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Unhinged Liberal Media Label Trump 'White Supremacist,' Blame Him for Mass Shootings

The liberal media are doing everything they can to destroy President Donald Trump. They want to remove him from office, and if that doesn't work, they want to politically cripple him to such a degree it will prevent him from winning re-election in 2020. That is their only goal.

For two-plus years they pushed the "Russia collusion" hoax and all its attendant absurdities. That media-fueled monstrosity failed. All the while, the leftist press smeared Trump as a racist, a sexual predator, a tax cheat, a Hitler, and a sadist who enjoys locking up immigrant children in "concentration camp" detention centers.

Whatever slander you can imagine, the liberal media tried to pin it on President Trump.

In August, for instance, the leftist press essentially blamed the president for the horrific shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, which killed 31 people. Most of the liberal journalists claimed that the El Paso shooter in particular was inspired to kill because of Trump's criticism of illegal immigration. The leftist press also blamed conservative commentators and the NRA.

The MRC documented and exposed that slanted reporting through its *NewsBusters* division and MRCTV, on Facebook and Twitter, in daily e-briefs, and in interviews of its experts on radio and television.

The vicious attacks on Trump — instead of on the actual shooters who committed the murders — are among the worst we've seen. Let's look at some examples.

The El Paso killer had posted a "manifesto" online in which he proclaimed, "this attack is a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas." And just like that it was Trump's fault. Less than 24 hours after the Aug. 3 shooting, ABC's Jonathan Karl insisted, "The bottom line is this



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NBC's Chuck Todd noted the "manifesto" and declared, "This comes after a month of President Trump stoking racial resentment." On MSNBC, Joe Scarborough lectured, "It takes a great deal of denial on the part of any Donald Trump supporter to not hear this continued hateful language ... and then to try to pretend that what happened in El Paso wasn't connected directly to the hate speech of Donald J. Trump."

Connected directly? MSNBC's Mika

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Brzezinski seemed to think so, stating, “Isn’t it okay to deduce that at this point, this is what [Trump] wants. ... This is a president who seems to want these things [mass murder] to happen.”

Echoing Brzezinski, MSNBC’s Nicolle Wallace pronounced, “You now have a president, as you said, talking about exterminating Latinos.” (Wallace later apologized for her remark.)

Former *CBS Evening News* anchor Dan Rather told CNN’s Don Lemon, “People say, ‘Well, I’m not sure President Trump is racist.’ But racist is as racist does.”

Also on CNN, senior political reporter Nia Malika Henderson, citing no evidence, declared, “If you’re a white supremacist, you find the president’s words possibly inspirational, possibly comforting.” She added that the El Paso shooter was merely “echoing [Trump’s] own thoughts.”

NBC’s Richard Engel agreed, claiming, “The ideology that can inspire some to mass murder is taking inspiration from the president.”

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In addition to blaming Trump for the shootings, the leftist press targeted conservative commentators. *The New York Times*, for instance, ran a long piece, “How the El Paso Gunman Echoed the Words of Right-Wing Pundits.” The report weirdly noted that conservatives Tucker Carlson, Ann Coulter, and Rush Limbaugh had used the words “invasion” and “invaders” to describe the waves of illegal immigrants at the southern border.

“There is a striking degree of overlap between the words of right-wing media personalities” and the El Paso shooter, concluded *The Times*, “a shared vocabulary of intolerance that stokes fears centered on immigrants of color.”

By Jove, I think they’ve solved it, Dr. Watson!

Univision’s Enrique Acevado no doubt agrees. He told CNN’s *Reliable Sources* that Tucker Carlson and President Trump are “in part responsible for what we saw in a place like El Paso. The man responsible for this was inspired by some of the words, some of the rhetoric coming from them.”

For the liberal media, the misery and death in El Paso are the fault of President Trump and not the fault of the actual killer. This is akin to saying President Richard Nixon, because he criticized Hollywood, was responsible for the Manson murders.

It’s absurd. But the leftist media are unhinged and will say whatever it takes to stop Trump. The MRC is documenting, exposing, and neutralizing this surreal liberal bias every day. You can help us in this good fight by making a donation to our non-profit organization.

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Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President



Networks Silent About Ohio Shooter's 'Leftist,' 'Socialist' Politics

Although the ABC, CBS, and NBC news programs in early August were quick to report on the El Paso, Texas shooter's white nationalist beliefs — and blame President Donald Trump for the massacre — they were silent and buried facts that showed the Dayton, Ohio shooter was a left-wing radical who supported Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

The networks kept those leftist views, which could indicate a motive for the killing, from the public even though the Associated Press and Fox News had reported them.

The horrific El Paso shooting, which killed 22 people, occurred on Saturday, Aug. 3 and the Dayton shooting, which killed 9 people, on Sunday, Aug. 4. That same Sunday, the Twitter account of the Ohio killer, Conner Betts, was identified by the news site Heavy.com.

The tweets revealed that Betts labeled himself a “leftist” “atheist” who supported “socialism” and planned to vote for Sen. Warren. The tweets also showed he supported Antifa, Sen. Bernie Sanders

(I-Vt.) and the “concentration camp” immigration propaganda of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

In one particular tweet, Betts described himself as “he/him/ anime fan/ metalhead/ leftist/ I’m going to hell and I’m not coming back.”

Despite that information, none of the networks said a word about it on Sunday or on Monday, Aug. 5. However, the AP reported on Monday about the tweets, stating that they offered a “window into his politics.” AP also noted that the Twitter account “showed tweets ... bemoaning the election of President Donald Trump, supporting Sen. Elizabeth Warren and encouraging people to cut fences of immigrant detention centers.”

The AP added that this was “in contrast to the social media of El Paso shooting suspect Patrick Crusius, which appeared to support Trump.”

That Monday, echoing the AP, CNN and Fox News reported on the tweets. But the ABC, CBS, and NBC evening news shows said nothing. Also, on Tuesday, Aug. 6, ABC’s *Good Morning America*, CBS’s *This Morning*, and NBC’s *Today* did not report on the Ohio shooters tweets, not a word.

By late Tuesday afternoon, ABC’s *World News Tonight* presented a brief report about the tweets and the shooter’s “violent ideologies.” But CBS and NBC maintained their silence.

On a related note, although CNN reported marginally on the tweets, the cable outlet downplayed their ideological implications. CNN’s Brian Stelter, for instance, who had repeatedly claimed the El Paso shooting was politically motivated and tied to Trump, insisted that politics played no role in the Dayton massacre.

That’s how the liberal media roll: If a tragedy can be exploited to smear conservatives or Republicans, they run it; if it in anyway hurts the left, they bury it.



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Bits & Pieces



Sean Buchanan, father of five, was killed when an illegal alien with a long criminal record, including a DUI, crashed into him. Despite the alien's well-documented background, CNN praised him in January 2019 because he was hiding from ICE in a "sanctuary" church.

CNN Praised Alien Criminal

Illegal alien Miguel Valiente killed Sean Buchanan, a father of five in Colorado, when he smashed into Buchanan's car on Aug. 2 while driving recklessly without a license. Valiente had a long criminal record, including a 2017 DUI – when his license was revoked – domestic violence in 2016, reckless endangerment in 2011, and his illegal entering of the USA. Despite his criminal history and disregard for human life, CNN praised the Salvadoran in January 2019 when he hid from ICE in a sanctuary church.

CNN's Catherine Schoichet reported that Valiente "was seeking sanctuary to fight for the chance to remain with his wife and three children." She mentioned that he was battling extradition ever since a 2011 traffic stop. But CNN did not note his DUI, domestic abuse, and reckless endangerment crimes. CNN conveniently omitted those damaging facts. Don't count on CNN to do a sympathetic story on Sean Buchanan's widow and now-fatherless children.

Nets Push Gun Control

In the wake of the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, the morning news shows on ABC, CBS, and NBC strongly advocated for more gun control and largely ignored the Second Amendment and gun rights. As the MRC documented, the nets pushed gun control for a combined 35-plus minutes (Aug. 4-8); they gave gun rights a combined 2-plus minutes in coverage. That's a disparity of 17 to 1. So much for fairness or balance.

In general, Republicans and gun owners were set-up by the networks

as the villains who stood in the way of Democrats who were trying to stop mass shootings. Typical spin came from Dan Harris at ABC's *Good Morning America*: "Right now we're in the middle of an all too familiar macabre dance that we do as a country after these mass shootings where Democratic politicians come out and call for new legislation on guns and then essentially nothing happens."



In the wake of the El Paso and Dayton shootings, the Big Three (ABC, CBS, NBC) networks exploited those tragedies to advance their anti-gun rights agenda. In just five days (Aug. 4-8) of coverage, the networks filled their morning show programs with statements favoring gun control over gun rights by a ratio of roughly 17 to 1.

CNN Bully

After Pastor Bill Owens and other black religious leaders met with President Trump on July 29 to discuss problems in the inner cities, CNN's Don Lemon repeatedly badgered Owens to label Trump a racist. When that failed, Lemon attacked Owens' faith. In various ways, Lemon asked, "What did the president say about his attacks against the leaders of color and did any of the faith leaders raise concerns about that?"

Owens said there was no "negative talk." He wouldn't give Lemon the answer he wanted. At that point, CNN changed the on-screen graphic from "President hosts African American pastors" to "Controversial African American pastor meets with president." Lemon then turned nasty, cited Owens' opposition to gay marriage, and asked, "Why should anyone take you seriously?" Lemon then hit again, "It sounds like you're condoning [Trump's] attacks? Is that Christianly? Or Godly?" Owens stressed that his mission is to help young black people regardless of who is president.



When Pastor Bill Owen would not cave in to badgering by CNN to label Trump a racist, CNN changed the ticker graphic from positive to negative in an apparent attempt to discredit him.



SUMMER IS OVER

But you can still get in on the Action!

This summer, MRC Action was busier than ever as we joined forces with the MRC War Room to keep our grassroots army updated during a summer of vicious leftist debates. We watched all of the Democratic debates (and the Mueller hearings) so you didn't have to!

But the fight's not over! If you're looking to gear up in preparation for the 2020 election and show everyone where you stand, make sure get some fantastic rally gear from the MRC War Room store!

Check it out at mrc.org/tellthetruth2020/rallygear

No Gay Criticism

A 14-year-old conservative girl who operated a YouTube page with nearly one million viewers was de-platformed and completely banned from the site in early August after she dared to criticize Pride Month. Soph, her online name – @sewernugget on Twitter – rose to fame for poking fun at topics such as radical Islam, climate change, and pedophilia among Hollywood elites.

In a video entitled “Pride and Prejudice,” Soph showed a young boy twerking at a Pride event and also remarked that gays are resentful of “heterosexual couples because gays know that whatever meaning they manage to squeeze out of their relationships will never hold a candle to procreation. Additionally, since they can’t reproduce, they have to recruit, so it’s beneficial for them to wreck the familial unit.” YouTube then banned Soph completely and in a letter said, “Our team has reviewed your content and, unfortunately we think it violates our hate speech policy.”

The new normal: You cannot criticize homosexuality on YouTube.



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On the day John Turan was brutally beaten in Manhattan for wearing a MAGA hat, the national news at ABC, CBS, and NBC ignored the story.

What MAGA Assault?

Art dealer John Turan was brutally beaten in Manhattan on July 30 because he was wearing a MAGA hat, but the national networks ignored the story for two days. Turan, who had just purchased the hat, was walking on Canal Street when several teens yelled “f*** Trump” and then attacked. Turan suffered a swollen face, eye damage, and a fractured cheekbone.

He told the local WCBS, “That’s ridiculous, to get beat up like this for wearing a hat.... It’s dangerous to wear a hat like this in New York City.” Nationally, ABC, CBS, and NBC did not run a story that day on Turan and instead focused on Trump rally attendees in Cincinnati. That’s very different than how they covered liberal Jussie Smollett, who orchestrated a fake hate crime and blamed it on MAGA hat-wearing assailants.

Incidentally, CBS and NBC also ignored the Antifa attack in June on photojournalist Andy Ngo, which left him with a brain injury.

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Uncorking Hate for Pink and Blue Parties

The “gender reveal” has become a growing phenomenon in the world of social media. When expectant parents discover the gender of their unborn baby, they make a big announcement revealing the baby’s sex, with cakes and balloons and even pyrotechnics.

It’s a celebration of life, a desire to share the joyous news of the little boy or girl. Ah, but there’s the rub. A boy or a girl. In today’s perverted culture this is wrong... very wrong.

It’s not surprising that in today’s war on the “gender binary,” major newspaper columnists appointed to write on “gender issues” (can you believe it) have written jeremiads attacking the very idea. Enter Monica Hesse of the *Washington Post*, whose July 31 article was headlined “Let’s have a gender-reveal party that reveals gender is a construct.”

In other words, stop doing “gender reveals,” because gender isn’t “assigned at birth,” it’s something for the child to decide later.

Hesse began by telling the tale of a mother named Jenna Karvunidis, who first made this trend viral by having a gender-reveal party with a pink cake. Now she regrets the whole thing. Karvunidis recently composed a follow-up post about her

daughter Bianca — now just “Bee” — whose female gender she’d celebrated. “PLOT TWIST,” she wrote on Facebook. “The world’s first gender-reveal party baby is a girl who wears suits!”

Karvunidis included a family photo of “Bee,” now wearing a white suit and an androgynous haircut. This regretful mother declared her fealty to the gender-crushing revolution: “Who cares what gender the baby is? I did at the time because we didn’t live in 2019 and didn’t know what we know now — that assigning focus on gender at birth leaves out so much of their potential and talents that have nothing to do with what’s between their legs.”

Hesse was delighted by this confession, since “I was already buried in gender-reveal footage, planning to write a column about the perverse pleasure of watching the ones that fail.”

She hates the “gender reveal” people.

Hesse began the article by admitting she gleefully watched four times when a couple in Australia celebrated with blue exhaust fumes, but then the car burst into flames and was destroyed. She also enjoyed, “another in which a man attempts to hit a pink-powder-filled balloon off a golf tee, and instead thwacks his buddy in the groin. Or another,

of a guy accidentally hitting a softball into his wife’s face.”

At the *Washington Post*, civility dies in schadenfreude.

Hesse hates how these parties are often “hypermasculine” events, with axes and chainsaws and footballs. Or there was the off-duty Border Patrol agent who caused a 47,000-acre forest fire after he “shot a blue-dust-filled target that exploded more thoroughly than planned.”

The *Post* columnist angrily claimed “the entire event is based on remarkable hubris: Parents try to concoct a memorable moment out of exhaust pipes, only to have nature inform them that there are no carefully concocted moments when it comes to raising children.” Parents must learn today’s lesson on “the limits of binary color choices.” Your child may “choose” their gender as they grow, and parents must be expected to promote that choice, and whatever mind-numbing terminology follows.

The cultural deconstructionist Left is always reminding us that yesterday’s religiously informed “patriarchy” isn’t the only orthodoxy that pushes a set of manners and expectations on the culture. They have toppled God, and put the solipsistic anarchy of gender politics in His place.

MRC in the News

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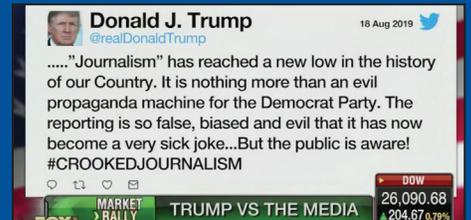
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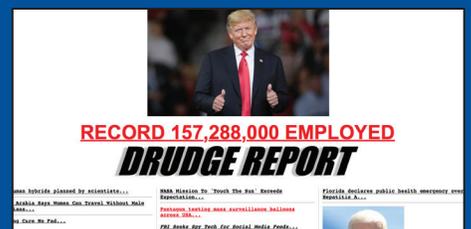
On Aug. 14, FNC's *Daily Briefing*, Lisa Marie Boothe cited a *NewsBusters* study about the mass shootings, noting rhetoric from the news was 17-to-1 in favor of gun control versus gun rights.



On Jul. 24, Hannity cited a *NewsBusters* article about the numerous MSNBC reporters claiming former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's testimony before Congress was a "disaster." Jeremy Bash whined, "I fear that this hearing set back efforts to hold the president accountable for what the president did."



MRC's Brent Bozell concluded the *New York Times* is simply giving up reporting actual news and that the paper is controlled by a liberal mob of readers. On Fox Business' *Varney and Co.* he discussed an internal *Times* meeting about shifting focus from collusion to racism, stating, "So now they switch to racism to placate those readers."



On Aug. 2, one of *CNSNews.com's* monthly features on unemployment and the economy — "Record 157, 228,000 Employed" — was posted as the main story on the highly popular *Drudge Report*, reaching an audience estimated at 14 million viewers.

Thinking About Tax Day 2020?



Probably not. It's not something we want to think about yet.

However, if you are 70 ½ or older, and you have to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA, thinking ahead could make Tax Day a lot less painful.

Make a tax-saving gift to the MRC via an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$100,000) before December 31, 2019. It won't increase your taxable income, and it will satisfy the required minimum distribution at the same time.

To find out more about how making an IRA charitable rollover could benefit you, contact Robert Croft, MRC Vice President of Development, at 571-267-3442 or email: rcroft@mrc.org.

MINIBITS

■ MSNBC's **Joy Reid** explains that Trump relishes "deliberate cruelty to children, with this hideous system that legitimately gets talked about as concentration camps. What we see is horror, and the horror is deliberate. The cruelty is the point. His base wants to see this cruelty to prove to them that he is hurting the right people." ■ On his *TVOne* show, former CNN host **D.L. Hughley** lectures that, "devil worshippers have a higher standard than [Trump] does. Go to a Trump rally and you'll feel safer around Beelzebub than this dude." ■ Actress **Bette Midler** complains about a Trump rally: "Look, there are African American men in this shot! How much did he pay them to be 'blackground'?" ■ SiriusXM's **Dean Obeidallah** reveals on MSNBC, "Today, Trump is becoming a modern-day swastika. People have to be aware, it's no longer a name — it's shorthand for a symbol of hate." ■ The ever-soft-spoken **Rob Reiner** advises in a tweet, "Every day between now and Election Day in Nov. of 2020, you have only to keep reminding yourself that the president of the United States is a Racist, a Liar, a Sexual Predator and a Criminal. The choice is easy." ■ Then there's the level-headed **Rosie O'Donnell**: "There's a creepy incest feel that is very prevalent amongst Donald Trump and his children, at least his daughter [Ivanka Trump]." ... **O'Donnell** later disclosed on Bravo's *Watch What Happens Live*, "There are over 100,000 concentration camps in nearly every state." ■ So-called "comedian" **Sarah Silverman** rips on Mike Pence, "Dear @VP you are a hate mongering, fear-based weasel & your biggest irony is that if there was hell, you'd 100% be going there. I hope you go 2 prison 4 crimes against humanity." ■ On *Morning Joe*, **Joy Reid** casually remarks that Trump is "just Republican George Wallace."



Sirius XM's Dean Obeidallah tells MSNBC that the Trump name is a "modern-day swastika," ... "shorthand for a symbol of hate."