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Liberal Media Double-Down on Anti-Trump Coverage After Impeachment Acquittal

The liberal media have been on the march against President Donald J. Trump since he first announced he was running for president in the summer of 2015. As the MRC has documented and exposed, the liberal press' reporting on Trump has been relentlessly negative and oftentimes hysterical.

Since late 2016, MRC data show the coverage by ABC, CBS, and NBC has been about 93% negative against Trump. The latest numbers for Sept. 24, 2019 through Jan. 31, 2020 reveal 93% negative coverage overall and a high of 95% negative in January.

Much of that reporting was focused on the House impeachment and then the Senate trial of the president. Trump's triumphant State of the Union Address on Feb. 4, his impeachment acquittal on Feb. 5, and his post-acquittal speech from the White House on Feb. 6 only further infuriated the leftist press, whose talking heads now routinely label the president a "dictator" and a "monarch."

The liberal media are totally invested in destroying Trump. As the election in November approaches, the attacks will only escalate. Let's look at how the leftist press is doubling-down in its biased reporting.

During the Senate impeachment trial, CNN's Jeffrey Toobin lauded Democrat Adam Schiff's oratory skills

as "dazzling." At the same time, he complained that Trump's defense team was not diverse enough – "it was all white men ... and two white women allegedly on the team." MSNBC's Joe Scarborough described the president as "a failed reality TV host" surrounded by

"liars" such as Vice President Mike Pence and Attorney General William Barr.

HBO's Bill Maher declared, "This is the moment in America that Rome faced with Julius Caesar when the republic became a dictatorship." *New York Times* editorial board member Mara Gay fretted on MSNBC, "What's on

trial is not just Donald Trump right now. What's on trial is the rule of law. What's on trial is our democracy. What's on trial is the credibility we have as one of the world's oldest democracies."

The trial was held in proper order, overseen by Chief Justice John Roberts, and the rule of law was maintained as was the credibility of our constitutional republic. However, this was not good enough for the press.

CNN's Carl Bernstein ranted "this is a cover-up, plain and simple," and added that Senate Republicans had "joined hands with a tyrant." NBC's Chuck Todd claimed that Trump and his supporters had "essentially bulldozed the Constitution."



After the State of the Union address, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), like a spoiled child, tore up the president's speech on national TV, a move that was applauded by the liberal media.

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Former *Newsweek* Editor Jon Meacham hysterically pronounced, “President Trump is functionally a monarch at this point. If the king does it, it’s okay. That’s what we’re seeing unfold in Washington right now.” Meacham, according to his bio, is a “presidential historian.”

Another so-called presidential historian, Douglas Brinkley, asserted on CNN that Trump now “operates as an outlaw,” in a “demagogic” and “dictatorial way.” Not to be outdone, MSNBC guest host Michael Eric Dyson belched that Trump “stands up every morning to excrete the feces of his moral depravity into a nation he’s turned into his psychic commode.” The eloquent Mr. Tyson is a tenured sociology professor at prestigious Georgetown University.

Vile attacks came from nearly every outlet of the liberal press. Former *Time* magazine Editor Rick Stengel said of Trump’s criticism of a hostile press, “That’s what Stalin did.” Stalin also slaughtered 30 million of his own people, so we better act soon against Trump, if you get Stengel’s drift. In the same vein, *New York* magazine’s Frank Rich compared Trump with cult-killers Jim Jones and Charles Manson. That seems fair, doesn’t it?

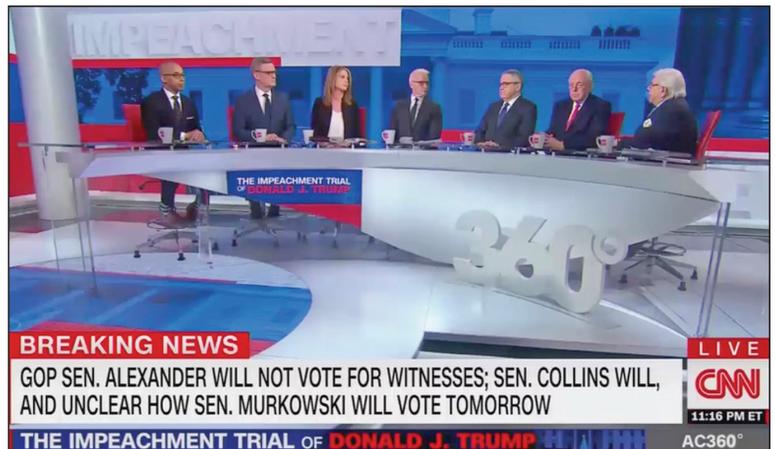
Just prior to Trump’s State of the Union (SOTU) speech – which 76% of viewers later praised – MSNBC’s Chris Matthews predicted that Trump “will promise us the world if we only bow down and worship him. If this sounds familiar, it’s happened before. You may have read about it probably in church. It’s the classic deal with the Devil.”

Trump apparently is worse than Charles Manson, Jim Jones, and even Stalin – Trump is Satan.

After the SOTU, the liberal media went bonkers. Former *Newsweek* Editor Jonathan Alter, for instance, compared Trump with former Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels, stating that the president repeats “the big lie” and will “run a big lie campaign all the way to the election.”

The next day, Feb. 5, Trump was acquitted by the Senate, which was not the outcome the liberal media tried to craft. So, as the MRC documented, they claimed the trial was “a sham,” “rigged,” “a travesty,” “a pre-cooked outcome,” “not a real trial,” “a cover-up,” and “a hoax.”

It was another stupendous loss for the leftist press, which had pushed “Russia collusion” for two years, the Mueller report, Stormy Daniels, emoluments, tax filings – you name it.



The CNN jury listened in as judge Carl Bertstein declared that Senate Republicans “joined hands with a tyrant”, a.k.a. President Trump, and committed a “cover-up, plain and simple.”

On Feb. 6, Trump gave a speech from the White House where he denounced his political enemies, including the liberal press, and thanked his supporters in Congress and across the country. Again, the leftist media flew into hysterics. Typical were the “reports” from CNN, which described Trump as “angry,” “dark,” “disturbing,” “mean-spirited,” “poisonous,” “spiteful,” and “vindictive.”



Vicious, insipid, and lashing out as usual, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews says Trump “will promise us the world if we only bow down and worship him. If this sounds familiar, it’s happened before. You may have read about it probably in church. It’s the classic deal with the Devil.”

Lost on the liberal press is the fact that it has viciously and relentlessly attacked the president for three-plus years, spewing false charges and labeling him another Stalin, Hitler, and Satan. Indeed, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews described Trump’s Feb. 6 speech as “the language of a dictator unleashing a violent purge.” He also compared Trump and his supporters to a goose-stepping, North Korean dictatorial “cult.”

Clearly, the leftist media are not capable of objectively reporting on the president or his administration’s accomplishments. Their liberal bias is only going to grow more ludicrous as the November election approaches. The MRC will be documenting and exposing that misleading coverage 24/7.

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Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Liberal Media Attack Rush Limbaugh for Receiving PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

After President Donald J. Trump awarded conservative talk-radio icon Rush Limbaugh with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, during the State of the Union no less, the liberal media swiftly attacked. They did so, moreover, knowing that Limbaugh had revealed, less than 24 hours previous, that he was battling “advanced lung cancer.”

Some liberal journalists only wished Limbaugh well, but many left-wing scribblers saw an opportunity to scar him as a racist, and they stuck the knife in.

Typical was CNN’s Jim Acosta, who said after the SOTU speech was over that while Trump was “trying to make an appeal to the African-American community it can’t be forgotten he was awarding the Medal of Freedom to Rush Limbaugh, who has a history of making derogatory comments about African-Americans.”

Not surprisingly, Acosta did not quote any of those comments because they don’t exist.

Former CNN host Reza Aslan tweeted, “Ask yourself this simple question: is the world a better place or a worse place with Rush Limbaugh in it?” D.L. Hughly, also a former CNN host, said on Instagram, “Limbaugh Awarded The Medal of Freedom? Tell Me....When Has A Rich Racist White Dude Not Been Free?!”

New York Times editorial board member Mara Gay whined, “Can’t find the words to express my pain and disgust at seeing Rush Limbaugh receive the nation’s highest honor in the house that my ancestors built. ... We will overcome this hate and live to see a better day.”

CNN’s Chris Cuomo noted the Tuskegee airman honored by Trump but then added, “How are you really honoring what the Tuskegee Airmen represent if you have Rush Limbaugh in the same ceremony?”

Joy Behar, co-host of ABC’s *The View*, charged without a drop of evidence that Limbaugh has “been so racist and so misogynistic over the years.” Co-host Sunny Hostin was incensed that Trump “gave that honor to Rush Limbaugh during black history month.” NBC’s Chuck Todd said the award was “a finger-in-the-eye of [Nancy] Pelosi.”

Not to be outdone, Hollywood lefty Rob Reiner tweeted, “Only one thing to say about Rush Limbaugh getting a Presidential Medal of Freedom at The State of the Union: I loathe this f***ing man.” Indeed, you do.

Liberals in Tinseltown, in universities, and throughout the leftist press despise Limbaugh. They hate the fact that he has the No. 1 talk-radio show in the nation, a rank he has held for 32-plus years. They hate that he reaches an audience of 20 million people a week, with sharp analysis of the news and issues important to conservatives. Most of all, they hate him because for decades he has exposed their illogic, their hypocrisy, and their lies.

Simply, they resent that he tells the truth and inspires millions of Americans every day with the message of liberty. Rush Limbaugh is the North Star for conservatives and all Americans who love their country, which is why he now wears the Medal of Freedom.

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Bits & Pieces

This Really Happened!

In a moment, however brief, of political sanity, MSNBC's Chris Matthews trashed "socialism" and said politicians who promote it are leading America down a primrose path. On MSNBC, after a Feb. 8 Democratic debate, Matthews ripped, "I remember the Cold War. I believe if Castro and the Reds had won the Cold War, there would have been executions in Central Park and I might have been one of the ones getting executed, and certain other people would be there cheering. So, I have a problem with people who took the other side. I don't know who Bernie supports over these years."

Matthews remarked that he's visited Vietnam and Cuba, and "I've seen what socialism is like. I don't like it. Okay? It's not only not free. It doesn't freaking work."

"A lot of us will be sorting things out if the Democratic Party runs a socialist candidate," he added.

Yes, this really happened on MSNBC; we have the tape.



He was perhaps trying to pave the way for his favorite candidate, but a rare "Hats off!" to Chris Matthews for actually speaking the truth and enlightening the public about the dangers of Bernie Sanders' support of socialism.

Social Media Dictator

In an often hysterical, 8,200-word epic in *The Atlantic* (March issue), lefty writer McKay Coppins frets that Trump supporters are using social media to orchestrate what will be a "billion-dollar disinformation campaign to re-elect the president." After following Trump groups on Facebook, Coppins claims he saw "a strategy that has been deployed

by illiberal political leaders around the world," using a "megaphone to drown" out dissent — "censorship through noise."

"Trump and his domestic allies [are] beginning to adopt the same tactics of information warfare that have kept the world's demagogues in power," he asserts. "[T]he wreckage it leaves behind could be irreparable." Trump supporters could post information about a reporter's left-wing bias, mock Trump's enemies with clever memes, or post fake news, whines Coppins, and all this "disinformation" would flow into Election Day. [C]onservatives want to destroy the mainstream media altogether," he laments.

Apparently, Coppins and *The Atlantic* don't care for competition or free speech.



The Atlantic's McKay Coppins frantically warns that Trump supporters post so much material on social media they could mislead people to help keep a tyrant in power. "Conservatives want to destroy the mainstream media altogether," he whines.

Hyperbolic Acosta

CNN's Jim Acosta delivered a speech at Park Point University on Feb. 6 to castigate President Trump's criticism of the liberal press. "When the president gets up there and starts accusing us of deliberately misreporting the news, what often happens after the event is people come up to us and start screaming 'traitor,'" claimed Acosta. "There is a cause and effect." (Or it could be that people don't like being lied to?)

Acosta railed on, "The moment that there's a dead journalist on the side of the highway, because of the rhetoric coming from the president, is a day that we become something less than the United States of America."



CNN's Jim Acosta told college students that President Trump's criticism of the liberal media could lead to journalists being killed and dumped on the side of the road.

Acosta described himself as "an equal opportunity pain in the butt." Yet it's no secret he fawned over President Obama. "I feel like I should pinch myself right now," Acosta said at Obama's inauguration. "I can't believe I have this vantage point of history in the making."



A man drove his car into six Trump supporters who were registering people to vote and was charged with aggravated assault, but ABC, CBS, and NBC didn't say a word.

What Attack?

Although a 27-year-old man drove a van into a voter registration tent in Florida in an apparent attempt to run down six Trump supporters on Feb. 8, the ABC, CBS, and NBC nightly newscasts didn't say a word about it. Only NBC's *Sunday Today* gave it 25 seconds of coverage, noting that the driver had been charged with aggravated assault. Host Willie Geist, in a dig at the president, added that police "can't yet say with any certainty whether this was politically motivated, but President Trump tweeted about the incident, writing, 'Law enforcement has been notified. Be careful tough guys who you play with!'"

The Duval County GOP tweeted that six Trump volunteers "were intentionally targeted while registering voters," and Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott called it straight: "a politically motivated attack." In 2018, the networks also refused to report on the firebombing of a GOP office in Wyoming.

The impeachment trial was chaos, but the MRC Grassroots Army prevailed!

MRC ACTION was in the thick of the impeachment trial chaos in January and February. MRC's Grassroots Army supporters reached out to the media to demand fair coverage during the trial, and then to reached out to Senators to demand they end the farce and get back to work. This combined effort absolutely helped move the needle! Here are the results of impeachment-related grassroots campaign:

- **2,573** total grassroots members participated
- **5,220** emails to the media and to the Senate related to this campaign
- **1,948** phone calls to the media and to the Senate related to this campaign
- **162** Tweets to the media and to the Senate related to this campaign, and those were SEEN BY THOUSANDS
- That equates to **5,881** total actions taken!

As friends, kindred spirits, and true allies... we did it!
Thank you. Let's keep it up! Together, we're heard.
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Rush Limbaugh is Our True North — We Listen to Him to Understand the World

The news just broke, and an entire movement is in shock. At this writing, the severity of Rush Limbaugh's cancer is not disclosed, but any lung cancer is serious and when it's advanced it's a grave situation. There are tens of millions of Americans praying for him tonight (and by the way, they're not all conservatives).

Why the national state of shock?

I was introducing Rush at an event not too long ago and I decided to say publicly what I've told him privately several times. I know it makes him uncomfortable to hear it but it's true. It's a pretty simple proposition, really, a test of any man's value: Where would the world be without you?

Apply that test to Rush and I conclude that the conservative movement would not be alive today but for him.

Rush is — not was, is! — a giant. Consider that his radio show has been going for over 32 years, and for the entire time he's been #1. It's almost incomprehensible. There are other giants in this field and behind them many times more, dozens upon dozens who could be the best. But they're not. Year after year, for over three decades, he's bested everyone. Why?

Let me offer a few reasons.

He is unapologetically the True North for an entire movement, the clarion call of personal liberty, a champion of national defense and a defender of a civil society. Millions around the country turn their radios on at noon every day, as they have week after week, month after month, year after year, to hear his take on whatever current event is dominant, knowing he'll always come through.

The good he'll applaud with style, the bad he'll eviscerate if necessary. There are five words every conservative has heard countless times. "Did you hear Rush today?"

He can out-analyze anyone. I've kidded him that he reminds me of the

old V-8 commercial where the person realizes there's something he's missed, and then slaps his forehead with the famous, "I should have had a V-8!" line. In Rush's case, it's his ability to take an analysis one step further than everyone else.

During the second Gulf War, there was growing opposition to America's involvement in that part of the world and many on the left saw the opportunity. I recall Rush analyzing the situation.

a) If Iraq becomes another Vietnam, American public opinion will turn against the war; b) If public opinion turns against the war, as with Vietnam, America would be forced to withdraw; and c) The humiliation would lead the left to political victory; therefore d) The left wants America defeated.

Many said that on their shows, but then Rush took it one step further. The only way for America to lose this war is for there to be the endless reports of casualties, therefore e) The left wants Americans to die. It was the logical progression of thought for him, and a "V-8" moment for everyone else.

He is genuine. Rush is worth gazillions and could walk away from the microphone any day, except he really can't. His audience is his lifeblood. He'll prepare for his show, but unless it's a skit, nothing he delivers has been prepared beforehand. He can be passionately upset about something or he might find great humor in it, mercilessly poking fun at his enemies. He can be introspective, quietly discussing and sharing personal issues, or he can choose to be bombastic and braggadocious. He can put on an act but he's never an act. It is why he's not just beloved, but trusted by millions.

He is humble. I know, I know. "Talent on loan from God" and all that. But that's schtick, not Rush. He amazes me with a humility I've witnessed time and again for decades. I could give you endless examples, but I'll share one. Rush's drug

addiction scandal and arrest in 2006 was unquestionably humiliating, and when I asked him to make a surprise appearance at one of my MRC Dishonors Galas, he was understandably nervous. It would be his first public outing. But he agreed.

We went through the act that night, and when Rush walked on to the stage, the crowd gasped — and then erupted, leaping to their feet, 1,000 people roaring their support. Rush came backstage afterward somewhat stunned. "They gave me a standing ovation!" he said almost in disbelief.

Now let's put those four elements in the blender. There is a reason why he has over 20 million people tuning into him weekly and why, at dinnertime they tell their families what Rush said that day. There's a reason every conservative leader wants Rush's attention and favor. There's a reason the left despises him. More than any man alive, from either side of the political divide, Rush penetrates. To listen to Rush is to understand the world. More, it's to understand oneself.

I never tire of this one. Back in, oh, 1989, after I'd undergone a back operation, I received a call from an old girlfriend of ours from our college days. "I just heard!" she said. How sweet. I hadn't talked to Ruth in years. I tried to explain that it was no big deal. "But I just heard!" she said again, even more emphatically. I replied that look, this back surgery was rather routine, no big deal at all, and please not to worry. "What back surgery?" she asked, confused. "I wanted you to know I just heard Rush Limbaugh!"

Tens of millions of Americans are praying for Rush tonight. Let us hope those supplications continue tomorrow. Rush may be our True North, but he's also an anchor. Listen to him and somehow the world makes sense. We need that now more than ever.

I have a heavy heart tonight. Rush, old friend, you're in my prayers too.

MRC in the News

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FBN

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Varney & Co., Jan. 30, Feb. 5, 11

FNC

Fox & Friends, Jan. 14, 29, 31
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Hannity, Jan. 3, 29, 31

OANN

Daily Ledger, Jan. 9, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 10, 13
Tipping Point, Jan. 31

NEWSMAX TV

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Chris Salcedo Show, Jan. 21

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On his show, *Life, Liberty & Levin*, Mark Levin used MRC videos to compare how the liberal media negatively covered the Trump impeachment trial but positively covered the Clinton impeachment trial in the 1990s. The liberal media handled Clinton with kid gloves but brutally attacked Trump.



MRC's NewsBusters released a video compilation of how the networks spent the morning of January 20 hyping "fears" that authorities were on "High Alert" for a "tense day" of "several hate groups," "white nationalists," "far right extremists," "militia groups," and "heavily armed" who would cause "violence" at the Virginia Second Amendment Rally comparing it to the "2017 Charlottesville disaster." Ironically, the clip ends with a reporter admitting the rally was peaceful. The MRC video was used by numerous media outlets, and viewed more than 908,000 times online and received over one million impressions.



On Feb. 11, Brent Bozell and Stuart Varney had a hilarious time in Fox's New York City studio discussing liberal celebrity antics at the Oscars and the media's ongoing attempts to smear President Trump. Bozell noted, "They've been trying to get him being a fraud, being a cheat, being a criminal, being a traitor. And, every single time, it is like Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, [laughs] or the Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote where he just evades them. They're beside themselves. They don't know what to do."

A Lesson from March Madness

The Left is always on the march ... toward madness.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

The Left loves socialism, and they are sure it will succeed ... this time. But the Left's delusions are not as big a problem as the fact that they are *always on the march*.

That puts conservatives on defense — always — and you can't win without a good offense.

That's why the MRC formed the **Patriot Fund**.

To make sure the MRC has the resources to get out in front of the Left. To get the truth to millions of Americans and puncture the Left's favorite fantasies.

Members of the **Patriot Fund** are part of a strategic team that can defeat the Left's MVP — the liberal media. So get off the bench and join the team. To find out how, contact Rachel O'Rourke, membership recruiter, at 571-267-3452 or rorourke@mrc.org.



MINIBITS

■ The *Washington Post*'s "conservative" **Jennifer Rubin** describes the Democrats' impeachment case: "This is the most brilliant legal presentation I have heard. None comes close. The tone, the facts, the anticipated defenses. I am in awe." ■ MSNBC's **Joe Scarborough** bellows, "These shameless Trumpsters will remain shameless Trumpsters. But we do know how the story ends. Everyone who defends Donald Trump right now will be exposed." ■ Post-acquittal, CNN's **John Harwood** claimed that Trump is "in deep psychological distress right now, self-pitying, insecure, angry," unable to "recognize abstract concepts like right and wrong, like true or false." ■ CNN's **Gloria Berger** agreed, whining that Trump's post-acquittal speech "was vindictive, full of revenge, it was mean-spirited, it was poisonous, it was spiteful and it gave you a real look at the way he views the world, which is the bad and evil people." ■ After Trump's acquittal, the ever soft-spoken **Bette Midler** tweeted, "#DonaldTrump is #TyphoidMary, a carrier & spreader of hate, poison & despair, infecting everyone unlucky enough to cross his path." ■ Her Hollywood comrade **Rosie O'Donnell** ranted, "the worlds turned upside down — its bats*** crazy — watching them condone his lies with applause — u r evil corrupt and the biggest liar in the history of the world." ■ On the upside, CNBC's **Jim Cramer** declared, "Like him or hate him though, the president's great for the stock market. ... There is tremendous wealth being created."



Taking fake news to the next level? Apparently a doctor and a reporter, CNN's John Harwood gives his own detailed psychiatric review of President Trump.