With the maniacal backing of the liberal media, House Democrats voted Dec. 18 along party lines to impeach President Donald Trump for the uncertain “high crimes” of “abuse of power” and “obstruction of Congress.” As liberal Democrat and constitutional scholar Alan Dershowitz said before the vote, these are not crimes, they’re not mentioned in the Constitution, and the Democrats are “making it up as they go along.”

They are indeed making it up and following the leftist press’ lead, as occurred with the Russia collusion fantasy, the Stormy Daniels “hush money” nonsense, the insipid (and expensive) Mueller Report, and the innocuous Ukraine phone call.

The liberal media are desperate and frantic; they’ve been pushing for Trump’s impeachment since 2016. Now the Senate will hold an impeachment trial, and the fake charges are likely to die a quick death.

But don’t expect the leftist press to back down or become more fair and balanced. They are 100% invested in Trump’s destruction, as their almost surreal coverage leading up to the impeachment vote demonstrated.

Let’s look at some examples. MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, who used to work for President Jimmy Carter and House Speaker Tip O’Neill, cheered the articles of impeachment, boasting that they pushed Trump “closer to the brink of infamy.” He also patronized Republicans, lecturing that they don’t understand the “dire danger for our country if this president continues in the direction he’s so clearly headed to overreach his powers.”

CNN’s Brian Stelter interviewed former PBS leftist Bill Moyers, noting he had covered Watergate and the Clinton impeachment, and wondered, “Do you fear for the country” because of Trump? Moyers, who was a propagandist for LBJ, predictably replied, “Yes, for the first time because a democracy can die of too many lies. And we’re getting close to that terminal moment.”

Stelter also bemoaned the fact that most Americans do not support impeachment, according to polls. To explain this, Stelter, citing zero evidence, reported that “Trump supporters are in a cult.” He also interviewed the author of The Cult of Trump, seriously asking the author, “You say the president is using mind control, but how is that provable?” (On a related note, how is it possible that Stelter actually works as a journalist?)
Former CBS Evening News anchor Dan Rather actually agreed with Stelter, telling CNN that “Trump’s support seems cultish” and that Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) is “part of the Trump cult.” Joy Behar echoed that point on ABC’s The View, questioning why many Americans like Trump and exclaiming, “They have brainwashed Americans into thinking he didn’t commit a crime!”

Former Newsweek Editor Jon Meacham told CBS’s Face the Nation that Trump is causing “xenophobia, extremism, racism, nativism, [and] isolationism” to flow, and “the task of the country is to get them to ebb” through impeachment.

MSNBC’s Joy Reid claimed that the GOP had surrendered “its soul” to Trump and America right now is in “imminent danger – Donald Trump is dangerous to our families, he’s dangerous to our lives.”

NBC’s Meet the Press anchor Chuck Todd fretted that Democrats would vote to impeach Trump but he would be acquitted in the Senate. God forbid this should happen.

“I’m having a quick flashback to the O.J. trial, frankly, where the facts were damning, but it didn’t matter,” whined Todd. “And yet, he was innocent, but everybody knew he was guilty. Are we about to head into a situation like that where he’s going to get acquitted and yet everybody knew he’s guilty?”

Everybody knows Trump is guilty? Todd clearly can’t see outside of his liberal media bubble. He’s not alone.

MSNBC legal analyst Ari Melber urged Americans to understand that, “You don’t need an underlying crime to remove a president.” Host Nicolle Wallace gleefully agreed and added, “You also don’t need an underlying crime to obstruct justice.” (Yes, these apparently are “professional” news reporters.)

Not a few liberal reporters revealed that it was their job to inform the American people that Trump is guilty and must be removed from office. For instance, Washington Post columnist Margaret Sullivan wrote, “Wall-to-wall impeachment coverage is not changing any minds. Here’s how journalists can reach the undecided.” She then outlined her plan for the liberal media to persuade Americans to oppose the president.

Similar to Sullivan, MSNBC’s Stephanie Ruhle cited Watergate and then complained to Chris Matthews that “the poll numbers [on Trump] aren’t changing and we can say, ‘hasn’t anybody watched these impeachment hearings over the last two weeks?’ Right on cue, Matthews interjected, “Well, there was no Fox back then [during Watergate]. There was no Fox.”

In other words, there is a news source, i.e., competition, today that does not follow the liberal party line like nearly all the media in the United States. God forbid Americans should receive facts and information contrary to MSNBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS.

Incidentally, the week before the House Democrats voted to impeach Trump, the following newspapers called for the president’s impeachment: New York Times, Washington Post, L.A. Times, Boston Globe, Orlando Sentinel, Philadelphia Inquirer, and USA Today.

As the MRC has documented and exposed, the liberal media have sought to destroy President Trump (and his administration) since Election Day 2016 -- and they will not stop. MRC analysis shows the coverage of Trump has been 96% negative for the last three years!

The MRC is fighting against this liberally biased fake news 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 to make your most generous gift today. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The long-awaited DOJ Inspector General report about the FBI’s spying on the 2016 Trump campaign was released on Dec. 9, and it confirmed many of the claims of President Trump and Republicans about a silent coup, a plot to remove a duly elected president from office.

Most of the liberal media, predictably, cherry-picked from the report to fit their anti-Trump narrative and even brazenly lied about some of the investigation’s findings.

To be clear, the IG report confirmed that the FBI used the discredited “Steele dossier” as its “evidence” to obtain warrants to spy on the Trump campaign, and established that the dossier was paid for by the Democratic National Committee. A senior FBI lawyer falsified an email — lied to the court, and the FBI withheld evidence from the court 17 times, according to the report. Also, Inspector General Michael Horowitz said his report vindicated no one at the FBI.

Nonetheless, CNN’s Anderson Cooper claimed the report was “a stunning rebuttal of virtually everything that President Trump has said.... In short, no spying, no political bias, no witch hunt, no traitor, just human beings doing their best and sometimes falling far short....”

Cooper didn’t mention the FBI lawyer who fabricated evidence and lied to the FISA court, a very serious crime. Also, spying did occur on numerous occasions with undercover informants and electronic devices to sweep cell phones, e-mails, and computers. Cooper was lying.

The New York Times deceitfully declared, “Report Debunks Anti-Trump Plot in Russia Inquiry.” As Horowitz testified, his report vindicated no one and showed that the senior FBI officials involved, highly educated and experienced, were either incredibly incompetent or they willfully targeted Trump. (Referrals for job-termination and potential prosecution have been sent to the attorney general.)

After AG Barr and U.S. Attorney John Durham issued statements strongly suggesting indictments were pending and, in Barr’s case, that the government, “for the first time in history” spied on a presidential campaign, ABC and CBS excoriated him.

CBS’s Ben Tracy whined that “Barr is once again siding with President Trump, offering a scathing critique today of the FBI’s investigation into the 2016 campaign.” CBS Evening News anchor Norah O’Donnell gasped, “Tonight, in an extraordinary set of developments, the president and his attorney general took aim at the FBI director.”

ABC’s David Muir, to undercut Barr, falsely reported that “there was no spying on the Trump campaign.” That is an out-and-out lie.

Ironically, it took Democrat and law school Prof. Jonathan Turley to cast some light on the liberal media dishonesty. “This is a deeply troubling report and shows that the Russian collusion allegations [by Democrats and media] were poorly founded and quickly debunked by the FBI,” he told Fox News. “That is not being fully reported because it does not fit a narrative that has taken hold of the media. That is a major story in its own right.”
Pelosi the ‘Craftsman’

When President Trump criticizes a reporter, the liberal media scream foul and warn of the death of free speech. But when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) lashed out at Sinclair News’ James Rosen in December for asking whether she “hates” Trump, fake conservative David Brooks dutifully applauded her political skill. “It was a beautiful moment,” Brooks gushed on NPR. “She’s a pro. I mean, she’s a craftsman at politics. She’s just a very impressive figure whether you agree with her or not. And I think she’s handled this situation very well, and I thought that was one of the more beautiful political moments of the year, frankly.”

On the PBS News Hour, Brooks enthused again, “I thought Nancy Pelosi had one of the best political moments of the year this week in saying that she doesn’t hate Donald Trump. She’s going to pray for Donald Trump. That was a — I just thought a beautiful moment.”

Teen Vogue Propaganda

As part of the leftist media, Teen Vogue does its part to fill young minds with anti-American propaganda. This was abundantly obvious in a November article that claimed mass shootings today are “connected to America’s legacy of anti-indigenous violence.” Native American lawyer Ruth Hopkins lectured, “The history of America is one of brutal mass slaughter, dating from the genocide of this land’s original peoples to the shootings we see in shopping malls and schools today.”

“White supremacy” is a “key component of American violence,” she charged, adding that “America’s glorification and acceptance of gun violence often wears a white hood.” Hopkins, not surprisingly, said nothing about the glorification of guns in rap music and among gang members; she also said nothing about gun violence in some largely black communities, such as Chicago’s South side. But she did blame Trump, predictably and falsely claiming that his “army of sycophants are responsible for this recent explosion of mass shootings.”

What Poll?

On Dec. 2, CNBC revealed that its latest annual survey showed that “60% of small business owners approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president.” However, CNBC’s sister organizations, NBC and MSNBC, did not report anything about the survey. The survey was also ignored by CNN, the New York Times, the Washington Post, ABC, and CBS.

CNBC also found that approval for Trump “never has been below 51% in the almost three-year history of the survey. Support for Trump rose to 60% from 57% in the third quarter 2019.” The survey further found that “24% of small business owners expect trade to have a positive effect on their businesses over the next year, up from 16% in Q3.”

CNBC’s findings are a small slice of the very positive economic news under the Trump administration, which is precisely why the liberal media didn’t report it.
CNN Losing

Given its left-wing bias and unrelenting attacks on President Trump, CNN continues to lose viewers. In fact, the network’s ratings during primetime fell to a three-year low during the week of Nov. 25 to Dec. 1, according to Nielsen Media Research. Between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. that week, CNN’s audience averaged 643,000 viewers. For comparison, Fox News Channel pulled in 2.2 million viewers and MSNBC garnered 1.3 million viewers.

“CNN’s ratings hit slump despite a week jammed with news,” said Valerie Richardson with the Washington Times, “including the impeachment hearings, President Trump’s surprise Afghanistan visit, billionaire Michael Bloomberg’s Democratic presidential bid and a bevy of snowstorms.”

“CNN benefited from a ‘Trump bump’ during the 2016 election,” said Richardson, “but it appears that the House impeachment hearings aren’t doing the network any favors.”

MINIBITS

- MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell, a self-described socialist, rants that “Donald Trump is, first and foremost, the most ignorant person ever to hold the office of president. He seems like a lost elementary school student who just can’t process multiplication or even addition.”
- ABC The View’s Sunny Hostin explains why Kamala Harris dropped out of the presidential race: “As a woman of color, she also faced unprecedented sexism, compounded by racism, as well as a female candidate of color.”
- Actress Jameela Jamil tweets back at pro-lifers, “There is no democracy without a woman’s right to choose … my life is more important than an unborn fetus’ one. Suck on that.”
- On CNN Right Now, fake Republican Sophia Nelson warns, “I think what’s dangerous is that the Republican Party, Lincoln’s party, has now adopted a position that says it’s okay to subvert democracy.”
- MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch frets, “We are fighting against an enemy, the Republicans, with machine guns and we can’t bring a knife to it. … Otherwise we’re going to get four more years of Donald Trump, and we can’t survive four more years.”
- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough asserts, “There is nothing but lawlessness in this administration.”
- Scarborough later reveals that pro-abortion “Speaker Pelosi is the only American politician with whom I’ve had endless discussions about St. Augustine.”
- AM Joy’s Joy Reid claims that President Donald Trump and President Andrew Johnson (who faced impeachment in 1868) are nearly identical because “both men made an undisguised championship of white supremacy — the lodestar of their presidencies — and played on the politics of racial division.”
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews rants about Trump’s climate change views, “What more do we need to see? What more do we have to hear from Donald Trump? We thought Emperor Nero was wrong to fiddle as Rome burned — this guy is worse.”
- Left-wing actor Marc Ruffalo, with a $30 million net worth, complains, “It’s time for an economic revolution. Capitalism today is failing us, killing us, and robbing from our children’s future.”

MRC Files FEC Complaint

After Democrat Michael Bloomberg announced he was running for president, his company Bloomberg News announced it would not be investigating him or any of the other 2020 Democratic presidential candidates — but would continue to investigate President Trump!

“That was a public declaration that Bloomberg’s newsroom was adopting media bias as an official policy” and could potentially qualify as “an improper contribution to Bloomberg’s campaign,” said MRC President Brent Bozell.

Consequently, on Dec. 10 the MRC filed a complaint with the FEC against Bloomberg’s actions, charging that the possible contribution — “anything of value” to influence an election — could be a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act and merited investigation.

What Bloomberg is doing “is not only categorically unethical, but potentially illegal, which is why we are calling for an investigation,” said Bozell. Stay tuned.
Richard Jewell and Badly Flawed News

Over the last few years, journalists have responded to accusations of “Fake News” with arrogant proclamations that they are the misunderstood Guardians of Truth and Providers of Fact. But not every news story is a perfectly baked slice of Facts or Truth. Sometimes, reporters merely recount what they heard, but what they were told was wrong.

We should all cringe whenever we hear those two words, “Breaking News.” Time and again news breaks out, but the details are anyone’s guess — literally. “[ABC/NBC/CBS/CNN/Fox] hasn’t confirmed this, but others are reporting...” they say and then proceed to repeat rumors and speculation that are not just underbaked, but raw.

If true, you may be #1 with the scoop, which is all-important. If false, it was that unnamed “other” news outlet. The two-source rule doesn’t exist. In the Year of the Whistleblower we’ve learned a single source isn’t necessary either. You just need someone to speculate, and that’s good enough.

Clint Eastwood has made a new movie, this time about Richard Jewell, the security guard for AT&T working at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 27, the day of the domestic terrorist attack. He heroically identified a suspicious backpack in Centennial Park, and helped clear the area before the bomb inside it exploded. Only one person was killed. But in the heat of the 24-hour news cycle that followed, Jewell was fingered by the FBI — and then by the media — as the suspect.

Before the Eastwood movie’s debut, The Washington Post published an op-ed by Henry Schuster, a producer at 60 Minutes, who worked for CNN in 1996. It was headlined “I helped make Richard Jewell famous — and ruined his life in the process.”

He tells the story. On July 30, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper ran with a special edition reporting that Jewell was the suspect, under the headline “FBI suspects ‘hero’ guard may have planted bomb.” Rather than take the time to investigate the FBI’s suspicion, CNN accepted it and simply read from the paper on the air. Schuster’s op-ed now nails it: “We in the media got it wrong, even though our reporting was right. There’s the paradox: Jewell really was the FBI’s main suspect.” But he had been a hero, no quote marks required.

Schuster lamented: “By the next day, Jewell was notorious worldwide. (Now, with social media, a reputation can be destroyed in nanoseconds.)” He regretted never saying he was sorry to Jewell before he died in 2007, but concluded “It’s never too late to apologize.”

What is of note is not just Schuster’s correction, but his humility. In today’s acrid atmosphere it’s a virtue in short supply.

The news media and President Trump are at war. To date the president has had the upper hand and the press is hunkered down in a defensive bubble, lobbing hand grenades. The nation’s most prestigious newspapers have abolished their ombudsmen — The Washington Post in 2013, and The New York Times in 2017. There’s no one there internally to hold them to account publicly. The supposed news-in-review show Reliable Sources on CNN now spends most of its time attacking Trump for attacking the media rather than evaluating the performance of the press.

The broadcast networks are no different. For decades now, they have arrogantly avoided corrections on air, unless someone’s lawyer forces it as part of a settlement. NBC News paid a large settlement to Jewell in 1996, since Tom Brokaw wildly speculated Jewell was guilty on national television. “They probably have enough to arrest him right now, probably enough to prosecute him, but you always want to have enough to convict him as well,” he said.

Jewell said he and his mother watched it with heartbreak as it happened. But Brokaw didn’t apologize. He said he was merely repeating the words of high-level government officials in Atlanta and Washington. It was someone else’s fault. Schuster’s op-ed is a blast of fresh air.

Exciting Grassroots Plans for 2020

MRC Action (comprised of grassroots members, aka the “Grassroots Army,” — you!) is a movement of hundreds of thousands of hardworking, patriotic Americans who are determined to expose dishonest news media. In 2020, we are planning to do at least one grassroots campaign per month, honing in on egregious cases of bias where our voices are needed the most. These campaigns will include a range of techniques, including: call-in campaigns, email-in campaigns, petitions, tweet storms, and more. STAY TUNED!

P.S. MRC Action processed nearly 25,000 bumper sticker and rally gear orders in 2019! Phrases include designs such as: “I Don’t Believe the Liberal Media!,” “Don’t Believe the Fake News Media!,” and “Media <3 Socialism.” Look for these items on vehicle bumpers, in your neighbor’s yard, and at rallies across America!
Television

FBN
- After the Bell, Nov. 26
- Bulls & Bears, Nov. 13
- Lou Dobbs Tonight, Dec. 2
- Trish Regan Primetime, Nov. 7, 13

FNC
- Fox & Friends, Nov. 3, 13, 18, 19
- Hannity, Nov. 12, 25, 26
- The Five, Nov. 4, 12

OANN
- Daily Ledger, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 4, 9
- Tipping Point, Nov. 17

NEWSMAX TV
- America Talks Live, Dec. 2
- Newsmax Now, Nov. 7, 13, 18, Dec. 3, 9
- PARTIAL LISTING

Radio

Alan Nathan Show, Nov. 14, 15, 21, Dec. 3, 5, 11, 12
- American Family Radio, Dec. 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11
- Bill Cunningham Show, Dec. 4
- Bill Martinez Show, Nov. 15, 22, Dec. 4, 11
- Breitbart News Daily, SiriusXM, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9
- Chosen Generation, Nov. 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11
- Jayne Carroll Show, Dec. 5
- Larry Elder Show, Nov. 26
- Legal Insurrection, Nov. 24
- Mark Levin Show, Nov. 12, Dec. 5, 16
- Mike Hayes Show, Nov. 20
- Red Eye Radio, Nov. 29
- Rush Limbaugh, Nov. 18
- Sean Hannity Show, Nov. 26
- Silk and Antrim Show, Nov. 22
- KCOL, Denver, CO, Nov. 21, Dec. 3, 12
- KFMB, San Diego, CA, Nov. 12, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11
- KMBZ, Kansas City, MO, Nov. 13
- KMOX, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 13
- KNTH, Houston, TX, Nov. 13, 18, 20, Dec. 2, 4, 9, 11
- KTLK, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 28
- KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, Nov. 21, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12
- KWEL, Midland, TX, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Dec. 3, 9, 16
- WBAP, Dallas, TX, Nov. 27
- WCJB, Birmingham, AL, Nov. 15, 22
- WFLA, Tampa Bay, FL, Dec. 4
- WGDW, Lewes, DE, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9
- WIBA, Madison, WI, Nov. 14, 20, Dec. 11
- WWMAL, Washington, DC, Nov. 24, 25, 26
- WWDPW, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 13, 14
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12
- WTMA, Charleston, SC, Dec. 12
- WZTA, West Palm Beach, FL, Nov. 19
- 1140 AM Orlando, FL, Dec. 11
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Print

- Boston Globe, Nov. 11
- Boston Herald, Dec. 16
- National Review, Nov. 21
- Newsweek, Nov. 19
- New York Post, Nov. 20
- Wall Street Journal, Nov. 15
- Washington Examiner, Dec. 2, 9, 16
- Washington Post, Nov. 12, 22
- Washington Times, Nov. 10, 11, 12, 21, 25, 26, Dec. 9, 10, 15
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Internet

@realDonaldTrump, Nov. 4, 13
- The Daily Ledger, MRCTV Director Eric Scheiner details a City of Chicago plan to distribute a “universal income” of $500 a month to residents with money collected from taxpayers.
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