When Donald Trump took a strong stand on border security in the 2016 campaign, the liberal media attacked him as a racist, a xenophobic demagogue. MSNBC’s Michael Eric Dyson, for instance, told ABC’s This Week that Trump embodies “a white, racist, supremacist nationalism that wreaks terror on the American democratic experiment.”

Over the last two years the leftist press has continued to smear Trump as an anti-immigrant bigot. This was most recently evident in the coverage of the migrant caravan camped out in Tijuana at the U.S.-Mexico border, near San Diego.

Some of the migrants are seeking political asylum in the United States but many of them are trying to enter our country illegally and not a few of them are confirmed criminals and some may be terrorists.

For defending the U.S. border against the “migrant caravan,” President Trump was smeared by the liberal media as a racist, a xenophobe, a supremacist, and a liar who “gasses” women and children.

Let’s look at some of what’s happened.

News of the migrant caravan started to surface in the weeks leading up to the November midterms. Trump declared in October that if the people failed to “apply for asylum in Mexico first,” the “U.S. will turn them away.” He also said he would send the military to the border.

The liberal press mocked him. MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough repeatedly claimed there was no caravan (“phony caravan”) and that conservatives had “cooked up” the story for the midterms. CNN’s Jeffrey Toobin complained that Trump’s “got this fantasy of this caravan.”

NBC’s Chuck Todd didn’t deny the existence of the caravan but declared there was “no evidence of any criminals in the Central American caravan.” That falsehood was repeated by the leftist press, which also claimed there were no “economic migrants” in the caravan and that it was comprised of “mostly women and children.”

While the liberal media painted the caravan in congenial hues, they smeared Trump — and his supporters — as racist. CNN’s Kirsten Powers railed that Trump had “demonized people trying to come to our country on the caravan,” and if “you support
somebody who does racist things, that makes you racist.”

The Washington Post’s Jonathan Capehart warned that voting for Trump means “[you] are okay with the president using racism against migrants coming from Central America.”

After Trump stated that some of the caravan migrants were sick and could bring disease into the United States — a fact documented by Tijuana’s Health Department — MSNBC’s Ali Velshi said it was “a classic xenophobic move that really has its roots in the 1900s.”

His colleague Jacob Soboroff claimed that Trump’s warnings about potential terrorists in the caravan weren’t just “xenophobic” but, as “some folks” say, “explicitly racist.”

On Nov. 25, several hundred migrants stormed the border wall just outside Tijuana. Several dozen of them broke through a weak section in the fence and illegally entered the United States. Many of them threw rocks and projectiles at U.S. Border Patrol agents. The agents repelled the invaders with rubber bullets, tear gas and pepper spray.

The liberal media went ballistic, reporting around-the-clock that Trump was “gassing” women and children. A photo of a woman with two kids near a tear gas canister was repeatedly shown on television, on social media, and in the newspapers.

The Obama administration had used tear gas against illegal aliens at the border many times, but the leftist press wasn’t interested in that — they only wanted to attack Trump.

ABC’s Matt Gutman first falsely reported that the migrants had been conducting a “peaceful protest” — they had been clashing with Mexican police before they reached the border fence. Then “they were met by a wall of tear gas unleashed by heavily-armed U.S. agents,” fretted Gutman. “Thick smoke sending mothers with children in diapers into a panic.”

NBC Nightly News anchor Lester Holt huffed, “President Trump is defending the use of tear gas on migrants …. Now he’s threatening to shut the border down permanently.”

ABC’s David Muir bemoaned, “The images of the tear gas used at the U.S.-Mexico border seen across the country and the world…. This mother and her children among those caught in the chaos.”

When Trump was leaving the White House on Nov. 26, NBC’s Hallie Jackson asked him, “Are you comfortable tear-gassing children, like we saw at the border?”

Predictably, Hollywood’s Rob Reiner tweeted, “Don’t know how you get lower than tear gassing babies. But if anyone can, Trump will find a way. We will never get used to the horror that is the president.”

Also, actress/activist Alyssa Milano tweeted, “You tear-gassed women and children, a**wipe! And on Thanksgiving weekend, you piece of s**t, a**hole, mother****ing, evil-creature-person.”

The Department of Homeland Security has confirmed that tear gas was used against illegal aliens 79 times between 2012 and 2016 under President Obama. But the liberal media were not outraged then, and they did not attack Obama for it.

“I don’t care what Obama did!” screeched Sunny Hostin on ABC’s The View. Trump is “destroying the country!” railed Joy Behar.

No, the leftist media do not care what Obama did wrong or what Hillary Clinton did wrong because they are liberals and they are all on the same team. They are working together to push a leftist agenda throughout society.

The MRC is documenting and exposing the liberal media every day. You can help us in this good fight 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. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Founder and President

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Although the liberal media were mostly kind in their remarks about former President George H.W. Bush following his death on Nov. 30, such deference was not the case when he was in the White House (1989-1993).

As with Ronald Reagan, the leftist press regularly attacked and smeared Bush, often tarring him as a jingoistic racist and a reluctant disciple of “voodoo economics.”

A new report by MRC Research Director Rich Noyes, The Real History of the Liberal Media and George H.W. Bush, details some of the liberal media’s derisive coverage of Bush 41, excerpts of which are presented here.

During the 1988 caucuses, CBS’s Dan Rather berated Bush over the Iran-Contra scandal in a live interview, fuming, “You made us hypocrites in the face of the world! How could you sign on to such a policy?” As with overreach, Rather’s attack backfired and Bush won the GOP nomination.

NBC’s Lisa Myers smeared Bush in 1988 over his defense of the U.S. flag and Pledge of Allegiance, reporting, “Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.” On the same issue, Time’s Strobe Talbott whined that “it’s a reminder of what kind of cheapness and demagoguery he [Bush] was capable of.”

The liberal press never shut up about the Willie Horton ad, which was produced by an outside group, not the Bush campaign, to highlight Mike Dukakis’ soft-on-crime views. When former KKK leader David Duke ran for office in 1989, ABC’s Judd Rose declared, “You might say that David Duke is the son of Willie Horton. [Duke is] pushing the same buttons and sending the same coded messages that the Horton ads did so effectively for the Bush campaign last year.”

USA Today’s Barbara Reynolds snarked, “It wouldn’t surprise me if George Bush appointed David Duke, the former white sheet-wearing KKK wizard, as Republican National Committee chairman to implement the administration’s white race-driven social policies.”

During the 1990 economic downturn, NBC’s Garrick Utley blamed the “voodoo economics supported by George Bush.” When Bush opposed a leftist “civil rights” bill as a quota bill, CBS’s Bruce Morton claimed the quota language would do for Bush in 1992 “what Willie Horton did for him in 1988.”

After Bush nominated Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court, liberal journalist Carl Rowan fumed, “They didn’t pick him because he was black. They picked him because he’s a black conservative…. If you gave Clarence Thomas a little flour on his face, you’d think you had David Duke talking.”

In the 1992 campaign, Time’s Michael Kramer demanded that Bush “admit his complicity in developing the images and code words that encourage whites to demonize blacks.”

A poll of Washington bureau chiefs and correspondents in 1992 revealed that only 7% of them voted for Bush but 89% voted for Bill Clinton. The liberal press detested Bush when he was alive, and used his funeral largely to bash President Donald Trump. Some things never change.

To read the MRC report in full, visit NewsBusters.org.
Stelter Attacks, Again

CNN’s Brian Stelter, along with proxy-critics Carl Bernstein and Max Boot, used his Reliable Sources show to attack President Trump — again. “Is the Trump presidency a criminal presidency?” Stelter asked on Dec. 9. Bernstein dutifully replied, “I think it’s very obvious that there has been a criminal conspiracy led by the president of the United States to obstruct justice.” Stelter also complained about Trump’s appointment of State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations because she once worked at Fox.

“What do we do?” he fretted to Never-Trumper Max Boot. “She is not qualified for this job.” Boot predictably answered, “Well, this is the Fox-Trump nexus and it’s hard to know where the Fox network ends and the Trump administration begins.” Stelter also whined about Nauert’s supposed lack of qualifications for the job. That snipe came from the guy who was given a TV program just six years out of college.

Facebook Censors Santa

In another example of Facebook’s absurd censoring of conservative ideas and images, the social media giant blocked an image of Santa Claus kneeling next to the baby Jesus in a manger. The post has been around since 2015 but after receiving 11,000 “shares,” Facebook gave it a blackout filter in December, which means it can’t be seen unless you click for the filter to be removed. “This photo was automatically covered so you can decide if you want to see it,” states the warning.

Facebook filters posts if it decides the content is “disturbing,” and this could include images of “mutilated people,” “dismembered animals,” “child abuse,” “violent death,” “torture,” “physical bullying,” and birthing. None of that is in the Santa post.

Also in December, Facebook censored pro-life articles from LifeNews and “shadow-banned” videos from conservative Prager U, Ben Shapiro, and Live Action.

Santa and a baby, who knew they were so disturbing?

What Illegal Alien?

Thirty-six-year-old Floridian Carla Stefaniak went on a trip to Costa Rica and was, tragically, murdered there on Nov. 28. The alleged killer, Bismarck Martinez, is a Nicaraguan national who was in Costa Rica illegally but the networks, despite extensive coverage of the case, never reported that fact. ABC ran stories about the murder on Good Morning America and World News Tonight over four days. CBS This Morning and the NBC Nightly News did stories on three different days.

NBC and CBS reported the arrest of Martinez but they didn’t mention his illegal alien status. ABC’s Good Morning America teased that it would provide details about Martinez’s past but in the actual story only reported he had been in the country six months and “was originally from Nicaragua.” Why didn’t ABC, CBS, and NBC reveal that an illegal alien had killed an American tourist?

On the upside, Fox News covered the story and reported that Martinez was “living in Costa Rica illegally.”
France’s Carbon Tax?

Although the widespread protests in France were against the government’s “carbon tax” on fuel — designed to keep France in line with Paris Climate Accord rules — the network news outlets buried that fact. Sixty-six percent (10 of 15) of the morning and evening news reports on ABC, CBS, and NBC failed to connect the fuel tax to the French government’s environmental policies (between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4), MRC Business documented.

Network stories, for instance, emphasized the violence on Dec. 4, which included riots in Paris and hundreds of arrests; and Today reported it was France’s “worst urban riot in years.” But they didn’t mention the carbon tax as the cause.

However, the Wall Street Journal explained what was going on in an editorial, emphasizing that, “France is a test for the political future of emissions restrictions,” and the test “results are visible in the Paris streets.”

If you want real news, don’t rely on ABC, CBS or NBC.

Media: No Prayers!

Although America is a country steeped in Christianity and 55% of Americans say they pray at least once a day, many liberal media figures don’t pray and apparently don’t want others to pray. Recently, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews complained, “Thoughts and prayers? I’m sorry, that should be outlawed.” Also, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell has railed, “Thoughts and prayers. That’s all we get from the politicians who choose to protect guns more than citizens: thoughts and prayers. ...Thoughts, prayers, silence, and lies.”

CNN’s Chris Cuomo complained bitterly about the “always-perfunctory ‘we’re praying for the victims.’” He added, “What kind of prayer is one that promises to do nothing?” Not to be outdone, the Washington Post’s Gene Weingarten ranted, “Dear ‘thoughts and prayers’ people: Please shut up and slink away. You are the problem, and everyone knows it.”

In other words, don’t pray. Prayer bothers the liberal media, which is truly strange.

More Censorship

A study released in December showed that a strong majority (63%) of non-citizens — legal and illegal aliens — receive some form of welfare from the U.S. government. Despite that alarming fact, the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC did not report it. The Center for Immigration Studies, using Census Bureau data, documented that “63% of households headed by a non-citizen reported that they used at least one welfare program,” which translates into four-million-plus non-citizen households on the dole. That 63% is up from 57% in 2009. For comparison, only 35% of U.S. citizen households in 2018 get some form of welfare.

It’s no surprise that the networks censored this story. At the same time, it’s worth noting that the liberal media repeatedly claim that illegal aliens do not receive welfare and other benefits. As the liberal Kristen Powers lectured on Geraldo Rivera’s radio show, “the idea that they’re just getting things for free is not true,” it’s “another myth.”

MRC Action is on Fire

Remember the White House/CNN/Jim Acosta debacle? When the White House revoked the press pass of CNN’s Jim Acosta after his habit of disrespect towards the President and White House staff finally erupted into a temper tantrum, CNN filed suit against the White House. MRC Action responded with a petition (signed by more than 23,700 grassroots members... of which 10,000 signed within the first 24 hours) demanding CNN drop their frivolous lawsuit. While the White House decided to drop the issue, MRC Action demonstrated it’s unequaled ability to fully mobilize its supporters within a few hours.

We can’t wait to tackle the next big issue in 2019.

Join us! Be part of something big.

Email: grassroots@mrc.org to get on the list.
NPR Shamelessly Exploits Cheap Labor

National Public Radio is out begging for donations this week [Dec. 12], with major stations like Washington’s WAMU offering gifts like those silly reusable grocery bags touting the “The Power of Truth.” But the truth can be pretty embarrassing. Apparently, NPR exploits cheap labor.

Washington Post media reporter Paul Farhi has revealed that according to union representatives, 20 to 22 percent of NPR’s 483 union-covered newsroom workforce, or one in five employees, are temps ... and they’ve been doing this for decades.

“Without temporary workers — who are subject to termination without cause — NPR would probably be unable to be NPR,” Farhi reported. “Temps do almost every important job in NPR’s newsroom: They pitch ideas, assign stories, edit them, report and produce them. Temps not only book the guests heard in interviews, they often write the questions the hosts ask the guests.”

This is an unusual arrangement in the media. About five percent of the staff at a typical TV station is employed on a part-time or temporary basis, according to the Radio Television Digital News Association. Radio stations, with smaller news staffs, reported an average of just one part-timer or temp in that survey.

Meanwhile, on air on September 3, NPR anchor Steve Inskeep asked their regular economic analyst, David Wessel of the left-leaning Brookings Institution, to judge the allegedly struggling economy under Trump: “I think what’s going on is that workers simply have less bargaining power today than they once did. Unions are weaker. There’s an explosion of temp agencies and outsourcing and the gig economy.”

Farhi reported, during “bruising negotiations” over a new contract last year, NPR’s Scrooge-like management proposed eliminating all benefits for temps (except those required by law), including health insurance and holiday pay. This was “withdrawn amid broad staff opposition.”

This resentment among the work force is bubbling up over another episode in NPR hypocrisy — former news executives like Michael Oreskes were exposed as sexually harassing much less powerful employees, even as NPR ripped into conservatives like Clarence Thomas (and recently Brett Kavanaugh) with unproven allegations.

The exploited workers are now throwing stones through NPR’s glass house. Can we look forward to the new Democratic majority in the House holding some compelling oversight hearings? And would NPR cover them?
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### Television

- **CBN**
  - CBN News, Dec. 5, 11
- **FBN**
  - Trish Regan Primetime, Dec. 10
- **FNC**
  - Fox & Friends, Nov. 7
  - Hannity, Nov. 16
  - Live with Judge Napolitano, Nov. 29
- **NRA TV**
  - Dana, Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 10
- **NEWSMAX TV**
  - Howie Carr Show, Nov. 13, Dec. 6
- **OANN**
  - Daily Ledger, 2, 19, 26, Dec. 2, 10
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### Radio

- **Breitbart News Daily**, SiriusXM, Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 2, 10
- **American Family Radio**
  - Nov. 13, Dec. 4, 11
- **AFN**
  - Focal Point, Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 6, 14
- **Bill Martinez Show**
  - Nov. 21, Dec. 12
- **Chosen Generation**
  - Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 4, 12
- **John Gibson Show**
  - Nov. 20, 21, 27, 29, Dec. 3, 5, 11, 13
- **Ben Ferguson Show**
  - Nov. 13, Dec. 6
- **KUIC**
  - Hillsboro, OR, Nov. 12
- **KWDJ**
  - San Diego, CA, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 2, 4, 12
- **WYAY**
  - Atlanta, GA, Dec. 6
- **KFTK**
  - Saint Louis, MO, Nov. 8, Dec. 5
- **WPHT**
  - Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 3, 4
- **WATR**
  - Waterbury, CT, Dec. 12
- **WIBA**
  - Madison, WI, Nov. 26, Dec. 12
- **KUIK**
  - Hillsboro, OR, Nov. 12
- **KVOR**
  - Colorado Springs, CO, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 4, 12
- **WGY**
  - Albright, NY, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 4, 12
- **WGMD**
  - Lewes, DE, Nov. 5, 13, 19, Dec. 2, 10
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### Print

- **Boston Herald**, Nov. 19
- **Columbia Journalism Review**, Nov. 14
- **Daily Mail**, Dec. 7
- **Fortune**, Dec. 7
- **LA Times**, Dec. 5
- **National Review**, Nov. 22
- **The Hill**, Nov. 28
- **USA Today**, Nov. 5, Dec. 6, 11
- **Wall Street Journal**, Nov. 4
- **Washington Free Beacon**, Oct. 30, Nov. 28
- **Washington Post**, Nov. 13, Dec. 5
- **Washington Times**, Nov. 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 29, 30, Dec. 3, 4, 6, 9, 13
- **Weekly Blitz**, Nov. 15
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### Internet

- **Breitbart News**
  - Nov. 17, 23, 26, 27, Dec. 10
- **Liberty Unyielding**, Dec. 14
- **United With Israel**, Nov. 18, 22
- **Christian Headlines**, Nov. 5, 21
- **Campus Reform**, Nov. 1, 21
- **Daily Signal**, Nov. 13, 14, 16, 16, Dec. 11
- **Investor’s Business Daily**, Dec. 10
- **Independent Journal Review**, Dec. 12, 13
- **The Blaze**, Nov. 14, 15, 29, 30, Dec. 2, 6
- **The New American**, Nov. 12, 30, Dec. 5, 6
- **Independent Journal Review**, Dec. 12, 13
- **The Washington Post**, Nov. 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 29, 30, Dec. 3, 4, 6, 9, 13
- **Weekly Blitz**, Nov. 15
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MRCTV’s Eric Scheiner and Brittany Hughes are the hosts of the new MRC podcast, **Public Service Announcement**, which launched in late November. Each week, the two MRCTV experts discuss politics, culture and the media.
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MINIBITS

- CNN’s Van Jones gets emotional after the midterms, “This is heartbreaking.... It’s not a blue wave, but it’s a blue war. We have to continue the fight forward.”
- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough rails that midterm Republicans are “lying through their teeth. They’re spreading the big lie. They are attacking non-white people.”
- ABC’s Joy Behar claims Trump now “realizes that women like him less than menstrual cramps,” and the women who still like him “don’t know the difference between a predator and a protector.”
- Lousy comic Sarah Silverman snipes, “In a time where anti-Semitic crime is up 57% since this douchebag [Trump] has taken office, it is not lost on me that I am very lucky that I get a star and I don’t have to sew it on my clothes.”
- At Silverman’s side, HBO’s Bill Maher remarks, “Now that the fascists are in the White House though, I’m glad some liberals have guns.”
- On NBC’s Today, actress America Ferrera complains, “In the last three years, since Donald Trump announced his presidency, our families have been under attack.”
- Politico puffs leftist Beto O’Rourke, “Like Lincoln, O’Rourke is charismatic, tall, lanky, filled with energy, an accomplished public speaker and a natural campaigner. Like Lincoln, O’Rourke is a can-do underdog with an ability to command an audience.”
- Not to be outdone, CBS’ Stephen Colbert tries to joke that Trump “eats human flesh.”