

Media Research Center's

2009 Gala



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The *DisHonors* Awards ~ Roasting the Most
Outrageously Biased Liberal Reporting of the Year
and the
William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence



Welcome & Dinner

Master of Ceremonies

L. Brent Bozell III

Invocation

Father John De Celles

Pledge of Allegiance

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Presentation of the DisHonors Awards

T. Kenneth Cribb Jr., Monica Crowley, and Mark Levin

*Presentation of the William F. Buckley Jr.
Award for Media Excellence*

Honoree: Brit Hume



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L. Brent Bozell III

Lecturer, syndicated columnist, television commentator, debater, marketer, businessman, author, publisher and activist, L. Brent Bozell III is one of the most outspoken and effective national leaders in the conservative movement today. Founder and President of the Media Research Center, Mr. Bozell runs the largest media watchdog organization in America, and has made "media bias" a household term. His most recent book, *Whitewash: What the Media Won't Tell You About Hillary Clinton, But Conservatives Will*, was released in November, 2007. Mr. Bozell is the founder of CNSNews.com, the Culture and Media Institute, and the Business & Media Institute. Mr. Bozell also launched the MRC's blog, NewsBusters.org, one of the most popular blogs on the Internet. He and his wife, Norma, have five children and two grandchildren.



This Evening's Award Presenters

T. Kenneth Cribb Jr.

T. Kenneth Cribb Jr. is President of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Ken was Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs in the Reagan Administration, serving as President Reagan's top advisor on domestic matters. Earlier in the Administration he held the position of Counselor to the Attorney General. He also served as Vice Chairman of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board from 1989 to 1992. He is President of the Collegiate Network, Inc., an association of independent college newspapers; President of the Council for National Policy; and Counselor to the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy. In November 2005, Mr. Cribb was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Universidad Francisco Marroquín.



Monica Crowley

Monica Crowley is the host of the wildly popular, nationally syndicated radio program, *The Monica Crowley Show*, and a panelist on *The McLaughlin Group*. She is also a Political and Foreign Affairs Contributor on the Fox News Channel, which she rejoined after spending two lonely years anchoring at MSNBC. Monica served as Foreign Policy Assistant to former President Richard Nixon during the last years of his life and wrote two bestselling books about her experiences with him. She has also written for *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The LA Times*, and *The New York Post*. She holds a doctorate in International Relations from Columbia University and managed to graduate with her conservative values still intact.



Mark Levin

Mark Levin has become one of the hottest properties in talk radio, his top-rated show on WABC New York is syndicated nationally by ABC Radio Networks. He is one of the top authors in the conservative political arena and also one of America's preeminent conservative commentators and constitutional lawyers. He's in great demand as a political and legal commentator, and has appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs. Levin is also a contributing editor for *National Review Online*, and writes frequently for other publications. Levin has served as a top advisor to several members of President Ronald Reagan's Cabinet - including as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of the United States. He currently practices law in the private sector, heading up the prestigious Landmark Legal Foundation in Washington D.C.



MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER'S

2009 Gala and *Dis*Honors Awards

Roasting the Most Outrageously Biased Liberal Reporting of the Year

The Media Messiah Award

PRESENTED BY MONICA CROWLEY

Nominees

Keith Olbermann & Chris Matthews.....MSNBC's Democratic Convention
David Gergen.....CNN's *Anderson Cooper 360*
Chris Matthews.....MSNBC's Election Coverage

The Obamagasm Award

PRESENTED BY MONICA CROWLEY

Nominees

Keith Olbermann.....MSNBC's Election Coverage
Bill Weir.....ABC's *World News*
David Wright.....ABC's *Nightline*

Funny Videos

PRESENTED BY T. KENNETH CRIBB JR.

Half-Baked Alaska Award for Pummeling Palin

PRESENTED BY MARK LEVIN

Nominees

Chris Matthews.....MSNBC's *Hardball*
Howard Fineman.....MSNBC's *Countdown*
Bill Maher.....HBO's *Real Time*
Joy Behar.....CNN's *Larry King Live*

Dan Rather Memorial Award for the Stupidest Analysis

PRESENTED BY MARK LEVIN

Nominees

Ted Turner.....	PBS's <i>Charlie Rose</i>
Chris Cuomo.....	ABC's <i>Good Morning America</i>
Justin Webb.....	BBC <i>World</i>
Sam Champion.....	ABC's <i>Good Morning America</i>

Quote of the Year

L. Brent Bozell III, T. Kenneth Cribb Jr.,
Monica Crowley, Mark Levin, and special guests
~ Audience Participation ~



Distinguished Panel of Judges

Tony Blankley	Rush Limbaugh
L. Brent Bozell III	Kate O'Beirne
Sean Hannity	Cal Thomas
Larry Kudlow	Walter E. Williams
Mark Levin	Thomas S. Winter

The William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence



The conservative movement lost its intellectual cornerstone in 2008 with the passing of William F. Buckley Jr. His founding of *National Review* magazine in 1955 provided the home-base for conservatives in an America seemingly overrun by liberalism. With *NR*, and as host of television's *Firing Line* for 33 years, Buckley spread the cause, helped rally conservatives during the Cold War, was instrumental in helping Ronald Reagan win the presidency — twice — and continued to provide the intellectual ammunition, along with grace and wit, to strengthen conservatives in the on-going battles to preserve liberty, peace, and justice in America.

In addition to *National Review*, Mr. Buckley had written more than 40 books, published a regular column syndicated in 300 newspapers, and penned articles for magazines and other outlets. He educated and inspired thousands of conservatives, especially young men and women through his articles, books, and TV appearances. These young conservatives have followed Mr. Buckley's example and relayed the conservative message across the country and through various media, particularly the New Media: cable TV, talk radio and the Internet.

Fifty-three years ago, William F. Buckley Jr. circumvented the liberal media's "Berlin Wall" of bias with imagination and tenacity. His intellectual progeny today now populate the airwaves and cyberspace, leaving the old liberal media in the dustbin of history. To recognize and honor very the best of these new conservative leaders, the Media Research Center is proud to present the annual William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence.



Brit Hume • 2009 Honoree

With more than 35 years of journalism experience to draw from, Brit Hume currently serves as a senior political analyst for FOX News Channel (FNC) and contributes to all major political coverage. Hume also is a regular panelist on FOX's weekly public affairs program, *FOX News Sunday*.

Hume stepped down as anchor of *Special Report* in December 2008 after more than 10 years at the helm of the program. Under his leadership, *Special Report* was the highest rated political program on cable television. In this capacity, Hume also served as the Washington managing editor and was responsible for overseeing news content for FOX News' Washington bureau. He also anchored all network coverage for every presidential election from 1996-2008.

Before joining FOX News in 1996, Hume was with ABC News for 23 years, serving as chief White House correspondent from 1989 through 1996. During his tenure, he contributed to *World News Tonight With Peter Jennings*, *Nightline*, and *This Week* as well as various specials for the news division. Hume joined ABC in 1973 as a consultant for the network's documentary division and was named a Washington correspondent in 1976. He was later promoted to Capitol Hill correspondent and reported on Congress until 1988.



Earlier, Hume reported for United Press International, beginning his career as a newspaper reporter with *The Hartford Times* and the *Baltimore Evening Sun*.

He has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2003 Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism from the National Press Foundation, and a 1991 Emmy Award for his coverage of the Gulf War. The author of two books *Inside Story* and *Death and the Mines*, Hume was named "The Best in the Business" by the *American Journalism Review* for his extensive news coverage of the White House.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Hume resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife Kim Schiller Hume.

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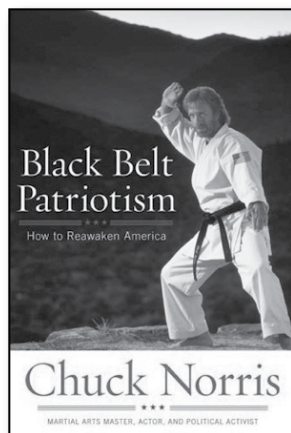
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