three to four appearances per week," MRC associate editor Nicholas Fondacaro told Fox News Digital.

NEWSMAX **TIM GRAHAM**
DIRECTOR OF MEDIA ANALYSIS, MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER

MRC's media analysts were quoted and interviewed by major media outlets for their expertise on the hero-to-zero coverage of Democrat Rep. Eric Swalwell and his fall from grace.

Court Drama, Same Outcome: PBS/NPR Still Defunded

In July 2025, Congress delivered a landmark decision that reshaped public broadcasting. Through a sweeping rescission package, lawmakers clawed back \$1.1 billion in taxpayer funding that had already been allocated to PBS and NPR through 2027. The move followed years of MRC research documenting a persistent left-wing bias that violated the networks' own charter, which required "objectivity" and "impartiality."

Two months earlier, President Trump had ordered federal agencies to stop awarding new grants to PBS and NPR. Agencies such as HHS, Education, and Homeland Security had long funneled millions through quiet "public awareness" and "educational" projects. The executive order closed that side door. The rescission package eliminated the big money.

That distinction mattered when Obama-appointed

District Court Judge Randolph Moss ruled in April 2026 that the executive order amounted to "unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination." As MRC's Tim Graham noted, "the judge could only reach the EO, not the congressional rescission." And that's the point. The ruling generated headlines but restored no funding, reversed no cuts, and left the historic defunding fully intact.

PBS and NPR celebrated the decision as a defense of a "free and independent press," even as their news programs continue pushing far-left narratives that undercut any claim of impartiality.

The core reality stands: MRC's unique research and advocacy helped defund PBS and NPR, and that victory remains untouched. MRC will continue working to ensure taxpayer dollars aren't funneled back into these networks.

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Dr. Mike Fuljenz
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DESPICABLE JOURNALISM

Leftist Media Bury Heinous Illegal Immigrant Crimes

Democrats and their media partners have backed themselves into a corner. Their political strategy now leans heavily on illegal immigration — not for the bleeding heart reasons they give, but for power.

Illegal immigrants have become a protected voting bloc, and the media treat them as an asset that must be defended at all costs. When the consequences of Joe Biden's open border spill into the headlines, the press move quickly to smother the story.

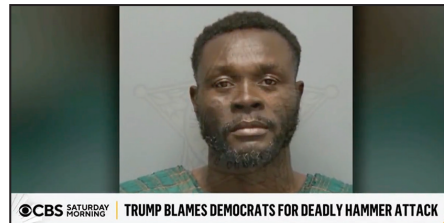
That pattern was unmistakable after the murder of 18-year-old Sheridan Gorman in Chicago, allegedly by an illegal immigrant who should never have been in the country.

MRC found that in the five days following her death, the Big Four News Apps — Apple News, Google News, MSN, and Yahoo News — featured 29 stories on other murders or deaths and zero on Gorman. The blackout was deliberate.

An MRC special report on network coverage showed the same pattern nationwide. Three additional crimes — in Missouri, Dallas, and Fairfax, Va. — all involved illegal aliens tied to Biden-era or Obama-era failures. And all three were ignored by ABC, CBS, and NBC. A fourth case — a hammer killing in Ft. Myers, Fla. — received a brief 2-minute segment on CBS, but was otherwise buried.

The facts undercut the media's preferred storyline that illegal immigrants are uniformly "law-abiding" and "good for the country," so the stories disappear.

The motive is clear. Acknowledging these crimes would expose years of open-border failure and the media's own complicity and threaten a political project built on shielding illegal immigrants to preserve future voter rolls.



Media and the Big Four News Apps both work hard to hide criminal aliens to protect failed Democrat open border policies and maintain a future voting bloc for the Democrats.

News Apps Conceal Massive Fraud News

The Big Four News Apps — Apple News, Google News, MSN, and Yahoo News — continue to shield stories that could damage Democrats or elevate right-leaning outlets.

An MRC special report found that all four apps completely shut out coverage of the massive California hospice-fraud scandal, a scheme involving hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars and negative political implications for Gov. Gavin Newsom and Vice President Kamala Harris. Across 2,320 highlighted stories over 29 days, not one mention appeared. Even CBS's own detailed reporting was buried; the apps featured 68 CBS stories during that period, but not the one exposing the fraud.

At the same time, the networks themselves were no better. MRC's analysis found that ABC and NBC aired zero seconds on the hospice-fraud scandal. The omission drew immediate attention: The White House Rapid Response account quote-tweeted the MRC study, highlighting the silence from ABC and NBC. Sean Hannity also promoted the findings, asking whether the networks were engaged in a "MEDIA BLACKOUT."

Together, the networks and the Big Four create a closed information loop: The networks refuse to air stories that could hurt Democrats, and the apps reinforce the blackout by filtering out right-leaning outlets and suppressing reporting that challenges the preferred narrative.

For tens of millions of Americans, the blackout is total — and deliberate.



MRC special reports reveal how the media have suppressed California's hospice-fraud scandal to protect Gov. Gavin Newsom, even as he backs legislation informally dubbed the "Stop Nick Shirley Act," a bill which critics say would punish those who expose fraud rather than those who commit it.



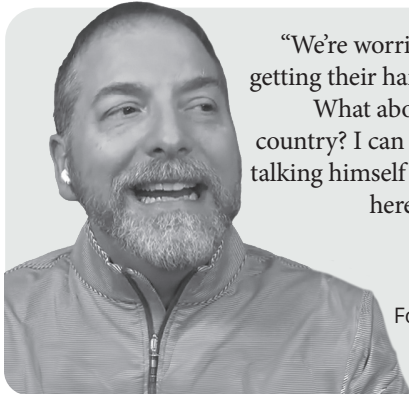
(Not-So) Notable Quotables

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

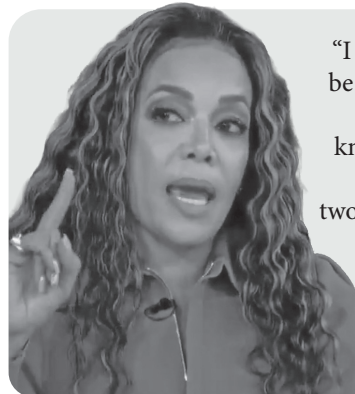
Trump More Dangerous With Nuke Than Iran



“We’re worried about a radical in Iran getting their hands on a nuclear weapon. What about what’s going on in our country? I can see him [Donald Trump] talking himself into the ultimate weapon here in his head. I do. I could see him being that crazy.”

CHUCK TODD
Former NBC’s *Meet the Press* moderator on the *So What* podcast

Left Never Mentioned ‘Affordability’ Under Biden



“I think it’s just really reckless to be suggesting that people should have children when you now know in this country there’s this affordability crisis, and for a two-person household, a married household, you need over \$400,000 for childcare.”

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

If Only Norm Macdonald Could Come Back



“President Trump attended the opening night of Chicago at the Kennedy Center, and I think that’s cool that the President is going to the theater. I mean, what’s the worst that could happen?”

MICHAEL CHE
“Weekend Update” co-anchor on *Saturday Night Live*

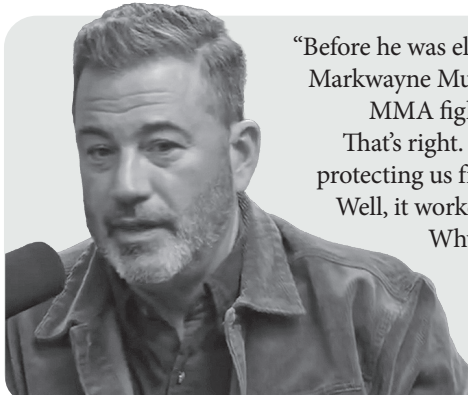
The Left Is a Death Cult



“These are some very colorful and clever signs here. It says, ‘OK, cholesterol, do your job.’ I think I know what that means. That’s very funny. It’s very clever.”

JIM ACOSTA
Referencing a No Kings anti-Trump sign on his podcast

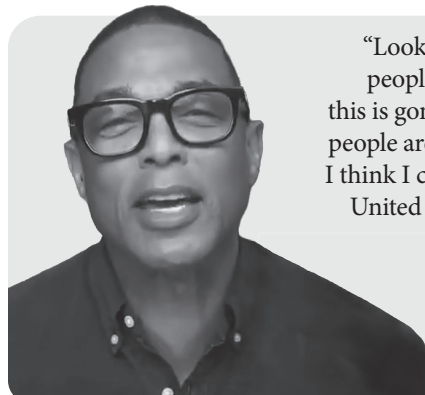
Elitists Look Down at Blue-Collar Work



“Before he was elected to the Senate, Markwayne Mullin was a low-level MMA fighter and a plumber. That’s right. We have a plumber protecting us from terrorism now. Well, it worked for Super Mario. Why not Markwayne?”

JIMMY KIMMEL
Host of ABC’s *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*

The ‘Think I’m Crazy’ Part is Correct



“Look, if I wanted to – I know people gonna think I’m crazy, this is gonna be the headline, and people are gonna laugh about it – I think I could be President of the United States. I could definitely run this country better than Donald Trump.”

DON LEMON
Former CNN anchor on *Pod Save America*

BOZELL OP-ED WARNS:

Curated Headlines Are Skewing Public Opinion

MRC President David Bozell warns that relentless negative media coverage is distorting public opinion and shifting polls against President Trump's immigration enforcement.

In a *Washington Examiner* op-ed, Bozell notes that Trump was elected on the most aggressive enforcement agenda in modern history. Voters knew exactly what they were choosing. Yet polls now suggest growing opposition, a shift Bozell ties to the information environment, not the policy itself.

MRC analysis of coverage of ICE operations in Minnesota revealed overwhelming bias. *PBS News Hour* was 85% negative, with anti-ICE voices outnumbering supporters nine to one. ABC, CBS, and NBC delivered 93% negative stories, routinely omitting the crimes that prompted arrests or key contextual facts.

The same pattern dominates the platforms that now serve as America's digital front page: Apple News, Google News, MSN, and Yahoo News. MRC found that 86% of their ICE coverage was negative or stripped of context. Headlines leaned on fear-driven terms like "invasion," "war zone," and "chaos," while downplaying or ignoring violence against agents. In one glaring case, 44 headlines covered the shooting of anti-ICE activist Renee Good — none reported that she struck an ICE agent with her vehicle first.

Bozell writes that these distortions matter because they shape what tens of millions see before they ever click. When "riots" are softened into "protests" and violence becomes "tension," and when right-leaning outlets are excluded from prominent placement, the result is a curated, one-sided narrative that inevitably bleeds into polling.



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Bozell questions whether these platforms, by posing as neutral while curating one-sided content, are engaging in deceptive practices under the FTC Act. He notes FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson has already placed Apple on notice after MRC documented its exclusion of conservative outlets. Similar scrutiny, he argues, is needed for Google, MSN, and Yahoo.

Unchecked, Bozell concludes, this narrative-shaping will produce political consequences long before Americans see the full picture.



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