Liberal Media Hypocrites Circle the Wagons TO PROTECT JOE BIDEN from Sexual Assault Allegation

When Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh was grilled by the Senate Judiciary Committee in the fall of 2018, the liberal media shredded him, accusing him of sexual assault and attempted rape while in high school based on the completely unsubstantiated claims of one person, Kristine Blasey Ford. There was zero evidence to back up Ford’s allegation but the leftist press flogged the story for weeks, smearing Kavanaugh and his family.

Now, in the spring of 2020, a woman who used to work for then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) has come forward and accused him of sexual assault. The accuser, Tara Reade, told family members and several friends at the time about the alleged 1993 incident. Her mother even called into CNN’s Larry King Live that summer to discuss the case in general terms, a video clip of which was culled from the MRC’s archives.

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Let’s look at how the leftist press is circling the wagons to protect Joe Biden. Tara Reade told her story about Biden on March 25, on The Katie Halper Show podcast. Yet the major liberal news outlets reported nothing for a month. Finally, on April 30 — and only after the MRC exposed their journalistic malpractice — the evening news networks ran stories, largely slanted to protect Biden.

For instance, ABC and NBC tried to discredit the claims by noting that the Trump campaign had “seized” on them.

Also, ABC’s Mary Bruce focused on how Reade “has no record of the complaint” she made to the Senate personnel office after the incident.

On cable, MSNBC ran a story on May 1. Andrea Mitchell Reports suggested it hadn’t covered the story earlier because there was too much coronavirus news. As reporter Mike Menoli asserted, “This story has really been developing slowly but steadily over the past month against the backdrop, of course, of this global health crisis that has been
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On Last Week Tonight, host John Oliver devoted a whopping 26 seconds to the Reade story. With Kavanaugh, Oliver relentlessly attacked him for weeks, concluding that the “entitled monster” was likely guilty.

As for Hollywood, the MRC documented and exposed at least 95 celebrities who smeared Kavanaugh as a liar, alcoholic, rapist, who deserved to have his “pesky p***s” cut off, and yet have said nothing about Biden and certainly no comforting words for Reade.

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The Eight Worst ‘Fake News’ Stories of the Trump Years

The liberal media are always in a hurry to make President Donald Trump look bad because they believe he is not fit for office and are willfully trying to scuttle his chances for reelection. Looking over the deleterious and often pathetic coverage of the president, NewsBusters Senior Editor Rich Noyes and his staff picked the eight worst “fake news” stories of the Trump years. Below are a few highlights from their Special Report.

#1 – The Imaginary Pee Tape

Ten days before inauguration, CNN pushed leaks from the fraudulent Trump-Russia dossier, including the claim that Trump, on a visit to Russia, had hired prostitutes to urinate on a bed President Obama had used during an earlier visit. No news organization could confirm any of this, but CNN talked about the non-existent “pee tapes” 77 times in a mere five-day period. A later report from the Justice Department’s Inspector General debunked the myth of a Russian “pee tape,” and found that “the FBI knew early in 2017 that it was a highly dubious story and kept Donald Trump in the dark.”

#2 – Fake News About a Flynn Deal with Mueller

On Dec. 1, 2017, ABC News’ Brian Ross reported that Trump’s former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn would testify that Trump ordered him to make contact with Russian officials during the 2016 campaign. With that “news,” the stock market dropped 300 points. Several hours later, Ross clarified his “report,” stating that it happened during the transition and thus was just an act of policy. Ross was suspended for a month and then left the network.

#4 – Donald Trump, Secret Russian Agent

After Trump, at a post-summit press conference, refused to contradict Russian President Vladimir Putin’s denials of election meddling, journalists concluded this was evidence that Trump was a Russian agent. “We don’t know if Putin is his handler, his hero or his co-conspirator, but it’s obviously where his loyalty lies,” claimed New York Times columnist Michelle Goldberg. CNN’s Brian Stelter used his program to push the absurdity: “Trump’s odd behavior with Vladimir Putin is compelling so many people to ask: ‘What does Putin have on Trump? Has Trump been compromised?’ All of those people, those experts, those reporters, they are looking at the fact pattern and seeing something strange, even sinister.”

#6 – O’Donnell’s Reckless Deutsche Bank Scoop

On Aug. 27, 2019, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell irresponsibly reported that a “single source close to Deutsche Bank has told me that Donald Trump’s loan documents there show that he has co-signers. And that the co-signers are Russian oligarchs.... That would explain, it seems to me, every kind word Donald Trump has ever said about Russia and Vladimir Putin, if true, and I stress the ‘if true’ part of this.” The story was false. An MSNBC producer acknowledged that not only had no one at NBC even seen the documents, O’Donnell’s single source hadn’t seen them, either. O’Donnell sheepishly tweeted that he had “made an error in judgment.”

To read the NewsBusters study, visit newsbusters.org and type in: “Special Report: The Eight Worst ‘Fake News’ Stories of the Trump Years”
Death Wish

The “all you need is love” liberals had another breakdown on May 8, when the sleazy feminist website Jezebel posted some hate speech entitled, “I Will Personally Be Thrilled If Stephen Miller Dies of COVID-19.” Miller is a senior policy adviser to President Trump; his wife Katie, who works for the vice president, disclosed in May that she had COVID-19.

Jezebel’s Molly Osberg was gleeful, writing, “while I am generally loath to wish physical harm on those I disagree with, I’m comfortable shedding whatever objectivity I have here to say I desperately hope Stephen Miller contracts COVID-19.”

Miller “has spent his entire life pursuing the idea that America’s diversity is a disease,” smeared Osberg. “If thousands of Americans, the vast majority of them black and Latinx, are going to die every day from the new coronavirus, Stephen Miller should absolutely get it too.”

All we are saying, is give hate a chance!

NBCFrauds

On NBC’s Meet the Press, May 10, host Chuck Todd clipped a quote from Attorney General William Barr to misrepresent what he said, and then when caught, NBC buried a subdued “correction” online. Todd quoted Barr on the dismissal of the Michael Flynn case as saying, “Well, history is written by the winners so it largely depends on who’s writing the history.” Todd then slammed Barr for his political “cynicism.”

Todd didn’t mention that he had chopped Barr’s full answer, where he said, “a fair history would say it was a good decision because it upheld the rule of law. It upheld the standards of the Justice Department, and it undid what was an injustice.” Todd essentially lied.

The Justice Department called out NBC’s deception and President Trump called for Todd’s firing. MTP’s response was a single tweet claiming it “inadvertently and inaccurately cut short a video clip” and “we regret the error.” It was no error; it was deliberate.

NFL Bad!

Dave Zirin, the sports editor for The Nation, claims that the drive to have an NFL season this year is part of the reelect Trump campaign and it will endanger players’ lives. “Culturally, there is no greater sign of normalcy than the NFL coming back into the routine of our lives,” said Zirin, adding that Trump “and his cronies want the games back, even if it means watching from hermetically sealed bunkers while the players risk their lives.”

Zirin makes it clear that he detests billionaire NFL owners because several of them financially support Trump. Also, he smacks NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, suggesting he cares little for the health of the players, 70% of them African American. “The NFL owners hold all the cards,” whines Zirin. “It stinks to high heaven. The players, the fans, and the very game of football all deserve better than Roger Goodell and Donald Trump.”

Or it could be that Zirin just prefers Joe Biden.
FOX’s Filth

In perhaps one of the most vile television productions, FOX’s Family Guy on May 10 mocked Christians as “stupid people” and sexualized Holy Communion, perverting the Last Supper into a gay sex romp. In the episode, the Griffin family is at a hotel and the father, Peter, takes out a Bible to read. His wife, Lois, then calls the book, “Harry Potter for stupid people.” Peter then tells the family about the Last Supper. Peter (as Jesus) says, “Okay Good. Here’s the bread. Now everybody listen up. Take this, and eat it. It’s supposed to be, like, my body.” Quagmire (as apostle) says, “Ew, what part?” Peter replies, “I’m not gonna say what part, but you’re supposed to eat it while kneeling.” Then Stewie says, “All right, now it’s a party.” Then Peter says, “Okay, now pass this wine around. You’re never gonna believe what this is supposed to be.”

No doubt, Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane would never mock Islam or Judaism in that way.

Pulitzer Propagnada

The liberal, anti-Trump media patted itself on the back at the 2020 Pulitzer Prize ceremony in early May. Prize administrator Dana Canedy claimed that much like “our courageous first responders and frontline healthcare workers, journalists are running toward the fire. Despite relentless assaults on objective truth, coordinated efforts to undermine our nation’s free press, and persistent economic headwinds, journalists continue to pursue and deliver essential facts and truths to keep us safe and to protect our democracy.”

Predictably, The New Yorker’s Barry Blitt won in Editorial Cartooning “for work that skewers the personalities and policies emanating from the Trump White House with deceptively sweet watercolor style and seemingly gentle caricatures.” In the Audio Recording slot, NPR won for a show that “illuminated the personal impact” of Trump policy to make immigrants “Remain in Mexico” until they can be admitted.

The Pulitzer committee has never issued a prize for news reporting that exposed anything about Barack Obama.

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Who Pays for Getting the Health of Kim Jong Wrong

TIM GRAHAM — EXECUTIVE EDITOR, MRC NEWSBUSTERS

Rumors were rampant in mid-April when North Korea’s communist despot Kim Jong Un disappeared from public view at a surprising time, when the entire benighted citizenry of that country is required to worship his grandfather Kim Il-Sung as some kind of Marxist deity. In a country this shackled, a reliable news media would tread lightly, we would expect. That expectation would be wrong.

Several weeks ago, CNN anchor Jim Sciutto — a former chief of staff to our ambassador to China under President Obama — tweeted “Breaking: The US is monitoring intelligence that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s health is in grave danger following a surgery, a US official with direct knowledge tells me.”

Direct knowledge? Think again. MSNBC anchor Katy Tur threw more tinder in the box, tweeting “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is brain dead, according to two U.S. officials. He recently had cardiac surgery and slipped into a coma, according to one current and one former U.S. official.”

How many times in the Trump era have we witnessed one or two “senior U.S. officials” feeding the media a “bombshell” story that turned out to be wrong? The nation’s top media outlets just say “trust us” when they hide the identities of their sources, because this information is so crucially important. Debacles like this underline why the public should be skeptical of this daily lack of transparency.

Tur later took her tweet down. Sciutto’s still sits on the Internet. After North Korea’s version of Pravda put out photos of the dictator cutting a ribbon at a fertilizer plant, the story changed. Our anonymous analysts in U.S. intelligence believe he is alive and well. The primary debunker of these rumors was the South Korean government, which insisted Kim never actually even had any surgery.

Former CNN producer Steve Krakauer has a newsletter, and he asked “Speaking of accountability in the media — what is the penalty when a journalist gets a story monumentally wrong? The truth is it depends what the story is, and who the journalist is.” This was not an accountability moment.

It doesn’t matter that Sciutto has launched other collapsing stories, like when he claimed last September that President Trump caused the government to withdraw an important intelligence asset from Moscow in 2017. Soon after, The New York Times reported its CIA sources said it “made the arduous decision in late 2016 to offer to extract the source from Russia” — weeks before Trump even took office.

But a NewsBusters tally of CNN’s live, on-air coverage found a staggering 181 minutes spent on Sciutto’s initial report, subsequent follow-ups, and attempts to defend his faulty allegations. On the day this fraudulent story was breaking, Brian Stelter touted it in CNN’s Reliable Sources newsletter, even as he began that edition by attacking Trump (as usual) under the headline “War on Truth, Chapter 9/9/19.”

In her Trump-campaign memoir “Unbelievable,” Tur groused at Trump and his fans in this passage: “journalism, honestly pursued, is difficult and uncomfortable....but rather than deal with journalism, we despise journalism....I don’t get why protesting a broken political system also means you need to protest the very notion of objective truth.”

Journalists like these should stop pompously protesting that they are a special class of humanity that represents “objective truth” and try harder to actually report some.
On May 15, talk-radio host Dan Bongino played a NewsBusters montage on the liberal media’s promotion of the Russia-collusion hoax, noting that “it’s worth your time from the Media Research Center....” He also said, “Media Research Center — NewsBusters there — that crew, they do really terrific work in calling out media hypocrisy which is everywhere.”

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**

**FNC**
- Fox & Friends, Apr. 27
- Hannity, Apr. 16, 21, 22, 25
- Life, Liberty & Levin, May 20

**OANN**
- Daily Ledger, Apr. 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 14

**NEWSMAX TV**
- Grant Stinchfield, Apr. 25
- Saturday Report, May 2
- Spencer & Co., May 1
- Steve Bannon’s War Room, May 11

**Radio**

- Alan Nathan Show, Apr. 23, 27, 30, May 14
- American Family Radio, Apr. 24, 27, May 1, 5, 8, 11
- Breitbart News Daily, SiriusXM, Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11
- Brian Kilmeade Show, Apr. 28, May 12
- Chosen Generation, Apr. 29, May 6, 13
- Chris Plante Show, Apr. 27
- Glen Beck Show, May 9
- Larry O’Connor Show, Apr. 27, 29, May 14
- Mark Levin Show, Apr. 27, May 12, 13, 14
- Sean Hannity Show, Apr. 20
- KFMB, San Diego, CA, Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 13
- KNTH, Houston, TX, Apr. 27, 29, 30, May 4, 6, 11, 13
- KTH, Seattle, WA, Apr. 30, May 4, 5
- KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, Apr. 30, May 5, 7, 12, 14
- WCLJ, Detroit, MI, May 3
- WBO, Orlando, FL, May 7
- WGD, Lewes, DE, Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11
- WMAL, Washington, DC, May 2
- WTRF, Morehead City, NC, Apr. 23, 30, May 7, 14
- WFLS, Orlando, FL, Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 13

**Internet**

- ABC News, Apr. 29
- American Thinker, May 14
- Bernard Goldberg, May 11
- Big League Politics, Apr. 25
- BizPac Review, Apr. 22, 25, May 6, 7, 14
- Breitbart News, May 13
- Boston Herald, May 1
- Campus Reform, May 6
- Conservative HQ, Apr. 24, May 8, 11
- Daily Caller, Apr. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, May 14
- Epoch Times, Apr. 25
- Fox News, Apr. 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, May 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
- GOPUSA, May 2
- Larry Kudlow, May 2
- Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 2
- Life News, Apr. 20, 21, 29, 30, May 4, 5, 7
- Mediaite, Apr. 20
- National Review, May 12
- Newsweek, Apr. 25
- New York Post, Apr. 25
- Newsmax, Apr. 27
- One America News Network, Apr. 25, 30
- One News Now, Apr. 28 May 7, 12, 13, 14
- PJ Media, Apr. 25, 26, 30, May 15
- Politico, Apr. 29, May 14
- Redstate, Apr. 25
- Space Coast Tusk, May 1
- The Blaze, Apr. 23
- The Federalist, May 7
- The Hill, May 6
- The Jewish Voice, Apr. 22
- Union Journal, May 21, 22, 23, 25, Apr. 7
- Wall Street Journal, May 1
- Washington Examiner, Apr. 24, 25, 27, 29,
  May 2, 4, 10, 11, 12
- Washington Post, Apr. 30, May 4
- Washington Times, Apr. 21, 27, 28, 29, 30,
  May 12, 14, 15

At a May 8, White House Press Briefing, Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany cites MRC research to point out a liberal media agenda, revealing how in 2017 Flynn news “got four times the coverage that the exoneration of Michael Flynn” earned. McEnany stated, “That was a report by the Media Research Center, so these facts are important.”

Over the years, President Trump has retweeted NewsBusters articles a number of times, most recently a piece by MRC news analyst Nick Fondacaro on May 17.
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MINIBITS

- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough tells us how he really feels, “Mr. President, I ask that you get checked out. I ask that you take a rest. I ask that you take care of yourself. Maybe let Mike Pence run things for the next week. You’re not well.”
- The ever-wise and prudent Carl Bernstein asks CNN, “[A]re we at the mercy of a delusional, unstable President, at the moment that we have lost more lives than in any events since World War II?”
- PBS’s Christiane Amanpour seriously asks former Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, “Do you think, finally, that this president is a danger to the people of the United States and to the world?”
- MSNBC’s ever-bitter Nicolle Wallace proclaims, “The ineptitude of the federal government shows everybody around the world — from ally to adversary — what a clown show American governance has become in the third decade of the 21st century.”
- ABC’s Jimmy Kimmel slams Americans who don’t sheepishly obey the State: “I’m starting to think that these characters who support Trump might be suicidal. They want freedom to gather in large groups during an epidemic. They want guns. They want pollution. I figured it out. They want to die and they’re taking us down with them.”
- New York magazine’s Olivia Nuzzi wonders, “If an American president loses more Americans over the course of six weeks than died in the entirety of the Vietnam war, does he deserve to be re-elected?”
- Musician John Legend imparts his wisdom, “Honestly, anyone who votes for this dude [Trump] after seeing him in action should be eternally ashamed. Like, what is your justification? He’s ridiculously terrible at his job.”