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Liberal Media Exploit George Floyd's Death to Viciously Attack and Smear President Trump

Although President Donald Trump had absolutely nothing to do with the horrible and unjust killing of George Floyd, the liberal media have exploited Floyd's death to promote civil unrest and attack the president.

This is the latest campaign by the leftist press to smear Trump as a racist tyrant and damage his chances of reelection in November. As the MRC has documented and exposed since 2016, the liberal media cannot accept the fact that Trump won the presidency and they have done everything to try to remove him — including an impeachment — or cripple his administration so it can barely function.

MRC research and reports produced since Floyd's death in late May, including interviews of our experts on television and radio, reveal an avalanche of liberal media bias against the president. This includes information from NewsBusters, MRC Business, MRC Culture, MRC Latino, MRCTV and CNS News.

The leftist bias and the language used by the press now is perhaps the vilest and most unhinged we've seen. Let's look at some examples.

On May 29, CNN's Don Lemon declared, "This president, he knows exactly what he's doing. He is inflaming racial division in this country because ... he knows it works for him in certain circles in his base." The next day, Lemon charged, "Open your eyes, America. We are teetering on a dictatorship. This is chaos.

Has the president — I'm listening — is the president declaring war on Americans? What is happening here?"

MSNBC's Steve Schmidt, blaming Trump for the riots in several cities, claimed, "The president has incited and divided, has stoked this. His comments have been as outrageous as they are unacceptable. President of the United States fanning these flames, inciting racial hatreds. Just appalling conduct."

CNN's Keith Boykin railed, "This cold civil war

has become a burning civil war. And I'm sad to say that it feels like this time the president is not on the side of the union."

In other words, the Republican president supports slavery and all the crimes that go with it. Not surprisingly, after the black men Michael Brown and then Eric Garner were killed by police in 2014, and protests ensued, the liberal media did not attack the Democrat Obama for stoking "racial hatreds."

Over eight years, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden did nothing to address potential police reform or inner-city crime. The liberal media gave them a pass.

On June 1, Trump called for civil order and peaceful demonstrations. He then walked across Lafayette Park, behind the White House, and stood in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, holding



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up a Bible. The historic church had been set on fire the previous night by leftist radicals. Trump's action signified that America is a nation founded on biblical truths, a belief in God, and that anarchy will not triumph.

Protesters in the park had been dispersed before Trump arrived. This prompted CNN's Laura Coates to absurdly claim that the park was "converted" to a "version of Tiananmen Square." CNN's Jim Acosta fumed that Trump was "looking like a wannabe dictator so he could pretend to be concerned about a church." CNN's Anderson Cooper compared Trump to a third world dictator: "It's like in some small country that's taken over by some ... low-level colonel who gets on the airwaves and declares himself the law and order president."

Newsweek's Andrew Feinberg incredulously compared Trump to the Japanese at Pearl Harbor: "Like December 7, 1941, Americans will remember the first day of June 2020 as the date of a sneak attack against their countrymen, but while that 78-year-old atrocity was perpetrated by a foreign government, this one came from within."

After a telephone call with governors, in which Trump urged them to crack down on rioters and looters, PBS's David Brooks whined, "You have a president who's taken this authoritarian line of domination, be dominant, unleash vicious dogs and dangerous weapons." Brooks added that this "bleeds down to police," a "theme of brutalism, of mental brutalism."

On the publicly funded NPR, *Washington Post* columnist Anne Applebaum discussed Trump's "Proto-Authoritarian Cult." America is "absolutely" drifting towards authoritarianism, she claimed. "These aren't just random things that Trump is doing; these are known tactics," charged Applebaum. "You know, this is how Chavez took over in Venezuela. You know, this is the kind of language that Erdogan uses in Turkey. This is the kind – these are the tactics that Putin uses in Russia."

Not to be outdone, fake-conservative George Will slammed GOP senators for their "Vichyite collaboration" with Trump. The Vichy regime in France collaborated with the Nazis during WWII.

In the liberal media playbook so far, Trump is the Southern Confederacy, the Imperial Japanese, Hugo Chavez, Recep Erdogan, Vladimir Putin, and the Nazis. (On a related note, CNN's Bakari Sellers compared Trump to George Wallace, when he was an ardent segregationist.)

Twitter is now "fact-checking" the president's tweets, something it never did with Obama or Biden. Snapchat, moreover, has stopped promoting the president on its Discover platform. The social media giant declared, "We will not amplify voices who incite racial violence and injustice by giving them free promotion on Discover." Trump campaign manager Brad Pascale responded that "Snapchat is trying to rig the 2020 election, illegally using their corporate funding to promote Joe Biden and suppress President Trump."

This is unquestionably true and it applies to the entire liberal media world. The leftist press are trying to destroy Trump, a vicious reality the MRC has documented and exposed.

You can help us fight the leftist press' agenda by making a donation to the MRC. Please use the reply card and postage-paid envelope enclosed with this newsletter to send your most generous gift today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President



TALK ABOUT IMPACT!

President Trump Cites NewsBusters While Issuing Executive Order Against Online Censorship

President Donald Trump demonstrated the powerful impact of the Media Research Center by citing and holding up a printout of a NewsBusters blog just before signing his executive order on preventing online censorship on May 28.

The piece, by NewsBusters TechWatch writer Corinne Weaver was from April 2019, shortly after the Mueller Report was released showing that there was no Russia-Trump collusion. Despite Mueller’s findings, social media giant Twitter stacked the comments in its Twitter Moments to make Trump look bad.

As Weaver’s analysis showed, there were 76 anti-Trump tweets promoted by Twitter and only one pro-Trump tweet.

While discussing his executive order with reporters and Cabinet members on May 28 of this year, Trump said, “we’re going to regulate” Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996. “It’s a provision and we’re going to regulate it.”

The president then held up a large printed copy of Weaver’s article and slammed Twitter’s liberal bias.

“You take a look at this as an example: Twitter Moments on the Mueller witch hunt,” he said. “So, we won. We were in the right. You see what’s happened? It’s a total fraud. It was a total fraud. 76 to one, okay? 76 to one. You look at it. You think that’s fair?”

Prior to Trump’s comments in the Oval Office, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany also showcased the NewsBusters blog during a press conference.



During a press conference, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany also displayed a large image of the NewsBusters report and discussed how the liberal media comments were 76 to 1 against President Trump.



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What Good News?

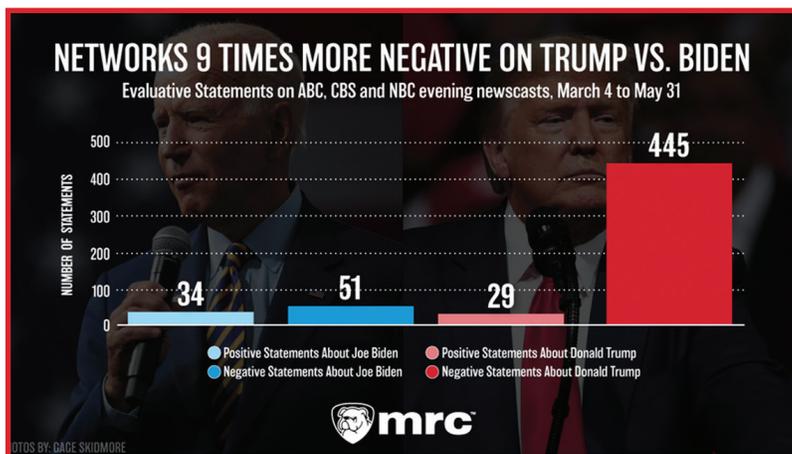
Although the jobs numbers for May, released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on June 5, were surprisingly positive given the pandemic shutdown, *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman found a way to give it a negative spin. Despite every major news outlet having predicted up to 9 million job losses in May, there were, incredibly, job gains of 2.5 million. It was extremely good news but Krugman claimed it could be “bad for future policy.”

Krugman argued that Congress needed to keep doling out funds but that Republicans would use the good economic news to do nothing. “Republicans just hate helping the unemployed, hate aiding states, in fact hate any kind of disaster response other than tax cuts,” he wrote. “And the uptick in jobs gives them an excuse to indulge their hatred.”

Krugman also attacked the BLS chief as a “Heritage Foundation hack, with a long history of making ludicrous claims about the effects of tax cuts, [and] the burden of the estate tax.” This is the same *NYT* genius who predicted the markets would “never” recover if Trump were elected in 2016.



NYT columnist Paul Krugman, a left-winger, claims the surprisingly positive jobs numbers will not embolden the Republicans because they “just hate helping the unemployed, hate aiding states, in fact hate any kind of disaster response other than tax cuts.”



Nets Trash Trump

An MRC study of how the evening news shows at ABC, CBS, and NBC handled evaluative statements about President Donald Trump vs. those about Joe Biden showed that the nets were excessively hostile to Trump. The study looked at the combined evening news coverage from March 4 to May 31, and the numbers revealed that ABC, CBS, and NBC broadcast 445 negative statements about Trump and only 51 negative comments about Biden.

Simply, the nets were nine times more negative on Trump vs. Biden. Moreover, ABC, CBS, and NBC issued only 29 positive comments about Trump but made 34 positive remarks about Biden. Just like in 2016, the network news shows are in the tank for Biden, the left-wing Democrat. Even Biden told CNN’s Dana Bash on May 26, “All the stuff about ‘Biden’s hiding,’ you know, the fact of the matter is it’s working pretty well so far.”

Censored

The Nasdaq Composite Index – an index of 2,500 tech-heavy stocks – briefly hit 10,000 on June 9 and then closed over 10,000 on June 10, the first time in history, which is positive economic news for the United States. However, ABC’s *World News Tonight with David Muir*, the *CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell*, and *NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt* completely ignored the event.

Nasdaq issued a statement saying this was a “historic milestone for the tech-dominant index that demonstrates economic resiliency and growth amid a pandemic.” Specifically, the index closed at 10,020.35, “powered by gains in large-cap tech stocks, many of which have enabled people to live and work remotely during lockdown measures,” said Nasdaq.

Had this historic economic news occurred with a liberal in the White House, there is no doubt that the evening news networks would have reported it and crowed about it for days.



Banning Movies

If leftists can't argue away ideas or things they don't like, they try to destroy them or ban them. This has happened to the classic movie *Gone With the Wind*. Lefty screenwriter John Ridley wrote a commentary on June 8 for the *Los Angeles Times* calling for HBO Max to remove the movie from its library. Ridley said the film "glorifies the antebellum south" and "ignore[s] the horrors of slavery." Yielding to the left's cultural revolution, HBO complied two days later.

Consumers can purchase the film or see it in other venues but HBO's action is a start down the road to banning other movies and programs the left doesn't like. For the record, actress Hattie McDaniel was the first black woman in history to win an Academy Award for her role in *Gone With the Wind*, and the American Film Institute places the movie in the top ten of the best 100 American films.



After pressure from left-wing activists, HBO Max removed *Gone With the Wind* from its film library even though it is ranked among the top ten of the best 100 American films.

Reset Capitalism

The new editor of the *Financial Times*, Roula Khalaf, says "capitalism needs a reset," and, according to *British Vogue*, Khalaf is a "level-headed radical."

Khalaf says the *FT* is "not unquestionably pro-market and pro-business" and must address issues such as "nationalism" and the "widening of inequality." Moreover, the *FT* editorial board has stated that after the coronavirus, "radical reforms" must "be put on the table."

These socialist reforms include "a more active role in the economy" for governments, which "must see public services as investments rather than liabilities." Also, "redistribution will again be on the agenda; the privileges of the elderly and wealthy in question"; and "policies until recently considered eccentric, such as basic income and wealth taxes, will have to be in the mix."

Sounds like a reset for Cuba or Venezuela.

The Liberal Media's Assault on Truth is GOING NUCLEAR

For added support in our fight to combat bias in the media, the MRC routinely puts "boots on the ground" — that's the all-volunteer MRC Grassroots Army. In May and June, our spirited patriots deployed for three campaigns.

First, the MRC asked our Grassroots Army to take action against the biased (by omission) reporting of "Obamagate." Our conservative troops sprang into action and bombarded CNN and MSNBC with more than 1,200 calls, emails, and tweets demanding the truth!

Next, in a historic moment for the MRC, President Trump, in the Oval Office, held up a report from MRC's NewsBusters and referred to it as evidence of Twitter's bias. The President then signed an executive order holding the social media oligarchies accountable for censoring conservatives. The MRC Grassroots Army flooded the White House Comments Line to thank the President for his actions.

Lastly, as anarchists and leftist "social justice warriors" rained destruction on American cities, the groupthink press spun the chaos as "peaceful protests" against "systemic racism." And, in a shocking turn of events, found a way to blame the rioting on President Trump and America's founding. After the MRC clarion call, "to tell the media to stop excusing violence and promoting racial divide," the MRC Grassroots Army responded with over 6,000 actions in just a couple of days!

The MRC's Grassroots Army is mobilized for action. As November 3rd nears, the liberal media's assault on the truth will increase dramatically. Help us expose their biased agenda and join the fight! Visit www.mrc.org/action.



If you thought the liberal media's bias over the past four years of the Trump presidency has been outrageously disgusting, hold on to your hat as we launch into these next few months before the November election.

IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER: FREE SPEECH ALLIANCE ISSUES PRINCIPLES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA FAIRNESS

After President Donald Trump issued his “Executive Order on Preventing Online Censorship” on May 28, the Free Speech Alliance released a letter detailing four principles that social media giants, such as Twitter and Facebook, should adopt to ensure that they treat conservative voices fairly on their platforms. As President Trump and the MRC have made clear, social media are censoring conservatives and this needs to end. The letter from the Free Speech Alliance, a coalition of more than 60 conservative organizations, is presented below.

Last week President Trump signed an executive order responding to the undeniable bias against conservatives on social media platforms. President Trump wasn't just angry about being personally fact-checked. He was expressing the frustration of the right and saying strongly that we are tired of being abused, suspended, censored, banned and otherwise mistreated on what are supposed to be free speech platforms.

The Free Speech Alliance has been declaring since its inception that it's time for social media companies to embrace the ideals of the First Amendment. Instead, they have layered on new rules, added restrictions, employed biased “fact-checkers,” created a leftist oversight board, and much more. It's time for them to stop their campaign against conservatives:

- **Stay out of politics.**
- **Stop censoring us.**
- **Stand up for free speech.**
- **Spread American freedom around the world.**

If Twitter, Facebook, and Google/YouTube embrace the four principles we have been encouraging from the beginning, it would go a long way towards addressing the concerns of conservatives. Those principles are:

1) Provide Transparency: We need detailed information so everyone can see if liberal groups and users are being treated the same as those on the right. Social media companies operate in a black-box environment, only releasing anecdotes about reports on content and users when they think it necessary. This needs to change. The companies need to design open systems so that they can be held accountable, while giving weight to privacy concerns.

2) Provide Clarity on ‘Hate Speech’: “Hate speech” is a common concern among social media companies, but no two firms define it the same way. Their definitions are vague and open to interpretation, and their interpretation often looks like an opportunity to silence thought. Today, hate speech means anything liberals don't like. Silencing those you disagree with is dangerous. If companies can't tell users clearly what it is, then they shouldn't try to regulate it.

3) Provide Equal Footing for Conservatives: Top social media firms, such as Google and YouTube, have chosen to work with dishonest groups that are actively opposed to the conservative movement, including the Southern Poverty Law Center. Those companies need to make equal room for conservative groups as advisers to offset this bias. That same attitude should be applied to employment diversity efforts. Tech companies need to embrace viewpoint diversity.

4) Mirror the First Amendment: Tech giants should afford their users nothing less than the free speech and free exercise of religion embodied in the First Amendment as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. That standard, the result of centuries of American jurisprudence, would enable the rightful blocking of content that threatens violence or spews obscenity, without trampling on free speech liberties that have long made the United States a beacon for freedom.

To learn more about the Free Speech Alliance, visit:
www.mrc.org/freespeechalliance

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Media Research Center experts are frequently interviewed on stories of national importance, reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, social media, and in print. Some of the MRC's latest media appearances include the following:

Television

FBN

Evening Edit, Jun. 3, 9

FNC

Life, Liberty & Levin, May 20

OANN

Daily Ledger, May 4, 11, 14, 18, 25, 28, Jun. 1, 8, 11

NEWSMAX TV

Saturday Report, May 2, Jun. 13
Spicer & Co., May 1
Steve Bannon's War Room, May 11

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Radio

Alan Nathan Show, May 14, 28, Jun. 4, 11
American Family Radio, May 26, Jun. 1, 3, 11
Andrew Klavan Show, Jun. 9
Breitbart News Daily, SiriusXM, May 11, 25, Jun. 1, 8
Brian Kilmeade Show, May 12
Chosen Generation, May 13, 27, Jun. 3, 10
Drew Mariani Show, Jun. 5
Larry O'Connor Show, May 14
Lock and Load with Bill Frady, May 12
Mark Levin Show, May 12, 13, 14, Jun. 1, 3, 11
Mike Gallagher Show, May 25
Red Eye Radio, May 25, Jun. 12
Rush Limbaugh Show, May 4, 11, 26, Jun. 2, 15
Sam Sorbo Show, Jun. 9
Simon Conway Show, Jun. 10
KCOL, Denver, CO, Jun. 8
KFMB, San Diego, CA, May 20, 27, Jun. 3, 10
KNSS, Wichita, KS, May 28, Jun. 3, 10, 11
KNTH, Houston, TX, May 28, Jun. 1, 3, 8, 10
KSCJ, Sioux City, IA, May 18, Jun. 4
KTSA, San Antonio, TX, Jun. 9
KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, Jun. 2, 4, 9, 11
KWEL, Midland, TX, May 11, 25, Jun. 1, 8
KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Jun. 11
WCBM AM, May 20, 27, 29, Jun. 1, 10
WGMD, Lewes, DE, May 11, 25, Jun. 1, 8
WHBL, Milwaukee, WI, Jun. 9
WTKF, Morehead City, NC, May 28, Jun. 4, 11
1140 AM Orlando, FL, May 20, 27, Jun. 3, 10
560 AM Salem Radio, Chicago, IL, Jun. 2, 13

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Print

Boston Herald, Jun. 15
National Review, May 12
Newsweek, May 31
New York Times, May 18
USA Today, Jun. 7
Washington Post, May 18
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Internet

Alabama Morning News, Jun. 5
American Thinker, May 14
Bernard Goldberg, May 11
BizPac Review, May 14, 17, 21, 23, 25, Jun. 10
Breitbart News, May 13, Jun. 9
Catholic Connections, Jun. 3, 9
Catholic News Agency, May 20
Catholic Telegraph, May 21
CBN News, May 27, 28, 29, Jun. 17
Christian Post, May 22
CNN, May 21
Conservative HQ, May 11, 29, Jun. 9
Daily Caller, May 14, Jun. 3
Daily Wire, May 16, 21, 28, Jun. 6, 8, 9
Deadline, May 26
Fox News, May 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 31, Jun. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11
Fox Wilmington, Jun. 13
Frank Report, May 8
Jonathan Turley, May 18
LA Progressive, Jun. 1
Larry Elder Show, Jun. 8
Legal Insurrection, May 24, 31, Jun. 4, 6
Life News, May 19, 26, Jun. 2, 4, 10, 11
LifeSite News, May 11, 13, 19
Mass Live, May 26
Mediaite, May 21
Media Matters, Jun. 12
MSN, May 16
National Center, May 13
National Review, May 12
Newsmax, May 20, 25, 29, Jun. 1, 8
One America News Network, Jun. 2
One News Now, May 12, 13, 14, 19, 28, Jun. 2, 4
PA Pundits - International, May 15
Patheos, Jun. 16
Patriot Post, May 29, Jun. 12
PJ Media, May 15, Jun. 6
Politico, May 14, Jun. 2
Radio.com, Jun. 10
Reuters, Jun. 7
Star Tribune, May 21
Tampa Dispatch, Jun. 3
The Armenian Reporter, Jun. 5
The Hill, May 16
The New American, May 26
The Union Journal, May 19
Townhall, May 10, 12, 20, 24, Jun. 1, 10, 11
Washington Examiner, May 10, 11, 12, 20, 25, Jun. 1, 8, 12
World Tribune, Jun. 3
Yahoo! News, Jun. 2, 8

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On June 9, President Trump Tweeted an MRC NewsBusters post of Brent Bozell's interview on FBN's *Evening Edit* discussing the chaos-ridden *New York Times* as having made a "mockery of journalism." Brent also expressed support for law enforcement amid nationwide unrest and denounced the liberal media's double standard.



On June 3, Fox's *Outnumbered* featured MRC research exposing how the liberal morning news shows ran barely a minute on the burning of St. John's Church by radical leftists but broadcast 30 minutes on President Trump holding a Bible in front of the same church — 30 minutes of often negative coverage.



Fox's Brian Flood cited a NewsBusters report on media coverage of Seattle noting how "ABC, CBS, and NBC have kept it off the air. ... The networks were busy trying to make the recent nationwide protests seem reasonable by ignoring radical provocations such as the 'autonomous zone.'"



LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

To patriots, every day is the 4th of July

On July 4, 1776, the “thirteen united States of America” declared their independence from the “usurpations” (wrongful or illegal encroachment, infringement, or seizure) of the British government. The seed of democracy was planted. In the 244 years since, as America grew and matured, it has become a beacon of hope and liberty — as Ronald Reagan put it, “a shining city on a hill.” The freest, most prosperous country the world has ever known.

Now leftists, in legion with their cohorts in the media, are working to *usurp* your rights and liberties with a radical shift toward socialism, erase our storied history, and denigrate our Founding Fathers.

American patriots are known for fighting tyranny. **Patriots, please join us!**

We call on you to help fight a tyrannical media for the very soul of America and its hallowed traditions. Join the MRC’s *Patriot Fund* by making a monthly gift through automatic, tax-deductible account debits of \$10, \$25, \$50, or whatever you choose.

**“Do you want to know who you are? Don’t ask. Act!
Action will delineate and define you.”**

— THOMAS JEFFERSON, FOUNDING FATHER —

Act now. Together, with your help and truth on our side, “We the People” will triumph again. To join, call our office at **(571) 267-3500** or email **developmentteam@mrc.org**. Ask for *Patriot Fund* Manager, Rachel O’Rourke.

MINIBITS

■ CNN’s **Bill Weir** enthuses about the upside of COVID-19, “There seems to be this perception that maybe the virus has helped humanity buy some time when it comes to global warming.” ■ CBS’s **John Blackstone** is equally cheerful, “From goats in a deserted town in Wales, to lions lounging on a road in South Africa; nature seems to be saying, ‘We can get along fine without you.’” ■ Trump’s plan to battle COVID-19, claims HBO’s **John Oliver**, “is for him to live while letting a lot of us die.” ■ Actor **Billy Porter** panics, “We must come together and get behind Joe Biden and make sure that he’s elected so that our democracy can survive.” ■ The ever-vile **Howard Stern** whines, “I don’t hate Donald. I hate you for voting for him, for not having intelligence.” ■ The equally vile **Robert DeNiro** complains, “What’s scarier about it all is the Republicans and his enablers around him are not doing anything. They’re around a crazy person, and they don’t do anything.” ■ MSNBC’s **Donny Deutsch** can’t contain himself: Biden is “the perfect guy. He is comfort. We have a drunk driver [Trump], he’s the designated driver to get us home.” ■ *Late Night* host **Seth Meyers** warns, “We are living in a police state.” ■ CBS News contributor **Ibram X. Kendi** lectures that “white people” must “stop denying their racism, and realize that actually the heartbeat of racism itself is denial, and the sound of that heartbeat is ‘I’m not racist.’”



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