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It’s not your father’s Boy Scouts anymore, and you can thank the liberal media for that. Let’s look at what they did.

For decades, activists had pressured the BSA to let openly gay men join the organization. Based on its Judeo-Christian morality, the BSA said no. The issue went to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 and the court sided with the Scouts, ruling they could set their own membership policy.

Then the liberal media pulled out their knives, as the MRC documented and exposed. ABC’s Peter Jennings labeled the BSA policy an “embarrassment.” CBS’s Bryant Gumbel was caught on tape calling a social conservative a “****ing idiot” for defending the Scouts. In 2001, PBS used taxpayer money to produce a pro-gay, anti-Scout documentary, “Scouts Honor.” The New York Times dutifully described the Scouts as “discriminatory.”

In 2012, the liberal media ratcheted-up their attacks. CNN, for instance, gave multiple softball interviews to a lesbian Cub Scout den mother who had been removed from the den. CNN also interviewed the woman’s seven-year-old son, asking, “Do you think it’s cool to have two mommies?”

CNN’s Carol Costello wondered, “The world is changing. Will the Boy Scouts change with it?”

When Family Research Council President Tony Perkins was on CNN and asked why the BSA should change its policy, anchor Soledad O’Brien screeched, “Because it’s discriminatory!” She then asked Perkins, “Do you worry you are on the wrong side of history on this?”

O’Brien also illogically compared the Scouts’ anti-gay policy to the military’s World War II racial segregation, a popular straw man with the left. CNN’s Costello grilled Frank Page of the Southern
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Baptist Convention, “What about ‘love thy neighbor’? Do you love your gay neighbor?”

In 2013, the BSA - because of a decline in corporate support and endless media attacks – gave in. They ended their 113-year-old ban against openly homosexual scouts. The Washington Post’s Petula Dvorak cheered, “Welcome to this century, Scouts.”

ABC, NBC, and CBS hailed the “historic change.” But they also complained that it didn’t go far enough because gay Scout adult leaders were still excluded. NBC’s Pete Williams allowed fellow homosexual James Dale to lecture on-air, “The Boy Scouts have to make sure that they’re teaching America and they’re in step with American values of equality and not discriminating.”

The attacks continued. In 2014, the Walt Disney Company, which owns ABC, ended its funding of the BSA. The Daily Beast applauded, trumpeting that “word travels fast when you maintain anti-gay policies.”

In 2015, the Scouts caved again and announced that openly homosexual men could join. The leftist press cheered. Slate’s Mike DeSocio called the change “a huge step forward” and ominously added, “the BSA has a unique opportunity to shape the minds of our nation’s youth, and we must do so carefully and purposefully.”

Again, the activists and the press were not satisfied. In 2015-16, the left demanded that girls and transgenders be allowed in the Scouts. CBS This Morning and the AP, to oblige, peddled the story of 8-year-old Jodi who had “transformed” into “Joe” and wanted to join the Scouts.

“Joe” sued the BSA and the Scouts surrendered in December 2016. The group confessed, “We realize that referring to birth certificates as the reference point is no longer sufficient…. State laws are now interpreting gender identity differently.”

CBS and NBC were giddy: “The new transgender policy is groundbreaking.”

In October 2017, the BSA announced it would start accepting girls in 2018. In May, it was reported that more than 3,000 girls had joined the Cub Scouts. The Scouts BSA program for older girls is being developed.

A week after the group announced its new name, the Mormon Church declared it was ending its 100-year association with the Scouts. About 425,000 Mormon boys are leaving the BSA to join a new organization set up by their church.

Since the activist and liberal media onslaught, BSA membership has fallen from 4 million to 2 million. Revenues have also declined. The leftist press has made the BSA so inclusive that millions of parents have dropped out. They dealt a death blow to the Boy Scouts, a once iconic American institution. It’s fading fast and will never come back.

The liberal media undeniably are poisonous. They can permanently harm the country. Every day, the MRC battles against these radicals. We document, expose, and neutralize it. You can join in this fight by making a donation to the MRC.

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Whose Daughter?

CNN’s Alisyn Camerota treated former Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett to a softball interview on May 4 and never mentioned that Jarrett’s daughter, Laura Jarrett, has been working as a CNN reporter since September 2016. In fact, as a Nexis news search shows, CNN has interviewed Valerie Jarrett seven times since September 2016 but in those interviews CNN never mentioned her daughter as working for the cable news outlet — so much for transparency.

During the gushy interview on May 4, Camerota asked Jarrett such probing questions as, given “this hush money to Stormy Daniels and everything else that’s happened this week, what goes through your head?” Also, given “the things the president has said about the witch hunt of Robert Mueller’s investigation, that’s what the president calls it … do you worry that there’s some sort of lasting damage to institutions?”

Imagine if Fox News employed Ivanka Trump and then interviewed President Trump without disclosing the situation. It’s called a potential conflict of interest, and it merits disclosure.

Black Unemployment Censored

Although the national unemployment rate for black workers is at the lowest ever recorded, 6.6 percent, the network news programs did not report this positive news, nor did MSNBC or CNN. The Bureau of Labor Statistics started tabulating the unemployment rate of black workers, by month, way back in 1972, nearly 50 years ago.

Since that time, the unemployment rate for black workers was never as low as 6.6 percent until April 2018. In addition, the black unemployment rate never even fell into the 6’s range until December 2017, at 6.8 percent, 11 months into the Trump presidency. It is a major, historic achievement, but if you get your news from ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, or MSNBC, you never heard about it. The leftist media don’t want you to know just how well the economy is doing — for everybody.

AP Censors

Although the Associated Press demands that its reporters cite politicians’ parties in stories about them, the AP’s Scott Bauer apparently is unable to identify Democrats, especially when they get in legal trouble and when they use the N-word. In May, Wisconsin State Senator Lena Taylor, who is a black Democrat, went off the rails and yelled at a bank teller (also black), calling him a “good house n*****.” At the bank, the police charged Taylor with disorderly conduct.

But in his “news” story about the incident, Bauer had at least 12 opportunities to tell readers that Taylor was a Democrat.” He didn’t do it. There were four opportunities in the story’s first paragraph. Bauer missed them. At the end of the 400-word report, Bauer wrote, “Taylor, 51, has been in the Legislature since 2003” — and still he didn’t identify her party. For comparison, a story in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel identified Taylor as a Democrat in its first and second paragraphs.

Banned!

Amazon.com has an option called AmazonSmile that allows customers to donate 0.5% of certain purchases to charity. Sounds like a great idea. Unfortunately, Amazon relies on the left-wing Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) to decide which charities (or non-profit groups) are acceptable, which means conservative and Christian groups often get shafted.

One of the latest groups to get booted by AmazonSmile is the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). It provides legal help to people and businesses and has handled some high-profile cases of Christian companies being persecuted because they oppose gay marriage. It is because of this that the SPLC labeled the ADF a “hate group,” which led AmazonSmile to dump the ADF.

If you are a charity or non-profit that opposes the homosexual agenda and upholds traditional, Judeo-Christian morality, you are not welcome in Amazon.com’s charity-donation program. Facebook, Google, and YouTube also use the SPLC to screen-out news content that supposedly is “hate” speech.
Social media giants Facebook, Twitter, Google, and YouTube are deliberately dialing down conservative content. They have the power to completely shut out the conservative message. As Brent Bozell recently stated on Fox's Varney & Co., “Never in history has there been a threat of censorship worldwide. These are worldwide platforms. Think about that. Conservatives being banned from the conversation.”

This extremely serious problem was addressed in a new MRC report, Censored! How Online Media Companies Are Suppressing Conservative Speech, which was followed-up by a public letter in May signed by Bozell, MRC Censorship Project Director Allen West, and 61 other conservative leaders.

The letter notes many of the problems conservatives have encountered on Facebook, Twitter, Google, and YouTube, and it urges the tech giants to follow four principles to ensure that conservatives are given a fair shake.

Some of the problems encountered by conservatives include the banning of gun videos and the rejection of pro-life ads. Search results and trending topics have been skewed to favor the left. Conservative tech employees have been hazed and fired. Liberal media groups are given preferential treatment, and some of the social media firms are using the leftist Southern Poverty Law Center to screen out so-called “hate” groups, i.e., whomever liberals don’t like.

The four principles that conservatives want the social media giants to follow are:

1) **Transparency:** Provide detailed information so everyone can see if liberal groups and users are being treated the same as those on the right.

2) **Clarity on “Hate Speech”**: The tech giants’ definition of hate speech is vague but usually means anything liberals don’t like. Silencing those you disagree with is dangerous. If companies can’t tell users clearly what it is, then they shouldn’t try to regulate it.

3) **Equal Footing for Conservatives:** The Southern Poverty Law Center is a left-wing organization. The tech giants need to make equal room for conservative groups as advisers. They need to embrace viewpoint diversity.

4) **Mirror the First Amendment:** Apply the First Amendment to content, which would enable the rightful blocking of content that threatens violence or spews obscenity, without trampling on free speech liberties.

“Social media companies must address these complaints if they wish to have any credibility with the conservative movement and its tens of millions of supporters,” reads the letter from the conservative leaders.

To learn more, visit NewsBusters.org and search “Censorship Project.”
Thou Shalt Not Question Mueller

The television networks have flooded us with hours and hours of coverage of the Robert Mueller probe, still looking under every rock for some sign of Russian collusion with the Trump campaign. But on May 5, a federal judge harshly blasted Mueller’s tactics in court, even going to far as to challenge the scope of his authority in this probe.

Was this a big story for our objective press, insisting they give us a dispassionate examination of the facts? No. NBC and CBS gave it 30 seconds combined. ABC devoted two minutes to it and that was that.

A new Media Research Center study shows in the first four months of 2018, these three networks have aired 320 minutes of evening-news coverage of the Russia investigation, and the tone for Trump was 98 percent negative. When you’re this close to perfectly negative, why wreck the trend?

At least the Washington Post put the judge’s bombshell rebuke on the front page Saturday. The New York Times buried it on the bottom of A-13, below other Trump-scandal stories.

On the taxpayer-subsidized airwaves, PBS NewsHour offered nothing. NPR asked one question to a reporter at the end of an interview on Saturday morning’s Weekend Edition. This was a story breaking on a Friday, but it didn’t make even their regular “Week in Review” panel.

This was a test for the Mueller-obsessed media — and they flunked. They are thoroughly invested in how Mueller’s team can help them damage, or even end the Trump presidency. They have zero interest in undermining their white knight. Apparently they’re not alone.

“You don’t really care about Mr. Manafort’s bank fraud,” federal judge T. S. Ellis III scolded Mueller’s team during a court hearing in Alexandria, Virginia. “You really care about getting information that Mr. Manafort can give you that would reflect on Mr. Trump and lead to his prosecution or impeachment or whatever.”

He added, “I don’t see what relation this indictment has with anything the special counsel is authorized to investigate.... What we don’t want in this country is we don’t want anyone with unfettered power.”

It can’t get much tougher than that. Mueller would appear to have unfettered power over the networks, too. While they have used the Russia investigation to bury Trump in negative evaluations, they haven’t shown any interest in transparency for Mueller and his supervisor, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Judge Ellis and House Republicans have demanded the Mueller fully disclose the (so far heavily redacted) contents of the Rosenstein instructions he was given as to the scope of his investigation.

On January 3, when Manafort’s lawyers challenged Mueller’s investigation as too broad, ABC gave that one 51 seconds, NBC gave it 30 seconds, and CBS gave it 13 seconds. Add it up, and so far this year, by our count, the networks have devoted roughly four minutes to serious allegations of Mueller’s overreach with a team of investigators who clearly believe they have the power to delve into anyone’s private life if it will harm the president.

That’s sure not how these transparently liberal networks treated Kenneth Starr when he threatened the Clinton presidency. Back then, the Center for Media and Public Affairs found that in the last four months of 1998, Ken Starr’s network evening-news evaluations were 13 percent positive, and 87 percent negative. In the same time frame, Bill Clinton received 37 percent positive coverage — while he was being impeached!

Liberals pretend that criticizing or questioning Mueller reeks of obstruction of justice, but the public isn’t buying this nonsense. The Media Research Center has documented that from January to April, there was another long stretch of 90 percent negative coverage on the evening news. Yet Trump’s approval ratings went up.

GETTING THE WORD OUT.

In May, MRC Action:

- Promoted the MRC’s groundbreaking new report — “CENSORED! How Online Media Companies Are Suppressing Conservative Speech,” highlighted the brand new Conservatives Against Online Censorship coalition, and encouraged our Grassroots Army to support the MRC in this critical campaign.

- Enabled nearly 2,550 people (so far) to download this pivotal report from www.stopcensoringconservatives.com and spread the word about the dangerous world of online censorship.

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Media Research Center experts are frequently interviewed on stories of national importance, often reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, social media, and in print. Some of the MRC’s latest media appearances include the following:

**Television**

**ABC**
- Jimmy Kimmel Live, May 9

**C-SPAN**
- Washington Journal, Apr. 5
- After the Bell, May 9
- Cavuto Coast to Coast, May 10
- Evening Edit, May 9
- Intelligence Report, Apr. 25
- Lou Dobbs Tonight, May 8
- Making Money, May 9
- Varney & Co., May 2, 3, 9

**FNC**
- The Five, May 3, 8
- Fox & Friends, May 9, 17
- Hannity, May 1, 2, 8
- Outnumbered, May 9
- Tucker Carlson Tonight, May 16
- The Ingraham Angle, May 2

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**HLN/CNN**
- Across America w/Carol Costello, May 9

**NRATV**
- Dana, May 10

**OANN**
- The Daily Ledger, Apr. 23, 30, May 7, 14
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**Radio**

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Newsmax, May 4, 11, 15
Fox News, Apr. 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, May 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
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On CBS’s Late Show, host Stephen Colbert documents how the liberal media are smearing President Trump and cites MRC data showing that 90% of the Trump coverage by ABC, CBS, and NBC was negative.

On May 9’s Fox & Friends, Ainsley Earhardt gives a shout out to MRC’s new “eye-opening” report showing 90% negative news coverage of President Trump on the evening news programs.

On May 9, Paris Dennard informed CNN’s Carol Costello on Headline News that the media statistics tweeted by President Trump came from a recent MRC study.

On Fox’s Varney & Co., Brent Bozell discusses the MRC report Censored! and details how social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter are censoring conservative speech.
NYT Editor Dean Baquet whines that if Trump “creates a culture where Fox & Friends and Jesse Watters are regarded as serious journalism, and the New York Times and the Washington Post are not, he will have done longstanding, harmful effect on the country.”

Dan Rather, blissfully unaware of the irony: “Some media executives use their local platforms to push their own personal bias and agenda to control — to try to control exactly what people think. This is extremely dangerous to our democracy.”

ABC’s Joy Behar reveals her wisdom, again, “We have gotten to the point in this world now where we have to rely on the sanity of Kim Jong-un and Putin over the president of the United States. That’s where we’re at.”

The New Yorker’s Dan Piepenbring feels threatened, “Chick-fil-A’s arrival in New York City feels like an infiltration, in no small part because of its pervasive Christian traditionalism.”

Hollywood director Joss Whedon lets his hair down, “Donald Trump is killing this country. Some of it quickly, some slowly, but he spoils and destroys everything he touches. Die, Don. Just quietly die.”

HBO’s Bill Maher, apparently sober, proclaims, “There is a big difference between MSNBC and Fox News. I mean, MSNBC sticks to the truth. They don’t make things up. There’s a loop going on between Trump and Fox News.”