The liberal media are desperately trying to remove President Donald Trump from office, a goal they first tried to achieve through two-and-a-half years of slanted and even false stories about “Russia collusion” combined with the Mueller Report and “obstruction.” Those leftist plots predictably failed, which made the liberal press only more furious and more determined. Now they are leading the impeachment trial against Trump and their liberally biased journalism is often fantastical.

The near-mania of the press’ drive to destroy Trump was documented by the MRC in an analysis of the network evening news’ reporting of the impeachment inquiry between Sept. 24 and Nov 5. The report, by NewsBusters Senior Editor Rich Noyes, showed that the coverage was 96% negative! Only four percent of the evaluative comments by ABC, CBS, and NBC were positive about Trump.

The liberal media’s obsession with impeachment crowded out nearly all the other coverage of the administration. For instance, the news buried the ongoing positive news about the economy. They gave Trump’s handling of the economy a little more than four minutes of airtime over six weeks. That’s less than one percent of all Trump administration news.

Conservative talk-radio host Mark Levin told his audience, “Four minutes, six seconds on network TV: There’s your headline!” Levin, who has a weekly audience of 7 million listeners, spoke at length about the report and praised the MRC as “a solid organization, come hell or high water, pressure or no pressure. They stay on it, they will not be deterred.” The report was also picked up by the Drudge Report, Fox & Friends, and Team Trump, the official Twitter for the Trump Campaign, with 1.3 million followers.

In addition to eviscerating Trump every chance they got, the liberal media coached the Democrats on impeachment messaging and swaying public opinion.

For instance, on Nov. 8, the Washington Post ran an op-ed entitled, “Enough with the Latin. What Trump did was Bribery.” The piece argued that average Americans don’t understand quid pro quo and that the charge needs to be sinister but simple: bribery. Both the New York Times and The Atlantic ran similar stories advising the Democrats to dumb it down.

Two days later, PBS’s Yamiche Alcindor told NBC’s Meet The Press, “Quid pro quo might be too complicated when you’re running to the supermarket ... rather than saying ‘the president tried to bribe a foreign country.’” Like clockwork, CNN’s Wolf Blitzer asked Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) on Nov. 13, “A lot of the initial messaging involved the words ‘quid pro quo.’ Do Democrats need to fine-tune their language?”
The next day, Pelosi did what the liberal media told her: She described what Trump had supposedly done as “bribery.”

The leftist press was ecstatic. NBC’s Chuck Todd crowed, “Pelosi really put this in stark terms, she used the word ‘bribery.’” NBC’s Peter Alexander breathlessly explained, “The Constitution specifically cites ‘bribery’ as an impeachable offense.” “That word is significant,” said CBS’s Norah O’Donnell. Over the course of 24 hours, NBC, CBS, and ABC cited the “bribery” allegation 43 times.

To further help the Democrats, NBC’s Savannah Guthrie advised that Democrats “need to weave a compelling tale of wrongdoing and they have to keep it tight and simple and understandable and compelling.”

That same day, Nov. 19, CBS’s Margaret Brennan said of Pelosi’s tighter rhetoric, “Exactly, you will hear sharper terms used by Democratic lawmakers, they know this is about winning the court of public opinion, to convince the public that this impeachment inquiry was worth undertaking.”

The liberal media are working hand-in-glove with the Democrats to remove Trump.

In addition to advising the Democrats on messaging, the leftist press was apoplectic when the president or a GOP member of Congress dared to question the integrity of some of the anti-Trump impeachment witnesses. After all, these are patriotic, non-partisan government bureaucrats — they wouldn’t do anything for political reasons, right?

MSNBC’s Nicolle Wallace whined, “the Republicans have been such jerks, but one of the most obnoxious things Devin Nunes said was ‘You’re their star witness,’” in reference to Ambassador Bill Taylor. “They’re not anybody’s star witness, they’re Americans,” bemoaned Wallace. “They’re American diplomats there to protect American national security.”

When former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch — appointed by President Obama — testified, Trump criticized her on Twitter. Yovanovitch did not know about the tweet until Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) read it to her during the hearing.

Shortly thereafter, CBS’s Norah O’Donnell ruminated about “corruption crusader” Yovanovitch’s “chilling testimony,” and how she had been “knee-capped” by a shadowy smear campaign. She also reported that Trump was “accused of witness intimidation, and now faces another possible impeachment charge.” CNN’s Carl Bernstein was giddy, contending “this could be an article of impeachment, about intimidation of witnesses.”

NBC’s Peter Alexander complained that witness Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a “decorated Iraq war veteran,” was “the target of personal attacks.” Vindman, an anti-Trumper, apparently shouldn’t be criticized because he’s an “immigrant” and a “veteran.”

MSNBC’s Michelle Goldberg ranted on MSNBC that the U.S. is now an “authoritarian state like Turkey, like Russia, where the leader does what he wants.” We only have two choices, she warned, either trust these patriotic Americans or “fall in line” under Trump.

In other words, do what the liberal media want — not what the voters wanted, and won, in 2016. The liberal press’ attacks on Trump will not stop. The impeachment will continue and the smears and apocalyptic storylines will only escalate as we head into 2020. The MRC is fighting against liberal media bias every day. You can help us by making a donation to our non-profit organization. Use the reply card and postage-paid envelope enclosed with this newsletter to send your most generous gift today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The liberal media despise President Donald Trump so much that they essentially gave him no credit for the U.S. Special Forces elimination of Islamic State terrorist Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and they relentlessly smeared him for daring to applaud the death of that murderous thug.

Baghdadi was a barbarian responsible for genocide, sexual slavery, torture, decapitations and crucifixions in Iraq and Syria. Under President Trump’s orders, the Special Forces tracked Baghdadi down, but before they could capture him, Baghdadi blew himself up, along with three children, using a suicide vest. It was a major, crippling victory against ISIS.

But while the liberal media praised the U.S. mission against al-Baghdadi, they trashed the president. An MRC study of the network news’ coverage of the endeavor documented that 67% (two-thirds) of their evaluative statements about the president were negative. Donald Trump, commander-in-chief of the United States, oversaw, ordered, and was successful in the taking out of the single most dangerous terrorist in the entire world, and the leftist press slammed him.

The press complained that Trump was too coarse and boastful in his announcement about Baghdadi’s death. Trump had said, for instance, that this terrorist scum had “died like a dog … died like a coward … whimpering, screaming and crying.”

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough fretted that Trump was not presidential, that he “actually sounded like Saddam Hussein after torturing people, sounded like Muammar Gaddafi after he would torture people…It was deeply un-American, deeply troubling.”

NBC News’ Courtney Kube speculated, “It’s possible that President Trump’s bellicose language about the manner in which he died could actually inspire some ISIS fighters to retaliate.”

CNN’s Chris Cillizza decided it merited reporting the “41 Most Shocking Lines From Donald Trump’s Baghdadi Announcement.” In a separate story, CNN’s Stephen Collinson lectured that Trump “relished the demise of ISIS founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, playing the role of a ruthless commander-in-chief to silence critics of his impulsive foreign policy leadership.”

When it comes to waging war against America’s enemies, one would hope the commander-in-chief would be ruthless, persistent, and get the job done. Trump did get the job done, and the leftist press despises him for it. Their goal, as they’ve shown since 2016, is to continually attack the president and try to remove him from office even when his decisions make America safer.

As The Federalist’s Emily Jashinsky told Fox News, “the coverage of this” by the liberal press “was particularly disgusting.”
Redford Rails

Long-time actor and liberal activist Robert Redford rebuked President Donald Trump for officially pulling the United States out of the Paris Climate Accord in November, railing that it reveals Trump’s “immoral dedication to isolating us from the world community by willfully ignoring the biggest, most urgent threat facing human civilization.” In his CNN commentary, Redford further ranted, “we can’t allow one unqualified authoritarian’s depraved indifference to the climate crisis define Americans’ commitments or the character of our nation. The clock is ticking so loudly the rest of the world can hear it.”

In contrast to Trump, Redford praised cities like Salt Lake City that have tried to become “100 percent powered by renewable energy,” saying they reflect, “hundreds of mayors and governors who have made transitioning to clean energy over the next 20 years their priority.” Not surprisingly, Redford added a caveat to his victory lap, “I only wish it were enough” to solve the global situation.

The Trump ‘Cult’

Dan Rather, the former CBS Evening News anchor who destroyed his career in 2004 by broadcasting a bogus story about George W. Bush, was empaneled on CNN’s Reliable Sources to provide “expert” analysis on the impeachment hearings in a segment entitled “Truth Does Matter.” Citing no evidence, Rather asserted, “It’s becoming increasingly apparent that truth is closing in. Truth does matter. Facts are beginning to matter.”

Host Brian Stelter then read a tweet from Rather, “I have covered many cults. Some end with a bang, others with a whimper, but they invariably end,” and asked whether Mitch McConnell is part of a “Trump cult”? Rather said “yes,” and added, “I’m not the only one making this observation that increasingly President Trump’s support seems cultish.”

Predictably, neither Rather nor Stelter presented any “facts” to back up their Trump-cult claims. But it was another innovative way to smear the 63 million Americans who voted for Trump as sinister or weird.

Moderate Mayor Pete?

Although Democratic presidential contender Pete Buttigieg is a radical leftist who supports government-run health care, amnesty for illegals, thinks climate change is a national security threat, is gay and “married,” ABC’s Joy Behar contends that his popularity is rising because he is a “moderate Democrat.”

“He’s a moderate, am I right?” declared the left-wing Behar on The View, Nov. 18. “People are excited about Buttigieg. He’s fresh, he’s new. He’s gay. (Applause.) He’s a serviceman. He served in Afghanistan. He’s married in a very — unless you are a homophobe — he’s married in a very traditional marriage! Totally monogamous.”

She prattled on, “I think it’s great, and he’s openly religious which is another positive in this country. So unless people are going to not vote for someone like him because he’s gay, I think he’s got a shot!”

Welcome to the wacky world of “moderate Democrats.”
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Dow Who?

The Dow Jones Industrial Average surpassed 28,000 for the first time ever on Nov. 15 but ABC, CBS, and NBC didn’t say a word, and the PBS NewsHour gave it a scant 23 seconds. “And on Wall Street, three major indexes racked up new record closes, as the White House reported progress on a trade deal with China,” droned PBS’s Judy Woodruff. “The Dow Jones industrial average gained nearly 223 points to finish above 28,000 for the first time. The Nasdaq rose 61 points, and the S&P 500 added 23.”

That was it — no context, no history. And while the networks said nothing about the positive stocks news, they did find time to cover the execution stay for Rodney Reed in Texas. Also, all three had plenty of time for England’s Prince Andrew submitting to a BBC interview about his relationship with sex-pervert Jeffrey Epstein.

And now, back to the impeachment.

New Insults

In his “New Rules” segment on HBO’s Real Time With Bill Maher, just prior to Thanksgiving, host Bill Maher advised people to enjoy the holiday and not try to “win it” arguing politics with family members. Maher then proceeded to preemptively “win it” by hurling countless, vile insults at conservatives. “New rule,” he advised, “never forget the single shining truth about democracy: It means sharing a country with assholes you can’t stand.”

At Trump rallies “liberals are described as weak, lame, coddling, oversensitive, and limp-d***ed,” said Maher, “which are strong words for a bunch of mouth-breathers, s**t kickers, knuckle draggers, Bible thumpers, sister f***ers and rubes. ... We have to accept something about people: half of them have their taste in their ass. They eat sweet potatoes with marshmallows. They wear matching family outfits and put nuts on their truck.”

We anxiously await the “new rule” for Christmas.

HBO’s Bill Maher urges people to not argue politics over Thanksgiving and then smears conservatives as “a**holes ... s**t kickers, knuckle draggers, Bible thumpers, sister f***ers and rubes.” What will Maher say come Christmas?

ABC, CBS, and NBC completely censored the excellent economic news in mid-November while PBS’s Judy Woodruff gave the low unemployment, new jobs, and stock market highs only 23 seconds of coverage.
The March of Death by Anonymous Sources

CNN host Jim Sciutto was mocked for tweeting two months ago, “Let’s please ban the word ‘narrative’ from our discussion of the news and this president. There is only one version of the facts and the truth. Full stop.”

CNN is about the last stop where you’ll find what Sciutto demands of the news media. Full stop.

Networks such as CNN insist the “truth” as they see it must be anointed as “reality” and anything dissenting from that is “misinformation.” But what they see are conclusions in search of facts and there’s no time or need to establish those facts in pursuit of the narrative that Trump is a crook who must be removed from the presidency.

Thus the dominant narrative of the first two years of the Trump presidency was the accusation of Russia colluding with the Trump campaign….until it collapsed. The network evening news shows wasted thousands of minutes just oozing with doom for the president. In 2018, the Russiagate stories were 98 percent negative. Now they’re doing it all over again with Ukraine.

All of this is based on what? Evidence provided by whom? How many dozens, maybe hundreds of television and print reports have been based on “anonymous sources”? How many times have we read about the reporter’s conversation with “multiple” or “six” or “more than a dozen” or some such number of sources?

Why can’t a single one come forward? Why must we find out, after digging and digging, that their most recent “whistleblower” has vanished from the scene?

As consumers of “news,” it’s exhausting to wade through wild quotes, accompanied by phrases like “the official spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly.” But how on Earth would we know if the source was “candid”? The word, after all, is defined as “the quality of being open and honest in expression.” So why not come forward?

On the latest Fox News Sunday, host Chris Wallace played this swampy game with acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney.

“I talked to a very well-connected Republican in Washington this week, somebody whose name you would know well,” he promised. The source “says that if the House votes to impeach and it gets to a trial in the Senate, there is now a 20 percent chance he believes...enough Republicans will vote with the Democrats to remove the president.”

Mulvaney shot back, “Oh, that’s just absurd,” and tried to move on but Wallace resisted and the typical TV back-and-forth ensued. It’s time for Team Trump to get smart about this. Mulvaney let Wallace off the hook. Not only ought he not to have answered the question, but he should instead have put Wallace on the spot.

On national television, live national television, on Wallace’s own show, he should have demanded answers to those questions and simply not stopped until the interview was over.

“Who is that source? You attack CNN all day, but you’re no different.”

“How ‘well-connected’ is that source of yours? Employee? Childhood friend? Tennis partner? Can’t you tell your audience that? Do you even know?”

“How do you know he’s telling the truth? Do you have a second source to confirm this? How do you know he’s not lying, like so many other anti-Trumpers have?”

“Why won’t you give us the name of person to whom he’s connected and came up with that 20% number? Certainly you didn’t talk to him and he didn’t demand anonymity. So who is he? What authority does he have? What’s his expertise?”

“Is this the kind of National Enquirer journalism we should now expect from you?”

Mulvaney should have pounded, and pounded, and pounded. What could Wallace do about it? Cut him off? That would make national news: Wallace’s refusal to provide any evidence to back up his attack on Trump.

Team Trump should not consent to any taped news interviews. Instead, they should be live, and every single time the reporter plays that gotcha game, he should be challenged, fiercely.

The press would have nowhere to hide.
MRC in the News

Media Research Center experts are frequently interviewed on stories of national importance, 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:

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FBN
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Varney & Co., Nov. 14

FNC
Fox & Friends, Oct. 1, Nov. 3, 13, 18, 19
Hannity, Oct. 1, 2, 9, 30, Nov. 12
Fox26, Fresno, CA, Nov. 12
Outnumbered Overtime, Oct. 30
The Five, Nov. 4, 12

NRA TV
Dana, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 29, 30

OANN
Daily Ledger, Oct. 20, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18
Tipping Point, Nov. 17

NEWSMAX TV
America Talks Live, Oct. 14, 15, 28
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Andrea Kaye Show, Oct. 31
Bill Martinez Show, Oct. 29, Nov. 15, 22
Bill Meyer Show, Nov. 5
Breitbart News Daily, SiriusXM, Nov. 4, 11, 18
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Mike Hayes Show, Oct. 29, Nov. 20
Phil Valentine Show, Oct. 30
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KNSS, Wichita, KS, Oct. 17, Nov. 7
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KQED, Colorado Springs, CO, Nov. 3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
KWEL, Midland, TX, Oct. 14, 21, 28, 30, Nov. 4, 11, 18
KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Oct. 25
WCBA, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 14, Nov. 15, 18
WGMD, Lewes, DE, Oct. 14, 21, 28, 30, Nov. 4, 11, 18
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WMAL, Washington, DC, Oct. 23, 24, 29
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WZTA, West Palm Beach, FL, Nov. 19

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The hosts of Fox & Friends, Nov. 20, discuss the MRC analysis showing that coverage of the impeachment inquiry by the evening news at ABC, CBS, and NBC was 96% negative between Sept. 24 and Nov. 5.

Sean Hannity details the findings of the MRC report on the liberal bias of ABC, NBC, and CBS in their impeachment coverage.

On FBN’s Trish Regan Primetime, MRC President Bozell slams the liberal bias of ABC, CBS, and NBC and stresses, “it’s the point that I continue to make, it’s democracy that’s in peril. They [liberal press] are trying to overturn the will of the American people”.

The MRC study on the networks’ 96% negative coverage was so effective that even President Trump tweeted on it, with a link to the study, to his 67 million followers.
The *Washington Post* headlines the death of a barbaric Muslim terrorist: “Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48.” ■ ABC’s Joy Behar, predictably, hammers Trump, “Give him a chance? He's destroying the planet! He's destroying the democracy! He doesn't know what he's doing.” ■ MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch plays the Nazi card, again, “[Trump] is an all-out dictator! I took a lot of heat going through Nazi Germany in the 30s and the parallels [with Trump]. He’s a sociopath, and whatever the worst tyrants in history were capable of doing, he is capable of doing.” ■ CNN’s John Blake rants, “The America these [Christian music] artists love to evoke in their songs is stuck in what one columnist called a ‘hideous loop of hate.’ School shootings now seem almost as frequent as proms. The president demonizes immigrants and tweets racist insults. Yet little of these ugly realities make their way into” Contemporary Christian Music. ■ MSNBC’s Nicolle Wallace quizzes Elizabeth Warren, “Do you worry that in a general election you'll end up running against someone like Donald Trump whose slogan and strategy amounts to — you know — ‘You’re a poo-poo head! No, you’re a poo-poo head!’” ■ Former ABC hack Sam Donaldson lectures that Trump supporters “want to return this country to the white Christian country that they believe it should be again. They don’t want the diversity, and they follow him for this.” ■ CNN’s Jeff Zucker, with a straight face, declares, “We don’t set out to be pro-Trump, we don’t set out to be anti-Trump. We set out to be pro-truth. We’re just here to ferret out the truth.”

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