The year 2018 was one of the worst in terms of liberal media bias. The leftist press always attack conservatives while they are in office, as they did with Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush, but the relentlessly vicious and hyperbolic attacks on President Trump and his administration seem unprecedented.

As the MRC has documented and exposed, the evening news coverage of Trump by ABC, CBS, and NBC in 2018 was 90% negative. That has a tremendous impact given that 23 million Americans watch the network news shows each night. It’s even worse when you include the hostile coverage at CNN, MSNBC, NPR and other liberal outlets.

To illustrate that overwhelmingly negative coverage, MRC’s NewsBusters division prepared a Year in Review: Tracking the Media’s Hate for Conservatives. Edited by Deputy Research Director Geoff Dickens, the review presents some of the most obnoxious liberal bias of 2018. Let’s look at some examples.

Hating Conservatives

Concerning Vice President Mike Pence’s Christianity, ABC The View’s Joy Behar said, “It’s one thing to talk about Jesus. It’s another thing when Jesus talks to you. That’s called mental illness…. Hearing voices.”

The liberal media have one goal: Destroy President Donald Trump and his administration.

The Washington Post’s Jennifer Rubin declared, “We’re not going to let these people go through life unscathed. Sarah Huckabee Sanders has no right to live a life of no fuss, no muss, after lying to the press…. These people should be made uncomfortable, and I think that’s a life sentence frankly.”

The Philadelphia Inquirer’s Will Bunch complained the GOP tax bill is “a terrible idea … if approved, the worst law to be enacted on Capitol Hill since the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.” Republicans who supported the tax cuts milled around Trump “like lemmings,” remarked MSNBC’s Chris Matthews. “Like a North Korean parade.... [L]ike a scene out of Julius Caesar.... [T]hey lined up to praise his eminence, the imperious Donald Trump.”

CNN’s Don Lemon railed, “We’re up against people who will lie, steal, and cheat, lie to their own mother, lie to themselves about what’s right for this country....”


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Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS)

Marred by TDS, MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough remarked, “Whenever he [Trump] goes out there and whips people up, it’s like a Mussolini rally. And yes, that’s what I said…. Threats follow, often death threats. Unfortunately, that’s exactly what he wants.”

Trump is “a sort of junior player in a block of authoritarian countries,” proclaimed the NYT’s Michelle Goldberg, “kind of an Axis Power.” When MSNBC’s Katy Tur said Trump was not “rounding people up and murdering them,” Goldberg interjected, “He’d certainly like to.”

After reading the definition of treason in Article III, Section Three of the Constitution, CNN’s Don Lemon asked historian Douglas Brinkley, “Do you believe the president’s actions fall anywhere within that definition?”

MSNBC’s Anand Giridharadas declared, “We have a man-child who is deranged and racist in this office.” His comrade Joe Scarborough remarked, “Children [migrants] are being marched away to showers, just like the Nazis said they were taking people to the showers and then they never came back.”

“He will be forever remembered as the president who traumatized little children — that’s his brand now,” huffed Scarborough’s co-host Mika Brzezinski.

Hooked on the Nazi theme, MSNBC’s Steve Schmidt said Trump’s rallies are “deeply un-American and, frankly, could be straight out of Munich circa 1928.”

The NYT’s Michael Eric Dyson fumed, Trump “gets up every morning and excretes the feces of his moral depravity into a nation he has turned into a psychic commode…. [H]e’s a bigot-in-chief and a racist-in-residence.” Dyson’s Nobel Prize-winning colleague Paul Krugman charged, “Killing black people is an old American tradition, but it is experiencing a revival in the Trump era.”

Is covering Trump “a form of national emergency?” fretted CNN’s ever-panicky Brian Stelter. “Are we living through a national emergency?” Not yet. But if you listened only to the liberal media, you’d think we were living in Berlin 1939. The leftist press are hysterical.

The MRC is documenting and exposing that bias 24/7 through its six divisions: NewsBusters, MRCTV, MRC Business, MRC Culture, MRC Latino and CNSNews.com.

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Founder and President

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MRC President Brent Bozell Takes the Liberal Media to the Woodshed on FNC’s Life, Liberty & Levin

On the Jan. 6, 2019 edition of Fox News Channel’s Life, Liberty & Levin, hosted by conservative leader and best selling author Mark Levin, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed the treachery of the liberal media, particularly their attacks on President Donald Trump and the frightening power of social media censorship. Presented below are some of the highlights from the show.

BOZELL: The liberal media “are consumed with hatred for this man [Trump]. They despise him, personally, and I’ll put this in its correct perspective. When Reagan died, suddenly the media loved him all along and they treated him like they were his oldest friends, [and] they did do a very good job on the funeral when Bush died recently. They were so classy in the way they covered his funeral. When Donald Trump dies, the media’s reaction is going to be why couldn’t he have died in 2015? This is to the degree to which they despise this man.

“…[O]ne of the reasons they despise him is because he declared war on them. There is an arrogance about the press that they believe in the people’s right to know about everything, except for them, that no one should ever, ever question them and Trump was the first one who declared war on them and it worked.

“…Look at the whole Mueller investigation. We’ve had two years of nonstop coverage. Over 2,000 hours of coverage on this, just nonstop day and night, day and night. And what have we learned about Donald Trump? Nothing. What have we learned about any guilt on his part? Nothing. … This is one big fake news story. They haven’t delivered... They have thrown out all sense of objectivity, all sense of fairness against the sky. He has been on trial since day one and yet, there are no charges against him.”

LEVIN: “The media in the aggregate, why do you think it is so liberal, progressive, statist?”

BOZELL: “The three power points of the left today are academia, the entertainment media and the news media. Why? Because those are the three venues, the institutions where they can change society. They can use them to change society. They see their work that way.”

LEVIN: “Is CNN really a news network?”

BOZELL: “No, they once were. … CNN is there to do nothing but anti-Trumpism. … It’s so over-the-top, it’s so obvious what they’re doing. No, it’s not news anymore. They don’t report news. How many news programs do they have on CNN? They are all talk shows.”

BOZELL: Facebook, Twitter, Google, “absolute radicals in all of these. On Twitter, you can’t use dead names … the original name you had before you transgendered into something else. So if you say Bruce Jenner, you’ll be knocked off Twitter. You’re not allowed to say Bruce Jenner. It has gotten to be that bad.

“…This is not just censorship in the United States. This is the greatest censorship of free speech worldwide in the history of man because they are declaring what can and can’t be said on any given issue. … No institution in the history of man has had the power that they have.”

To watch the entire interview, go to YouTube and type Life, Liberty & Levin and Bozell.
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Good Morning Bashers

Not surprisingly, the day after President Trump addressed the nation about border security (Jan. 8) the morning shows on ABC, CBS, and NBC attacked him with 43 negative statements. For comparison, the same networks criticized the Democratic response to Trump with only five negative statements. That’s a difference of over eight to one.

NBC’s Today hit the president with 13 negative comments and criticized Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) with only three statements.

At ABC’s Good Morning America, there were 12 digs at Trump and no digs at the Democrats; on CBS’s This Morning, 18 statements ripped Trump and only two comments challenged the Democrats. Typical was ABC’s Cecilia Vega who huffed that Trump’s “speech [was] riddled with factual inaccuracies” and “brought both sides nowhere near closer to reaching a deal to end this shutdown.”

In other words, everything is Trump’s fault — everything.

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NBC Bans Climate Critics

If you are one of the thousands of scientists or experts on climate change who disagree with liberal ideology on the issue, you are no longer welcome at NBC’s Meet the Press. The Sunday “news” program has banned climate change skeptics. As host Chuck Todd dictated on Dec. 30, “We’re going to take an in-depth look … at a literally earth-changing subject that doesn’t get talked about this thoroughly on television news, at least: climate change.

“But just as important as what we are going to do this hour is what we’re not going to do. We’re not going to debate climate change, the existence of it. The Earth is getting hotter, and human activity is a major cause. Period. We’re not going to give time to climate deniers. The science is settled, even if political opinion is not.”

Climate deniers are now just like Bigfoot deniers, don’t you understand?

Big Brother has spoken and different ideas or alternative views will not be tolerated!

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The NYT’s Paul Krugman lectured that Ocasio-Cortez’s “tax plan isn’t radical at all, and almost certainly won’t damage the economy in any significant way … [it’s] hardly outside the economic mainstream.” To its credit, CNBC interviewed Harvard economist Martin Feldstein who described the socialist congresswoman’s proposal as a “nutty idea.”

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‘Ethnically Pure’

MSNBC’s Chris Hayes, like nearly everyone in the liberal press, smeared President Trump and his supporters as racists who want to engineer an “ethnically pure” America. On the Jan. 10 All In With Chris Hayes, the host claimed that “the wall” was a rhetorical campaign device to jog Trump’s memory “to cater to the most xenophobic part of the base of the Republican Party” — those “who hate and/or fear immigrants” and “who define their political life by stopping the invasion of people who do not look like them.”

“Trump is at the border and shutting down the government,” Hayes droned on, “because he almost certainly correctly thinks his political fortunes are dependent on ... people animated by bigotry and fear.” What these people “want is an ethnically pure America,” declared Hayes.

Shouting racism is the first refuge of liberal media scoundrels.

MSNBC: Trump’s Illiterate

Demonstrating once again that he is fully infected by Trump Derangement Syndrome, MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough claims — without evidence or named sources — that President Donald Trump is illiterate, that he cannot read. On Jan. 7, Scarborough reported Trump would talk about a border wall at rallies because it “was the best applause line,” and added, “his own people admitting to the New York Times, they said, actually this was just a memory trick for him in 2014.”

“They came up with the idea of a wall because they knew Donald Trump didn’t like to read — or perhaps he doesn’t know how to read — it’s hard to say,” claimed Scarborough. “But everybody around him says he never reads. So they came up with this trick, that: just say, build that wall, and that would remind him to talk about illegal immigration.”

In response, “deep thinker” co-host Mika Brzezinski said, “Mmmm.”

Hail Pelosi!

On CBS’s Sunday Morning, Jan. 6, host Jane Pauley presented a predictable, puff piece interview of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). Pauley started off by exclaiming, “Nancy Pelosi capped her comeback this past week surrounded by children.” Then the liberal cheerleader told Pelosi, “You’ve become the most powerful woman in American history.” After Pelosi complained that America did not have a woman president, Pauley threw another wiffle ball, “Well, that didn’t happen. But Speaker Pelosi is the most powerful woman in American history, and the most powerful woman in American politics.”

Did you get the point about “powerful”? Pauley then reloaded and fired: “Are you recalibrating your assessment of how you can work with this president?” Towards the interview’s end, Pauley pounced, noting that, “President Trump hasn’t given you a nickname, that I know of.”

Ah, the liberal media, always holding Democrats’ feet to the fire.

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The Myth of the Media as Trump’s Accomplice

The most absurd and improbable New York Times headline was published on Jan. 13, over a magnum opus by columnist Frank Bruni. “Will the Media Be Trump’s Accomplice Again in 2020?”

You read that correctly. The real collusion in the 2016 election was between Donald Trump and his enablers in the press.

Bruni’s subhead was “We have a second chance in 2020. Let’s not blow it.” To be sure, it’s their mission to elect a Democrat every four years, but in 2016 it was of existential proportions — and they failed. It wasn’t because they were on his side; it was because he beat them.

For Frank Bruni to suggest the opposite — that the media were Trump’s “accomplices” — is truly bizarre, even for Frank Bruni. Does he not remember his own newspaper publishing a front-page editorial insisting Trump had to be defeated by the media?

Let’s admit that part of Bruni’s self-flagellation is correct. The media certainly did grant Trump an overwhelming share of their coverage of the Republican primaries for almost a year. But that’s quantity, not quality. On that front, the coverage was routinely (and almost unanimously) hostile.

Once the primaries were over, it was just more of the same, yet in Bruni World, this means they were simply too fair and balanced. “We interpreted fairness as a similarly apportioned mix of complimentary and derogatory stories about each contender, no matter how different one contender’s qualifications, accomplishments and liabilities were from another’s. If we were going to pile on Trump, we had to pile on Clinton — or, rather, keep piling on her.”

The Media Research Center found the network evening news shows in 2016 spent over 1,000 minutes on Trump controversies, and under 500 on Hillary controversies (including 245 minutes on the email server, thanks to FBI director Jim Comey.)

Evaluations of Hillary were 72 percent negative….but Trump’s were 88 percent negative, and there were three times as many opinionated statements about Trump.

The media’s self-loathing about “letting Trump win” is intense. In her book Chasing Hillary, New York Times political reporter Amy Chozick actually mourned that Hillary didn’t ape Trump and hold a “theatrical press conference” to complain about the press as the “real reason” she used a private e-mail server.

She imagined Hillary ranting, “Of course I didn’t want the DISHONEST MEDIA reading through my emails. Look at what they’ve put me through for 25 years! This MAKES ME SMART.” [Capitals in the original.] Chozick wrote, “Well, shoulda, coulda, woulda. She didn’t.”

Let’s be blunt. This is a myth. There was no equally derogatory coverage. This is documented fact. To posit otherwise is to be a journalistic charlatan — or a fool.

The numbers tell the story. The media would examine Hillary scandals for a few days here and there, but the anti-Trump messaging was relentless.

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**Television**

- **CBN**
  - CBN News, Dec. 5, 11, Jan. 10

- **C-SPAN**
  - After Words, Jan. 1

- **FBN**
  - Trish Regan Primetime, Dec. 10

- **FNC**
  - Final 5 Sunday, Dec. 30
  - Fox & Friends, Dec. 28, 31, Jan. 10, 16
  - Hannity, Dec. 21, Jan. 15
  - Life, Liberty & Levin, Jan. 3
  - Outnumbered, Jan. 17
  - Fox News Sunday, Jan. 20

- **NRA TV**
  - Dana, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7

- **NEWSMAX TV**
  - Howie Carr Show, Dec. 6, 26, 28

- **OANN**
  - Daily Ledger, Dec. 21, 23, 24, 31, Jan. 7, 15, 16, 17
  - Tipping Point, Jan. 17

- **WKRC**: Cincinnati, OH (CBS), Jan. 16

- **WGME**: Portland, ME (CBS), Jan. 16

- **KFOX**: El Paso, TX (Fox), Jan. 16

- **KRKR**: Chico, CA (ABC), Jan. 16

- **KTVL**: Medford, OR (CBS), Jan. 16

- **KATU**: Portland, OR (ABC), Jan. 16

- **KTVQ**: Ottumwa, IA (ABC), Jan. 16

- **WCHS**: Charleston, WV (ABC), Jan. 16

- **WEAR**: Mobile, AL (ABC), Jan. 16

- **WOAI**: San Antonio, TX (NBC), Jan. 16

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**Internet**

- **Biz Pac Review**, Dec. 20
- Brettibart News, Dec. 25, 26, 27, Jan. 3, 9
- Ben Shapiro Show, Dec. 18
- Daily Caller, Dec. 19, 20, Jan. 3, 16
- Red State, Jan. 10
- Accuracy In Media, Dec. 28
- DredgeReport, Dec. 13, 17, 18, 19, 25, 29, Jan. 4, 9, 15, 22
- Hollywood Reporter, Dec. 20
- Breaking Israel News, Jan. 3
- Red Eye Radio, Dec. 11, 18
- Patriot Post, Jan. 9, 18
- Conservative HQ, Jan. 8
- Conservative Review, Jan. 7, 16
- The Blaze, Dec. 17
- Daily Wire, Dec. 25, 26, 31, Jan. 7, 10, 16
- Legal Insurrection, Dec. 27, Jan. 6
- Liberty Nation, Jan. 8
- PJ Media, Dec. 13, Jan. 10
- Canada Free Press, Dec. 26, Jan. 10
- Mediate.com, Jan. 1
- Fox News, Dec. 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, Jan. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11
- World Net Daily, Dec. 13, 17, 18
- CBN News, Dec. 12, 27, Jan. 2, 10, 11
- GOP USA, Jan. 1, 11
- American Thinker, Dec. 18
- Hot Air, Jan. 7
- Twitchy, Dec. 13, Jan. 3
- Daily Telegraph, Dec. 26
- Townhall, Dec. 20, 31
- Washington Examiner, Dec. 17, 31, Jan. 7
- Newsmax, Jan. 3

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**Radio**

- Breitbart News Daily, Sirius XM, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7
- American Family Radio, Dec. 11, 17, 19, 26, Jan. 9, 11
- AFA, Focal Point, Dec. 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11
- Bill Martinez Show, Dec. 12, Jan. 7
- Chosen Generation, Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9
- John Gibson Show, Dec. 18, 20, 23, 27, Jan. 1, 3, 8, 10
- Rush Limbaugh Show Dec. 18, 20, 31, Jan. 3, 17
- Mark Levin, Jan. 7, 15, 16, 17
- Alan Nathan Show, Dec. 20, 21, 27, 28, Jan. 3, 9, 10, 17
- Chris Plante Show, Jan. 15
- Kilmeade & Friends, Jan. 16
- Larry Elder Show, Dec. 18
- Mark Larson Show, Jan. 8, 16
- The Real Side with Joe Messina, Jan. 15

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Just released

- Fox Nation documentary, *Black Eye: Dan Rather and the Birth of Fake News*, features expert commentary from Brent Bozell and credits the MRC for archival video footage.

On Jan 17, FNC’s *Outnumbered* host Melissa Francis provided a thorough rundown of the MRC study on how “90% of network evening news coverage of the president had a negative tone in 2018.”

OANN host Graham Ledger cited the 90% negative Trump coverage number from “our friends at the MRC” and jokingly challenged the liberal media on the findings.

Sean Hannity on Jan. 15: “a report showing, no surprise, broadcast network evening newscasts, they trashed Trump, for the year 2018, 90 percent of their coverage.”
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### MINIBITS

- MSNBC’s Joy Reid argues against the border wall because “people who are drug traffickers can get on a plane and come” to America.
- CNN’s Jim Sciutto wonders, “We don’t want to be slowly burned to death on our own planet here. Is the human race running out of time to take the measures necessary to rein in this rise in global temperatures?”
- **NYT**’s Helene Cooper confesses, “I actually think we should be hysterical” over climate change.
- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough ruminates, “Trump has destroyed his own presidency and he is showing us his soul a little more every day or, rather some would say, his lack of one.”
- Former **NYT** Washington Bureau Chief David Leonhardt rails, “For the country’s sake, there is only one acceptable outcome, just as there was after Americans realized in 1974 that a criminal was occupying the Oval Office. The president must go.”
- MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch, as usual, shoots low, “Look, this is all Donald has left. He has one thing. This wall is not a wall. It is a ‘let’s keep America white again.’”
- Daily Beast reporter Christopher Dickey rants that Trump is “promoting nationalism, divisiveness, trying to tear apart NATO, trying to tear apart the European Union in an ideology built on the kind of nationalism that led to World War I and then again to World War II and conflicts all over the world.”
- Actor James Cromwell, who starred in Babe and Jurassic World, goes hysterical, “This is nascent fascism. We always had a turnkey totalitarian state ... If we don’t stop [Trump] now, we will have a revolution for real. There will be blood in the streets.”