The horrific shooting at a high school in Florida on Valentine’s Day was committed by a twisted 19-year-old kid with a long history of disciplinary problems. The school had expelled him; the local police had been to his home 39 times; and the FBI had been tipped — twice! — that he was going to shoot-up a school. They knew he was a ticking time bomb.

Despite those facts and that the shooter, Nikolas Cruz, confessed to the crime, the left-wing media blamed the National Rifle Association (NRA), and condemned President Donald Trump for not doing enough to stop gun violence.

CNN and other media, for instance, have allowed on-air guests to smear the NRA as “child murderers” without challenge. Trump has been ridiculed and labeled “dumb” and “mentally ill.”

As the news coverage demonstrates, the liberal media are using the Florida shooting, as they do with every shooting — except those in America’s inner cities — to push for more gun-control laws, more restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The ultimate goal is to destroy the NRA and kill the Second Amendment.

The MRC is documenting, exposing, and neutralizing the anti-gun rights crusade of the liberal media through our divisions — NewsBusters, MRCTV, CNSNews.com, MRC Culture — and through social media and our grassroots army, MRC Action. MRC experts also provide analysis daily on television and radio.

Let’s look at how the leftist press is exploiting the Florida shooting to push its agenda.

In a tweet following the shooting, President Trump reminded people of the rule “see something, say something,” and he urged people to always inform authorities “again and again.” CNN’s Chris Cuomo was not happy with this advice, and said it’s a “dumb thing he just put out.” This “news anchor” added that Trump “fundamentally doesn’t get it,” i.e., the liberal push for more gun control.

NBC also was upset that Trump had not called for more gun laws in his Feb. 15 address to the nation. Trump is “missing the mark,” claimed NBC’s Peter Alexander. “The president, in a seven-minute speech, never mentioning the word ‘gun’ or semiautomatic rifles, like the AR-15....”

NBC’s Chuck Todd complained, “That was President Trump, as you heard there, deciding not to address any policy ideas at all in his remarks....” ABC’s Cecilia Vega declared “there has not been a very serious public policy conversation about gun control here at this administration, in this White House.”

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ABC’s talk show host and left-wing activist Jimmy Kimmel also ripped into the president. “Children are being murdered!” he thundered on Feb. 15 (in reference to the school shooting, not to abortion). “Do something! You still haven’t done anything about it. You’ve literally done nothing!”

He added, “If you don’t think we need to do something about it, you’re obviously mentally ill!” Kimmel and his ilk never made such comments about Barack Obama even though 14 mass shootings occurred during his presidency.

As for the NRA, the liberal media viciously attacked the organization, and allowed many of its news guests to smear the group without challenge.

CNN Tonight’s Angela Rye ranted that NRA “folks are wrong as two left shoes. Kids have died. The NRA is out of touch — they are in God’s way. They are terrible.” Host Don Lemon agreed and claimed that Americans want more “gun control.” The NRA is “holding the rest of us hostage,” he charged.

NBC’s Megyn Kelly railed that Congress would not pass more gun-control laws. “No gun reforms are getting through,” she bemoaned. “They’re not. The NRA is too powerful, our politicians are too weak... I and other parents have to send our kids to school and play Russian roulette with their lives.”

CBS This Morning’s Alex Wagner wondered, “What is it going to take to break the spell between certain members of Congress and the National Rifle Association?” She then agreed with her guest, liberal Sen. Jeff Flake (Utah), that gun control “could break the spell!”

(Back in 2011, Wagner told HBO’s Bill Maher that we need to “get rid of the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms,” because compared to free speech and assembly, “owning a gun does not tally on the same level as those other Constitutional rights.”)

At Headline News, watched by hundreds of people with nothing to do, CNN’s Alisyn Camerota interviewed two student survivors from the Florida shooting who are now anti-gun activists. Student Emma Gonzalez said it was time to “dismantle” the NRA. Fellow student David Hogg agreed and smeared the NRA as “child murderers.” Camerota allowed their comments to stand unchallenged.

Also, CNN ran the headline, “Shooting survivor calls NRA ‘child murderers.’”

On CNN’s Wolf, student Alfonso Calderon accused the NRA of “killing kids” and labeled the group “vile” and “toxic.” The comments went unchallenged.

Like ABC’s Kimmel, several Hollywood actors/activists joined in on the NRA bashing. Bette Midler tweeted, “How much do you pay to your congressional asswipes to keep your gun laws in place?” (Classy, don’t you think?) Sally Field tweeted, “The NRA and GOP is [sic] complicit in every one of these horrifying shootings. They are holding this nation hostage.”

Make no mistake, liberal activists and their cohorts in the news media want to abolish the Second Amendment, a right guaranteed by the Constitution in the Bill of Rights.

The leftist press exploit every gun tragedy to push this agenda, and every day the MRC battles against it. It is a herculean effort given the multi-billion-dollar resources of the network and cable newsrooms. You can help us fight the liberal media Goliath by making a donation to the MRC.

Please use the reply card and postage-paid 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

Thanks to the sustained, nationwide outcry of the MRC’s grassroots army, *The View*’s liberal demagogue Joy Behar publicly apologized on March 13 for grossly insulting the Christian faith of Vice President Mike Pence and, by extension, all Christians.

The MRC campaign, launched on Feb. 14 after ABC’s Behar and her co-host Sunny Hostin made their vile comments on *The View*, was a major victory not just for the MRC but for all Americans who oppose religious bigotry.

“Our campaign against *The View* and Joy Behar has concluded,” said MRC President Brent Bozell on March 13. “Even though it took a full month, Joy Behar did the right thing today to publicly apologize for her offensive remarks. I want to thank and congratulate the massive number of Americans who supported our effort and stood up to this anti-Christian bigotry with your calls, letters and messages.”

“Over 43,000 phone calls were placed to ABC and their advertisers demanding an apology,” said Bozell. “This clearly has taken a toll on ABC and has left a black mark on advertisers Clorox, Gerber, Oreo and HomeAdvisor who were utterly silent in reply to the uproar from their Christian consumers.”

“While our campaign is over,” he said, “let it be made clear: we will not hesitate to come after any TV personality or media figure who engages in this type of anti-Christian bigotry. Nor will we spare any effort to denounce the sponsors of such hatred. Christians are fed up, and aren’t going to take it anymore.”

On *The View*, Feb. 13, co-host Sunny Hostin said Pence’s evangelical Christianity was “dangerous” and she didn’t want a vice president “speaking in tongues and having Jesus speak to him.” Co-host Joy Behar then jumped in, saying, “it’s one thing to talk to Jesus, it’s another thing when Jesus talks to you…. That’s called mental illness ... hearing voices.”

Can you imagine the outcry if they had said that about Islam or Judaism? “Judaism is a mental illness.” They would have been immediately suspended or fired. Pence himself remarked, “It is simply wrong for ABC to have a television program that expresses that kind of religious intolerance.”

In response to Behar’s bigotry, the MRC launched its campaign, demanding that ABC and Behar publicly apologize. First, a letter was sent to ABC News President James Goldston and *The View*’s advertisers. They said nothing. Then the MRC set up a campaign web page and urged our supporters by email and social media to contact ABC and *The View*’s advertisers.

After 30 days of sustained protest — emails, phone calls, tweets, posts — Behar finally apologized on-air, on *The View*. “I think Vice President Pence is right,” she said. “I was raised to respect everyone’s religious faith, and I fell short of that. I sincerely apologize for what I said.”


*Chalk one up for the good guys.*
Knocking Kudlow

Despite economist Larry Kudlow’s extensive experience on Wall Street, in the Federal Reserve, President Reagan’s Office of Management and Budget, supply-side policy making, financial news analysis, and advanced studies at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, the liberal media could only deride him as President Trump’s pick to oversee the National Economic Council.

CNN’s snide Brian Stelter harped, “This is one of the best examples yet of that Trump TV feedback loop. It’s not only that the president live tweets cable news shows, gets ideas from cable news hosts, and sometimes calls them up after they’re on the air. Now we actually see him poaching a host from cable television, in this case Larry Kudlow.”

Also, CNN’s resident Trump-basher David Chalian condescended, “The other thing to note here is this is a cable TV personality. It is a perfect kind of appointment for The Apprentice-style presidency that Donald Trump is running.”

Translation: CNN despises Kudlow because he is a conservative.

Media Blackout

An illegal alien in Colorado killed a U.S. citizen in a hit-and-run crash on March 3 and then the authorities in Denver, a sanctuary city, released him before federal ICE agents could pick him up. Despite this shocking crime and the defiance of federal immigration law, the major liberal media did not report the story, not one mention. President Donald Trump cited the homicide in his March 10 address to the nation as relevant to his policy against sanctuary cities, but, again, the national media said nothing.

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, and PBS censored the story. For contrast, Fox News ran short reports over four days and Special Report with Bret Baier gave the story extensive coverage on March 9. The liberal media, unquestionably, care more about illegal immigrants than they do U.S. citizens.

Another Blackout

At a March 10 conference in India the perpetually bitter Hillary Clinton used the event to complain that Trump voters prefer “looking backwards,” such as when “you didn’t like black people getting rights; you don’t like women getting jobs; you don’t want to see that Indian American succeeding more than you are.” Despite her outrageous and unfounded remarks — arguably worse than her “basket of deplorables” remark in 2016 — most of the liberal media said nothing. They did not report the story.

As NewsBusters documented, Clinton’s pathetic and vile comments were given zero coverage on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, NPR, MSNBC, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and USA Today. That’s more censorship. George Orwell’s totalitarian INGSOC Party in 1984 would be proud.
IT’S MARCH MEDIA MADNESS!

In March, MRC Action:
- Successfully activated the MRC’s grassroots supporters following anti-Christian bigotry on ABC’s The View, which resulted in more than 45,000 calls, emails, tweets, etc. to ABC and its sponsors, national media coverage, and a statement from Vice President Pence.
- Used the pressure generated from the campaign (and the enthusiasm of our Action Members) to force Joy Behar to acknowledge her offensive statements and publicly apologize.

Join us in our next campaign by emailing: grassroots@mrc.org

Death Wish Bias

The liberal media could not hide their disdain for the recently released re-make of Death Wish, starring Bruce Willis. They hated it and didn’t even want to review the movie, which tells the story of a man who turns vigilante after his wife is murdered and his daughter raped and beaten into a coma. “It has an unmistakable stink of rah-rah Make America Great Again-ness to it. It’s patriotic red meat thrown to the NRA crowd,” whined Entertainment Weekly’s Chris Nashawaty.

It’s “ultra-right-wing dog whistling,” fumed the Globe and Mail. Justin Change at the L.A. Times snarled at “the arrival of a feature-length National Rifle Association infomercial starring Bruce Willis.” The New York Times trashed the “imbecilic misfire,” a film “ready-made for an NRA ad campaign.” Not to be outdone, NPR’s Glenn Weldon complained that the movie was “ruthlessly engineered to target the pleasure-centers of the most fearful and fragile cohort of American maleness.”

God forbid there should be a movie that explores the line between justice and revenge. Go see it.

Shh! Islamist

A Florida teenager who converted to Islam and stabbed one person to death and attempted to kill two others for insulting his Islamic beliefs was arrested and charged with murder, but the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC did not report the story. They censored it.

On March 12, Corey Johnson carried out his crime and, as Jupiter police reported to local media, Johnson said the Quran inspired him and “gave him courage to carry out his intentions.” The police also reported that Johnson had watched jihadist videos that encouraged death to non-believers.

Like the Parkland, Fla., school shooter, Johnson had been investigated by the FBI, the local police, and the school district in 2017 because of his “violent tendencies” but nothing came out of the investigation. Although the local media covered the case, the national networks said nothing.

No doubt, if Johnson had converted to Christianity and killed in the name of Jesus, it would have been national headline news.
Chuck Todd, Guardian of Children’s Ears?

President Trump upset the media greatly at a rally in Pennsylvania where he enthusiastically mocked NBC’s Chuck Todd as a “sleeping son of a b—h.” Retired NBC anchor Tom Brokaw tweeted “Really classy. Explain that to your children.”

On Meet the Press the next day, Todd tried to shame Treasury Secretary Mnuchin about Trump’s contempt for a free press. “When [President Trump] uses vulgarity to talk about individuals, what are they supposed to tell their kids?”

Todd told the local NBC station, WRC, that “I bring my kids up to respect the office of the presidency and the president. I don’t allow them to say anything negative, ever, about the president.” He added, “It creates a challenge to all parents when he uses vulgarities like that.”

That would make Chuck Todd the most hypocritical father in Washington. He says everything negative about the president. He warned Trump had a “lame duck presidency” on the “brink of collapse” … two months in. He called Trump’s attacks on the press “un-American” and asked “could Putin have asked for anything more?” Then “Free Press Chuck” denounced the conservative media as Trump’s “Kool-Aid orbit.” He even compared Trump’s election to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

President Trump should not have used that language. No president should. But save us the lectures, please. Anyone watching television knows that curse words - like “SOB” - are commonplace, whether it’s broadcast, cable, or streaming, late night or early evening, in front of children. Today’s Son of a bitch! is yesterday’s Damn! and last week’s Darn!

Liberal media elites feigning shock at the utterance of curse words in front of The Children is ridiculous. The hypocrisy here is immense, and shameless.

It would be nice if NBC and all the other TV networks aired less vulgarity. Then it would be reasonable to grab the smelling salts and call out Trump for his inappropriate language.

Oh, and speaking of hypocrisy, where are the Tom Brokaws and Chuck Todds of the world when Democrats curse? Take Hillary Clinton, who appeared on BBC’s Graham Norton Show to plug her why-I-lost book last year. Talking about Trump’s inaugural speech, she said “And it was reported that George W. Bush, as it ends, says, ‘That was some weird s—.’” Laughter and applause erupted, and host Graham Norton replied, “And it was.” No one fell on a fainting couch.

The Chuck Todds don’t even blink when Democrats curse at … Chuck Todd! They all laughed when President Obama made a video for the 2016 White House Correspondents Dinner where Todd fake-reported that Obama would become “couch commander” after leaving office. “F— you, Chuck Todd,” Obama said to the TV.

Did Todd explain that skit to his kids? You think he doesn’t keep a copy of that video for future generations of the family Todd? Vulgarities don’t matter when the press is laughing alongside their heroes. It’s not the words that matter. It’s the contempt.

One reason Trump’s ridicule resonates with voters is the media’s arrogant lie that they are nonpartisan voices of Truth. Two days before Trump cursed about Todd, Todd gave a speech at a media awards dinner and unloaded a whopper.

“One thing we’re not is the opposition. We’ve never tried to be part of the political debate, but people want to drag us into it. We shouldn’t take the bait. We’re simply a voice of truth,” he said.

The media have “never tried to be part of the political debate”? A “voice of truth”? That’s a Levi’s factory of “pants on fire.” Explain that to Todd’s kids, since their mother operates a direct-mail firm for Democrats, like Bernie Sanders — who paid her firm almost $2 million in the 2016 race.

In his speech, Todd even proclaimed “Transparency is the new objectivity.” But he never tells viewers about his wife’s business when he interviews Bernie on Meet the Press (17 times since the start of 2016). Chuck apparently thinks the rest of us are sleeping SOBs.
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:

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- Cavuto Coast-to-Coast, Mar. 26
- Making Money, Mar. 8
- Varney & Co., Mar. 7, 9

**FNC**
- Fox & Friends, Mar. 1, 7, 13
- Hannity, Mar. 6, 7, 23, 24, 26
- The Ingraham Angle, Mar. 7, 8, 19
- Tucker Carlson Tonight, Mar. 19
- Watter’s World, Mar. 10

**NBC**
- NBC News Chicago 5, Mar. 13
- NBC News Philadelphia 10, Mar. 13

**NRA TV**
- Stinchfield, Mar. 2

**OANN**
- Daily Ledger, Mar. 5, 12

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On March 23, 24, and 26, FNC’s Sean Hannity cited MRC research on how the networks were extremely reluctant to publicize allegations of sexual harassment and even sexual assault when it involved a Democrat president.

On Fox & Friends, the hosts discussed the MRC campaign against The View’s Joy Behar, who made bigoted, anti-Christian remarks and eventually apologized because of the pressure from the campaign.

On FBN’s Varney & Co., MRC President Brent Bozell explains the MRC campaign against ABC and The View’s Joy Behar and demands that she publicly apologize for her bigoted remarks against Christianity.

On Fox’s The Ingraham Angle, host Laura Ingraham cited MRC research documenting that 91% of the recent network coverage of President Trump was negative.
At the beginning of 2018, former congressman Allen B. West, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, joined the ongoing battle against the liberal media as a senior fellow at the Media Research Center, which includes NewsBusters and CNSNews.com, have allowed me to be a part of their organization and what they’re doing. So, stay tuned. This is going to be a great ride.”

American patriot Nathan Hale spoke those immortal words before he was executed by the British for espionage in 1776.

We remember his moving words centuries later because of the legacy they represent: Love of country, even unto death. Hale emboldened patriots to fight and win the Revolutionary War. And his words inspire us today because we believe the United States, the land of liberty, is still worth fighting for.

Today’s fight for America is a battle of words and ideas, and the battlefield is airwaves and cyberspace. As long as truth, freedom and traditional American values are under attack by the media’s outright lies and cunning distortions, the MRC will be there to set the record straight.

If you want to keep fueling this fight for future generations, consider supporting the MRC with a legacy gift.

If you’d like more information on what legacy giving is and how you can help, please call Robert Croft, vice president of Development, at 571-267-3500.