Although liberal lawmakers voted overwhelmingly to fund the construction of a border wall/barrier in 2013 when Barack Obama was president, ever since Donald Trump became president they have opposed it. Their opposition has been obediently promoted and applauded by the liberal media.

This resistance by the liberal press was abundantly evident during the December-January partial government shutdown, which occurred because of liberal opposition to funding a border wall. The left-wing press also attacked Trump and his supporters over the wall following the State of the Union speech on Feb. 5. In addition, liberal journalists denounced the president’s declaration of a national emergency on Feb. 15 to deal with the border crisis.

Throughout the media onslaught against the border wall, many journalists smeared Trump as a racist, a xenophobe. They said the same of his supporters. The attacks were vicious and vile, and they continue to this day.

The MRC has documented and exposed these grossly biased liberal news “reports” on the wall through its divisions: NewsBusters, MRC Latino, MRC Culture, and MRCTV. The bias has also been exposed through MRC Action, social media, and in interviews of MRC experts on radio and television.

Let’s look at some examples.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) described Trump’s border wall as an “immorality,” and added that it’s “not who we are as a nation.”

Repeating that talking point, MSNBC’s Morning Joe co-host, Joe Scarborough, said on Feb. 1, “Donald Trump’s view of a huge, beautiful wall from sea to shining sea is not only immoral, more importantly it’s stupid.” Co-host Mike Brzezinski replied, the wall “is not who we are.”

Several days later on the same program, panelist Mike Barnicle lectured that Trump was using the border wall to “build on that hate and that fear and it becomes fear of the other and it becomes fear of brown people and fear of caravans, and fear of invasions, and fear of MS-13.” Scarborough predictably replied, “It’s about the brown people that Donald Trump thinks do not belong in America.”

He also compared Trump to Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, stating that “in Germany in 1933 there were certain leaders that also focused on the other.” So, Trump is a racist and a genocidal Nazi because he wants a wall to secure the border — got it?

The racist angle was also pushed on ABC’s The View. Co-host Sunny Hostin claimed that Trump supporters are “people animated by bigotry and fear,” and that all they want “is an ethnically pure America.”

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CNN’s libertine S.E. Cupp went the Stormy Daniels route. “There’s this, what I like to call a wall porn crowd, people like Ann Coulter and Steve King, who almost seem to have like a sexual fetish for a cement wall,” cooed Cupp on CNN’s Unfiltered. “A big, beautiful erection of a wall, no pun intended … or maybe a little intended.”

So, not only are you a racist Nazi for supporting a border wall, you’re a sexual pervert.

On Feb. 15, Trump signed a government funding bill that included $1.3 billion for wall construction. He also declared a “national emergency,” under the National Emergencies Act of 1976, to redirect another $8 billion to the wall. Although this law has been used 58 times by previous presidents, including Obama, the liberal media attacked Trump.

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos hysterically declared that Trump was “bypassing Congress,” CBS’s Nancy Cordes claimed it “sent shock waves through Capitol Hill,” and NBC’s Savannah Guthire called it an “abuse of power.”

The only shock and abuse is the way the leftist media deliberately misreport on the border wall. They have an agenda.

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Liberal Media Embrace 70% Top Tax Idea and ‘Ultra-millionaires Tax’

Although the federal government will take in about $3.4 trillion in taxes this year, several left-wing lawmakers want to take more money from people who earned it with new “tax the rich” income and asset taxes, socialist ideas the liberal media love.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), who is running for president, has proposed an “ultra-millionaires tax.” This scheme would take 2% (or more) of the total assets of anyone worth $50 million or more (including property) every year — an annual wealth tax.

Predictably, the Washington Post said this theft on success couldn’t have “come at a better time” and was “good politics.” CNN said the idea was an excellent way “to reverse the widening wealth gap,” and the Los Angeles Times defended it as “constitutional.”

Salon declared, “Warren’s plan is far from radical. It’s mainstream,” and a “bold policy prescriptive.” The Week ran with the headline, “How Elizabeth Warren’s Wealth Tax Could Save America.”

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CNBC produced a 10-minute video promoting “tax the rich” schemes. Warren’s plan “is a potent political message,” proclaimed CNBC, which could “close the chasm between the ultra-wealthy and the working class.” The news outlet also chastised successful people for taking “a larger section of the pie” and for not spending “as much of their income as the poor.”

Socialist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), whose only real-life work experience was as a bartender, has called for raising marginal tax rates to as high as 70% for people earning over $10 million a year.

“As you climb up this ladder, you should be contributing more,” the 29-year-old Cortez told 60 Minutes. “People are going to have to start paying their fair share in taxes.”

Her tax idea was embraced by the NYT’s Paul Krugman, who said it was “fully in line with serious economic research” and should go as high as 80% on income. Bloomberg News cheered as well, stating Cortez’s “tax plan isn’t radical at all.” The lawmaker has also questioned whether billionaires should be allowed. A system that allows people to become that wealthy is “wrong,” she said at a civil rights forum. “Where do we draw the line in excess?”

Actually, where do we draw the line against socialists who want to steal the wealth and success of hard-working Americans?

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CNN’s Erin Burnett mocked White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders’ claim that God “wanted Donald Trump to become president” and stressed that such ideas are a threat to democracy. On her Jan. 30 show, Erin Burnett OutFront, the host wondered, “it’s a big thing to say that God, whether, whatever God may be — he, she, it, she refers to as a he — wanted Donald Trump to become president. I mean, does that make you blanch at all or are you okay with that?” Guest Scott Jennings said he was not surprised because many people believe in “God’s plan.”

Burnett couldn’t accept that, however, and lectured on, “I thought we live in a democracy, right? The will of the people and now you’re saying it’s the will of God. I don’t know, there’s something that seems quite jarring to me, frankly, whatever you believe about God. ... And you think that God cares who’s president of the United States?”

Note to Erin, America is a Judeo-Christian nation and millions of people believe in God’s will for the country.

CNN’s Chris Cuomo argued that Americans wearing MAGA hats — Make America Great Again — should be banned from businesses because they could “trigger” people. On CNN’s Cuomo Prime Time, Jan. 31, Cuomo said the hat “triggered” people and was equivalent to wearing a shirt that said, “I hate black people.” CNN’s Don Lemon agreed and added, “Your clothing tells a story about who you are, what you think, and what you represent.”

“Maybe that hat means the Central Park Five to people,” he claimed. “Maybe it means birtherism to people. Maybe it means Mexicans are rapists. You cannot erase those things from the story of that hat. It just can’t be about what you want it to be about. There are symbols and things in society that you have to take as a whole.”

In other words, people who wear MAGA hats should expect to be a target of hatred and expect people to assume the worst about them. This is CNN.

No MAGA Hats!

CNN Sputters

On Jan. 31, multiple media outlets, including CNN, reported that two phone calls made by Donald Trump Jr. prior to his June 2016 meeting with a Russian lawyer were not — not! — made to then-candidate Donald Trump, which killed the liberals’ claim that Donald Trump knew about the meeting and had lied about it. Despite that revelation, CNN spun the news to keep the fantasy alive.

CNN’s Pamela Brown speculated, “There are other ways the meeting could have been communicated to Donald Trump.” CNN’s Don Lemon wondered, “That doesn’t mean Don Junior didn’t tell the president some other way, correct?” CNN’s Wolf Blitzer asked Rep. Jim Himes (D-Conn.), “Have you seen any evidence, congressman, that Donald Trump Jr. did contact his father in some other way, perhaps?”

Despite CNN’s incessant posturing as an unbiased, objective news organization, its hosts were unable to conceal their disappointment in the collapse of the phone calls’ conspiracy. But it did make for good television.
January Smears

An MRC Culture analysis of entertainment television shows in January revealed there were 33 programs that attacked conservatives and/or President Trump while promoting a hardcore progressive agenda.

The Daily Show with Trevor Noah tried to joke, “Mike Pence’s wife Karen, or ‘Mother’ as she’s called during their BDSM late-night kink sessions, announced she is going back to work.” On Jimmy Kimmel Live! the host stated that Trump enjoys “watching Judge Jeanine Pirro with [his] pants off.”

Broad City’s Abbi Johnson stood outside Trump Tower giving it the finger and yelled, “Everybody’s laughing at you, f**king clown!” On The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, a woman reluctantly agreed to have sex with Trump in an airplane lavatory. As she entered, the Trump character remarked, “My biggest accomplishment? Not getting AIDS from Roy Cohn.” Trump then has a heart attack and a flight attendant cheers, “God, I love my job.”

Entertainment TV never treated President Barack Obama that way.

Hollywood Hysterics

Following President Trump’s massively attended rally in El Paso, Texas on Feb. 11, Hollywood leftists predictably went ballistic. Sarah Silverman tweeted that “every single thing [Trump] says is an insanity-level lie.” (Before the rally, she had said the president was a “smelly pe**s hole with balls that touch water. Eat s**t, you greedy tw**.”) Ron Perlman, musing on the rally crowd, tweeted, “And Jesus wept.”

Rob Reiner called Trump a “LOSER” and urged him to “go back to the WH and your stolen Presidency, turn on FOX, and start tweeting your bulls**t.” Cher praised Beto O’Rourke, who was holding a protest outside the rally. Revealing her inanity, she tweeted, “Beto Beats Bitter, Bloated, Back Bitting, Babbling, Belligerent, Barbaric, Badly Bleached, Blubber Bellied, Bullying, Blowhard.”

It’s odd that we call these people stars.

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Harrison Ford’s Climate Horror Story

NBC late-night comedian Seth Meyers recently dedicated one of his “comedy” diatribes to denouncing “scaremongering about socialism.”

Liberals have a right to lecture us on some things, but scaremongering ain’t one of them. These are the same people that relentlessly scare-monger the American people about “climate change.”

In a recent video to promote a World Government Summit in Dubai, legendary Star Wars actor Harrison Ford offered the usual litany of doom. “What does living in a four-degrees-warmer world look like? Fresh water shortages. Higher greenhouse gas emissions. Unprecedented fires. Worldwide destruction. Is this the world we want?”

Ford added “Our planet, the only home we’ve got, is suffering. This is the bare truth. This is our reality. It’s up to you and me to act now to face the greatest moral crisis of our time. To take action. It is time to make a difference.”

Leftists can make this kind of unproven doom scenario forever and it never loses its “moral authority.” It doesn’t matter that they’ve been selling the End of Humanity since at least 1968, when Paul Ehrlich published his ludicrous manifesto The Population Bomb. Did we all die over the last fifty years? Does anyone point and laugh at the “Elite Media” that eagerly pushed that Fake News?

In 1989, Ehrlich himself narrated several long “news” segments making comical predictions on NBC’s Today show. He actually predicted end-of-days flooding would force folks to hitch their boats to the Washington Monument. Thirty years later, we’re still on terra firma.

The next year, actress Meryl Streep narrated a ten-part PBS documentary series called Race to Save the Planet, and predicted “By the year 2000, that’s less than 10 years away, the Earth’s climate will be warmer than it’s been in over 100,000 years. If we don’t do something, there will be enormous calamities in a very short time.”

It wasn’t true, and it never mattered, because doom is apparently always ten years away. No one believed Streep was an actual scientific expert. She enjoyed a higher qualification. She was a movie star, used like a commercial pitch-man, the same way that George Clooney tells you to drink Nespresso coffee.

Ford has used his movie-star charisma on this cause for years on behalf of a group called Conservation International. As part of this crusade, he told CNN that this wasn’t a left-right issue. “It’s not about political ideologies….we’ve been disaggregated into political ideology groups and we’ve got to find this middle ground to get things done.”

Touching but untrue.

As you can see from the laughable details of the “Green New Deal,” the Left’s prescriptions are in no way in the “middle ground” unless it’s in the mainstream that government is mandated to end the scourges of airplane travel and cow flatulence.

At this summit in Dubai, Ford gave a speech and pointed the finger at President Trump and the “climate deniers” in general. True to form, Ford muttered “In ten years, it may be too late.”

“We are the only member of the animal kingdom whose behavior, whose hubris can destroy the planet,” Ford lectured. “Around the world, elements of leadership — including in my own country — to preserve their stake in the status quo, deny or denigrate science. They are on the wrong side of history.”

And yet, it’s history that these people keep denying — that the ecological scaremongers have been wrong for fifty years….so far. The hubris of the Left is overwhelming and it is shameless.
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- **FBN**
  - *Trish Regan Primetime*, Feb. 18
- **FNC**
  - *Fox & Friends*, Jan. 16, 22, 28, Feb. 4, 15
  - *Hannity*, Jan. 15, Feb. 15, 19
  - *The Story*, Feb. 15
- **Fox News Sunday**, Jan. 20
- **NRA TV**
  - *Dana*, Jan. 7, 28, Feb. 4, 11
- **NEWSMAX TV**
  - *Howie Carr Show*, Feb. 12, 21
- **OANN**
  - *Daily Ledger*, Jan. 20, 28, Feb. 4, 11
  - *Tipping Point*, Jan. 17, 21

- **Radio**
  - *The Joe Piscopo Show*, Jan. 23
  - *John Gibson Show*, Jan. 21, 23, 29, 31, Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14
  - *Larry O’Connor Show*, Jan. 23
  - *Chris Plante*, Feb. 13, 15, 21
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  - *Alan Nathan Show*, Jan. 24, 28, 31, Feb. 4, 7, 8, 14, 15
  - *Dana Loesch Show*, Feb. 13
  - *Lars Larson Show*, Jan. 29, Feb. 4, 13

- **Print**
  - *Boston Herald*, Jan. 27, 28
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  - *Toronto Sun*, Jan. 27
  - *USA Today*, Jan. 30
  - *Washington Times*, Jan. 17, 21
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- **Internet**
  - *Ben Shapiro Show*, Feb. 7, 12
  - *Breitbart News*, Jan. 28, Feb. 13, 16
  - *Campus Reform*, Jan. 29
  - *Christian Headlines*, Jan. 31
  - *College Fix*, Jan. 24
  - *Daily Beast*, Feb. 6
  - *Daily Caller*, Jan. 16
  - *IJR*, Jan. 30, Feb. 8
  - *Politico*, Jan. 30
  - *Yahoo! News*, Jan. 26
  - *Red State*, Jan. 10, 31
  - *Newsmax*, Jan. 30
  - *Drudge Report*, Feb. 11, 14, 18, 19, 20
  - *The Blaze*, Jan. 23
  - *Daily Wire*, Jan. 24, Feb. 3, 6, 9, 11, 16
  - *Legal Insurrection*, Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 1, 7
  - *Fox News*, Jan. 11, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13
  - *LifeSite News*, Jan. 21, 24, 28, Feb. 4, 12, 15
  - *Townhall*, Jan. 22, 24, 27, 30, Feb. 6, 11
  - *Washington Examiner*, Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 4, 8, 11, 18
  - *One News Now*, Jan. 10, Feb. 1, 7, 8, 15

At his massive rally in El Paso, Texas on Feb. 10, President Trump cited NewsBusters’ recent study regarding his coverage by broadcast nets, saying, “93% of the stories are negative. No matter what we do they figure out a way to make it negative.”
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**MINIBITS**

- MSNBC’s Chris Hayes explains border security, “The wall originated as a device to jog the president’s memory, to make sure to remind him to cater to the most xenophobic part of the base of the Republican Party.”
- MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch rants that Trump “was always a cancer and he’s gone from a malignant cancer to a benign cancer.”
- CNN’s Brian Stelter seriously asks, “This idea that news coverage of Trump is negative, is too negative, where does the truth lie?”
- NYT’s Frank Bruni replies, “I don’t think we’ve been anti-Trump. I think we have been negative and I think that’s the only honest way to cover this president.”
- As for Twitter’s crackdown on conservatives, its CEO Jack Dorsey reveals, “I don’t believe that we can afford to take a neutral stance anymore. I don’t believe that we should optimize for neutrality.”
- The NYT’s Farhad Manjoo proposes capping personal wealth, “Nope, billionaires should not exist — at least not in their present numbers, with their current globe-swallowing power.”
- The NYT’s Berlin bureau chief Katrin Bennhold derides the lack of an autobahn speed limit, “Call it Germany’s Wild West,” the “German aversion to speed limits on the autobahn is up there with gun control in America and whaling in Japan.”
- The Washington Post’s Robin Givhan gushes, “[Nancy] Pelosi’s bright fuchsia dress was like the plumage of a brazen bird, one with the audacity not just to fly with the flock but to lead it…. Fuchsia roars!”

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