MRC Launches Campaign Against On-Air Liberals, AND THEIR ADVERTISERS, Who Smear and Defame Conservatives

Radical leftists and liberal journalists are trying to silence conservative voices in the media. They don’t want conservative ideas broadcast to the nation because our views cripple their drive to build a European-style welfare state. They don’t believe in free speech because it hurts them.

Conservative media are popular and stand in their way. So leftists are now targeting their advertisers. Here’s how it works: Leftists attack someone on the right, such as Fox’s Sean Hannity, and it doesn’t matter how false the attacks are (just ask Rush Limbaugh). Then activists bombard the advertisers on his show through Twitter, Facebook, and other means.

Leftists flood the sponsors with slurs against the conservative and demand that the companies pull their advertising from the show, and thus kill the show.

The left played this game successfully against Don Imus and Glenn Beck; with Roger Ailes and Bill O’Reilly; and it almost worked against Rush. Then they tried to take out Hannity in May. But they lost because of a swift MRC Action counter-effort.

To try to stop these vicious and hateful attacks against conservative media figures and their corporate advertisers, the MRC has launched a new campaign that puts every network and cable news channel on notice that now we are watching their every move.

But as opposed to our left-wing adversaries, we will be honest.

The MRC is monitoring leftist opinion programs and informing their advertisers and the public when these shows and hosts go beyond commentary and engage in smear, hate and political extremism. For this campaign, the MRC is using all its divisions: NewsBusters, MRC Business, MRC Latino, CNSNews.com, MRCTV, and MRC Action.

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quickly announced they were pulling their ads.

The USAA action was unduly grievous because Hannity has worked tirelessly — on-air and off-the-air — to support veterans and their families. He has raised tens of millions of dollars for them.

Because of USAA’s swift surrender to left-wing extremists, the MRC alerted its supporters by e-mail and social media and urged them to contact USAA and express their opposition to pulling ads from Hannity’s show.

The reaction from conservatives was ferocious. USAA first claimed it was all a mistake, that it was not their policy to run ads on “opinion” shows. But the MRC exposed that lie, documenting that USAA regularly advertised on MSNBC’s Hardball and The Rachel Maddow Show, to name just two.

The MRC called USAA out for being dishonest. We hit them through every MRC division. Calls flooded their corporate offices. Their Facebook site was buried with complaints — and customers canceling their policies.

Within about 48 hours from exiting the Hannity show, the USAA reversed itself and announced it was reinstating its advertising on the program. Even the liberal AP gave the MRC credit for mobilizing the grassroots campaign that deluged USAA with more

than 1,600 phone calls from customers protesting their cowardly action.

It goes without saying USAA has not experienced this kind of customer outrage in its entire history.

Because of what happened with Hannity, the MRC officially launched its new campaign in early June.

To start, the new campaign has called out 10 disreputable shows and hosts. We will document their dishonesty and hate, and then list their advertisers. Four of these shows and an abbreviated list of their corporate sponsors are presented below. (To see the full list, visit MRC.org.)

The other six shows are Fareed Zakaria GPS, AM Joy, Politics Nation With Al Sharpton, All In With Chris Hayes, The Last Word With Lawrence O’Donnell, and CNN Tonight with Don Lemon. They and their advertisers are on notice. The MRC, America’s media watchdog, is watching them — and fighting back — 24/7.

You can support us in this good fight by mailing a donation to the MRC. Use the reply card and envelope enclosed with this newsletter to send your most generous gift today. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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The day when the liberal media could smear and defame conservatives with impunity is over. We are fighting back, and taking no prisoners.

Thanks to the MRC’s new campaign of targeting liberal media (and their advertisers) who engage in character assassination, the leftist reporters and commentators are feeling the heat. The first to fall in this campaign was CNN’s Reza Aslan, the now ex-host of the CNN show Believer.

Aslan — CNN calls him a “religious scholar” but in practice he’s a Muslim leftist activist — fell fast and hard precisely because MRC supporters, members of the MRC Action grassroots army, responded swiftly.

On June 3, the day of the London terrorist attack, Aslan chose to assault President Trump on Twitter. Aslan tweeted, “This piece of sh*t is not just an embarrassment to America and a stain on the presidency. He’s an embarrassment to humankind.” (Aslan spelled out sh*t.)

Now, imagine if Aslan had tweeted that about President Barack Obama. He would have been fired immediately and the liberal media would have pilloried him.

CNN, however, said nothing and tried to wait it out. For his part, Aslan tweeted out a non-apology apology and absurdly claimed it was “not like me” to use “derogatory” language. (This was a lie as Aslan has tweeted of Sean Hannity, “This piece of sh*t,” and of Dinesh D’Souza, “Go f**k yourself, you adulterous piece of sh*t felon.”)

The MRC was having none of CNN’s silence and sent out alerts to its MRC Action Team by e-mail, Twitter and Facebook. The MRC called on its grassroots army to telephone CNN and demand that Aslan be removed. The MRC also prepared to contact the advertisers on Aslan’s show should CNN not act.

“It’s up to CNN President Jeff Zucker to cut ties with Mr. Aslan and ensure he will no longer have a show on CNN,” said MRC President Brent Bozell in a June 5 statement. “We will call on him to do so and report back to the public what CNN’s formal position is.”

Within 24 hours, CNN received more than 3,000 phone calls from the MRC grassroots, and the calls kept pouring in for two more days — more than 7,000 calls! Finally, late on Friday, June 9, CNN quietly released a statement saying, “CNN has decided not to move forward with production on the acquired series Believer with Reza Aslan.” We wish Reza and his production team all the best.

“This is just the beginning,” said Brent Bozell.
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Vicious Attacks

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough and former Newsweek Editor Jon Meacham hate President Donald Trump so much that they claimed his May trip to Europe actually undermined America’s WWII victory against the Nazis. Trump “doesn’t take the conventions of his office seriously, he doesn’t take the world order for which those men going across in those landing craft today in 1944 were fighting,” lectured Meacham on Morning Joe on June 7.

“They were fighting against totalitarianism, they were fighting against cults of personality, they were fighting against authoritarianism and they created a world order that is now under the gravest assault it’s been in half a century,” warned Meacham. Scarborough piled on: Trump “humiliated us in front of our NATO partners. He acted like a thug, pushing people around and trying to rip people’s arms off while he was shaking their hands.” In other words, Trump is the new totalitarian, the new Hitler.

Nets Ignore Obama, Holder Lies

ABC, CBS, and NBC completely ignored a House Oversight Committee report released on June 7 showing that President Obama and AG Eric Holder repeatedly lied to the family members of slain Border Patrol agent Brian Terry. Terry was killed with a gun in 2010 that had been funneled to Mexican cartels by Holder in the Fast and Furious program. After Terry’s death, Holder shut down the program and Obama claimed executive privilege on 64,000 program documents.

The Obama administration refused to tell Terry’s family members whether a Fast and Furious gun had killed the agent, and Holder was eventually held in contempt of Congress. “My only goal was to make sure he was laid to rest with honors,” Terry’s mother told Congress. “That honor has been insulted by cover-ups and deception by the very people he served.”

The networks are aiding that cover-up and deception. They’re still protecting Obama.

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BuzzFeed’s Agenda

Online news outlet BuzzFeed pushed its left-wing agenda further by running a congratulatory story about two high school girls who “stole the show” by wearing dresses made from condom packages and Planned Parenthood signs for their school’s annual fashion show. The girls wanted their dresses to “have some meaning,” they told BuzzFeed in late May. The pro-safe sex and pro-abortion piece went on to say the girls were “frightened and sad” because conservatives want to ban abortions.

BuzzFeed also quoted the condom-draped girls as declaring abortion is “an amazing thing that is provided to women.” Thanks to BuzzFeed, the girls’ pro-Planned Parenthood message became a trending story and they were heralded as “heroes” for standing up for something they believe in. The article ran no pro-life views for balance and apparently never thought to wonder if sex outside of marriage was a good thing, never mind killing babies.

Venezuela?

MRC research shows the networks have largely ignored the chaos in socialist Venezuela since dictator Hugo Chavez died in 2013 and new dictator Nicolas Maduro took power. This year alone, more than 50 people have been killed protesting Maduro. Also, inflation is expected to surpass 700%, unemployment is 25%, and there are endless shortages of food and medicine. It is a nightmare caused by socialism, in a regime praised and visited by President Obama in 2009, similar to his ideological romance with Communist Cuba.

Despite Venezuela’s disaster, ABC, CBS, and NBC have aired only 25 stories on the country in the last four years, barely 30 seconds per month. The situation is so unhinged, Venezuelans reportedly are eating zoo animals to survive. But the nets are silent. They also do not criticize the leftist politicians and celebrities that praise Maduro. They’re hiding the truth about Venezuela, just like they hid the truth about Cuba and the USSR.
Al Franken Is ‘Sick,’ All Right

Al Franken has a new book out humbly titled Al Franken, Giant of the Senate. On that same level of attempted humor, his author’s biography states he received “his doctorate in right-wing megalomania studies from Trump University.” Stay classy, Sen. Franken.

Sycophantic press profiles of Franken express admiration for the “former comedian” as if the satire stopped. Just two months ago, The Washington Post gushed that in the Age of Trump, “the former comedian and satirist may be having a breakout moment as a political star....The Minnesota senator spent the last eight years proving that he’s good enough, smart enough, and doggone it, people like him.”

The Democrats who support The Washington Post swoon at Franken’s feet, but if you’re conservative, you can see he’s a serious jerk. On May 25, the Post puffed Franken again in the Style section’s gossip column, under the headline “Al Franken is back to writing jokes with this sick burn on Ted Cruz.”

So what was this “sick burn,” this masterful insult? He wrote about how before the Gridiron comedy dinner in Washington, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) asked Ted Cruz to hear her Cruz-bashing joke. Her joke played off the 2013 Carnival “poop cruise” story about the disabled ship with sewage seeping into the halls. Klobuchar joked: “When most people think of a difficult cruise, they think of Carnival. But we Democrats in the Senate think of Ted.” Franken burst in on this conversation with his own rewrite: “When most people think of a cruise that’s full of s—, they think of Carnival. But we think of Ted.” Cruz didn’t smile.

The Post wrote: “Now that’s a burn.” This is the same newspaper that cartooned Cruz’s young children as organ-grinder monkeys, so we guess the Post can relate to Franken.

Franken devotes a whole chapter of his Giant book to running down Cruz, who told Politico, “Al is trying to sell books and apparently he’s decided that being obnoxious and insulting me is good for causing liberals to buy his books. I wish him all the best.”

By contrast, Franken said he considered Cruz “singularly dishonest and smarmy” in a new interview with USA Today reporter Susan Page. “You have to understand that I like Ted Cruz probably more than my colleagues like Ted Cruz. And I hate Ted Cruz,” said the gentleman from Minnesota.

Why be Franken’s friend? Page related that Franken became pals with Sen. Jeff Sessions and their wives became friends. But when Sessions was nominated as attorney general, Franken told Page, “When my job meant doing everything in my power to deny my friend this important position, I was relieved there was so much to demonize him for.”

Ted Cruz and Jeff Sessions are demonized by the “objective” national press for pressing their constitutional conservative agenda. But Franken can be as vicious as he wants and supplicants like Page write sentences like this: “His relish for debate and his full-throated liberalism is a good fit with the rising anti-Trump energy among Democrats on the left.”

This is why conservatives roll their eyes when liberal journalists lecture about the need for civility. They adore Franken’s bilious nastiness as “full-throated liberalism,” but freak out when someone uses Barack Obama’s middle name. Their judgment of civility is as well-honed as their judgment of “news.” It’s all about whose ox is being gored.
The experts at the Media Research Center are interviewed almost every day on stories of national importance, often reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, social media, in magazines, books, and in newspapers, always striving to help restore political balance to the major media. Some of the MRC’s latest media appearances include the following:

### Television

**FBN:**
- After the Bell, Jun. 9
- Cavuto Coast to Coast, Jun. 2
- The Intelligence Report, May 17, 25
- Risk & Reward, May 30, Jun. 5
- Varney & Co, May 27

**FNC:**
- Fox & Friends, May 13
- Fox News Sunday, May 27
- Hannity, Jun. 1
- Outnumbered, May 12, 24
- Tucker Carlson Tonight, May 19, 23

**PBS:**
- Washington Week, May 22

**NEWSMAX TV**
- America Talks Live, May 10, 15, 26, Jun. 2, 9
- Steve Malzberg Show, May 21

**NRA TV**
- Hot Mic, May 26, Jun. 7

**OANN**
- Daily Ledger, May 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, Jun. 1, 6, 8
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### Radio

**AFA, Focal Point**
- May 15, 22, 29, Jun. 5

Alan Nathan Show, May 11, 12, 18, 23, 26, Jun. 2, 5, 8
- American Family Radio, May 12, 16, 22, 26, 31, Jun. 2, 5
- Breitbart News Daily, Sirius XM, May 15, Jun. 5
- Chosen Generation, May 17, 23, 24, 31, Jun. 7
- Daily Caller, May 16, 22, 23, 31
- Fox Nation, May 13, 17, 22, 24, 25, Jun. 3, 4
- Herman Cain Show, May 22
- KFAB, Omaha, NE, Jun. 6
- KFTK, St. Louis, MO, May 10, 17, 18, Jun. 2, 3, 10
- KIDK, Boise, ID, May 18, 30, Jun. 5
- KIRO, Seattle, WA, May 11, 23, Jun. 1
- KNTH, Houston, TX, May 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, Jun. 1, 5, 8
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, May 10, 17, 24, 31, Jun. 7
- KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, May 17, 18, Jun. 2, 6, 8
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, May 16, 31, Jun. 2
- Lars Larson, May 9, 12, 30, 31
- Mark Levin, May 16, 18, 23
- Mike Gallagher Show, May 31
- Radio America, May 12
- Rush Limbaugh Show, May 24, Jun. 7
- Sean Hannity Show, May 18, 22
- SiriusXM Wilkow Majority, Jun. 6
- Trending Today USA, Jun. 1, 2
- WFTL, Miami, FL, May 16, 31, Jun. 9
- WIBA, Madison, WI, May 10, Jun. 7
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, May 15, 22, 29, Jun. 5
- WLZQ, Detroit, MI, May 10, Jun. 1
- WOA, San Antonio, TX, Jun. 1
- WROK, Aurora, IL, May 16, 23, 30, Jun. 6
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, May 12, 19, 26, 29, Jun. 2, 9
- WTOP, Washington, DC, May 18
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### Print

**Chicago Tribune, May 30**
- Forbes, May 18, Jun. 3
- Investor’s Business Daily, May 14, 17, 19, 30, Jun. 2, 7, 9, 14
- LA Times, May 25
- Minneapolis Star Tribune, May 18
- National Review, May 25, 26
- New York Times, May 25
- Seattle Times, May 10
- USA Today, May 30
- Variety, May 30
- Washington Post, May 10, 26, 30, 31, Jun. 8
- Washington Times, May 16, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, Jun. 7, 8
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**ABCNews, May 25**
- American Family News, Jun. 9
- Associated Press, May 18, 25, 30
- BizPac Review, May 10, 25, Jun. 1
- Breitbart News, May 25, 29, 30, 31, Jun. 4, 5
- Canada Free Press, May 29, Jun. 6
- CBN News, May 18, Jun. 6, 7
- Christian Post, May 12, 25
- CNBC, May 25
- CNN Money, May 18
- Conservative Review, May 30, 31, Jun. 5
- Daily Beast, May 18
- Daily Signal, Jun. 5
- Drudge Report, May 31, June 1, 2, 13, 15, 16
- Fox News, May 17, 22, 30, 31, Jun. 5, 7, 8
- HotAir, May 23, 27, 30
- IJR, May 30, Jun. 1
- Legal Insurrection, May 17, 30, Jun. 1, 5
- LifeNews, May 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, Jun. 1, 7
- LifeZette, May 22, 25, 31, Jun. 1
- Mediate, May 18, 30
- NBC News, Jun. 8
- New York Daily News, Jun. 4
- NRA News, Jun. 2
- NY Daily News, May 21
- One News Now, May 15, 18, 31, Jun. 2, 5, 6, 8
- Politico, May 30, 31
- The Blaze, May 18, 22, 24, 29, 30, Jun. 1, 2
- The Hill, May 31
- The Resurgent, May 31
- Townhall, May 11, 12, 17, 25
- TVNewser, May 25, 30
- U.S. News & World Report, May 30
- Variety, May 31
- Washington Examiner, May 16, 30, 31, Jun. 9
- World Tribune, May 31
- Yahoo! News, May 26, 30, June 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 19, 20
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On FBN’s Risk and Reward, NewsBusters’ Editor-in-Chief Tim Graham exposes the hypocrisy of CNN in its tepid and self-serving coverage of foul-mouthed CNN host Reza Aslan and CNN New Year’s Eve co-host Kathy Griffin, who posed, a la ISIS, with a faux severed head of President Trump.

On Fox’s Hannity, MRC President Brent Bozell discusses the liberal media’s sophomoric attacks on President Trump and Hollywood’s defense of Kathy Griffin.

On Fox’s Cavuto: Coast to Coast, MRC’s Brent Bozell details the liberal smears against President Trump and explains that the leftist news outlets do not believe in free speech.
CBS’s Stephen Colbert lets loose: “Mr. Trump, I love your presidency. I call it ‘Disgrace the Nation.’ You are not the POTUS, you’re the BLOTUS (Biggest Liar of the United States). You are the glutton with the button.”

On ABC’s The View, Netflix talker Chelsea Handler rips, “I have a fantasy, like I want Melania [Trump] to just finally come out and divorce him, and she would be an American hero.”

The oh-so tolerant Ellen DeGeneres declares she doesn’t want President Trump on her show because “he’s against everything I stand for.”

Actor Robert DeNiro tells USA Today that Trump is “just a slob. He’s a pig.”

HBO’s Bill Maher, apparently sober, huffs, “The Syrian problem started with climate change. It did — 75% of Syrian farms failed,” and rants, “we talk about Assad gassing people, we’re gassing them, too. We’re just doing it slower with CO2.”

Leftwing Hollywood Director Rob Reiner rails, “This is the most scary time in our country in terms of leadership. We have a person who is clearly mentally unstable who has no understanding of government or policy — who has no desire to know about it — is an egomanic and is a pathological liar.”

MSNBC’s multimillionaire socialist Lawrence O’Donnell, who predicted a Hillary landslide in 2016, now proclaims, “Donald Trump now sits at the threshold of impeachment.”

O’Donnell’s MSNBC comrade Joe Scarborough bellowes, “The capital is filling with echoes of Watergate and the question this morning is whether the centuries-old system of checks and balances will swing into action.”

Not citing a smidgen of evidence or one vital fact, CNN contributor Carl Bernstein declares, “I think this is a potentially more dangerous situation than Watergate and we are at a very dangerous moment. And that’s because we are looking at the possibility that the president of the United States and those around him during an election campaign colluded with a hostile foreign power to undermine the basis of our democracy: free elections.”

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