During his two terms as president, Barack Obama received boundless adulatory coverage from the liberal media. They adored him. They covered for him. They spun bad news in his favor, or refused to report that news and they never really asked him hard-hitting questions in their “exclusive” interviews.

A typical sycophant is ABC’s Terry Moran who, one month into Obama’s presidency, declared, “In some ways, Barack Obama is the first president since George Washington to be taking a step down into the Oval Office.” Another Obama-idolater is Esquire’s Stephen Marche who asked, “Can we just enjoy Obama for a moment … to contemplate him the way we might contemplate a painting by Vermeer?”

Leading up to his January departure from the White House, the liberal media were more slavish in their admiration of Obama (and in their contempt for Donald Trump). This is well documented by the Media Research Center’s divisions — News Analysis, NewsBusters, MRC Culture, MRC Business, MRCTV and CNSNews.com — and in numerous radio and television interviews of MRC experts.

Let’s look at some of the leftist media’s more obsequious examples of praise for the departing Obama.

In the final months of 2016, the New York Times’s Frank Bruni confessed, “It’s hard, frankly, to stop quoting from [Obama]…. We’re going to miss this man, America. Time and again, he’s been our national poet.”

MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell cooed that Obama “invoked the audacity of hope, all of the spirit, all of the creativity of his own brilliant speech writing…. I don’t think we’ve ever had a president, save Lincoln, who is as great a speechwriter as this man.”

Newsweek queried, “Really, has there been any president cooler than Obama?”

GQ Editor-in-Chief Jim Nelson, apparently sober, swooned, “We’ll look back at history, hopefully when we’re zooming down the Barack Obama Hyperloop Transport System, and think: That man was rare. And we were damn lucky to have him.”

MSNBC’s drama queen Rachel Maddow, given Obama’s Iran deal, predicted that people will “look back at this president and they’ll say, ‘Oh, of course they gave him the Nobel Peace Prize. Of course they did.’”

Maddow’s equally dramatic colleague Lawrence O’Donnell told his viewers, “President Obama is the most noble man who has ever lived in the White House.”

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that the “cadence and description created pictures” and “seemed to channel F. Scott Fitzgerald.” The article further compared Obama’s rhetoric to that of Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, JFK and Nelson Mandela.

Not surprisingly, Tom Brokaw applauded Obama as “one of the most eloquent presidents we have had.” Brokaw also ludicrously claimed, “He’s been scandal free, frankly, in the White House.” (Tom, see Fast & Furious, IRS-Tea Party, “you can keep your doctor,” Benghazi, Hillary’s emails, the VA, and ransom to Iran.)

The media adulation is endless. MSNBC’s Chris Hayes swoons over Obama’s “sheer political talent,” someone who “ranks at the very top of the list of American political figures in our nation’s history.” Hayes’s comrade, Chris Matthews, tells us “Obama is, above all, a fine man. Just look at him. Is there a husband, a father that we would wish more as a model for our sons?”

Not to be outdone, The Hollywood Reporter reminds us that “watching [Obama] walk off stage made you feel like a child desperately holding onto a father’s pants legs to try to prevent him from leaving the house.” Nicholas Kristoff at the New York Times predicts, “America and the world will soon be craving that Obama Cool again.” (Note: Obama used to smoke menthols, “Kool” cigarettes.)

There are countless other examples of the left-wing media’s near-worship of Obama, which the MRC has documented and exposed. You can read those quotes and watch the news clips at our website. To learn more about the MRC, America’s media watchdog, visit us online at MRC.org. To support us in the good fight against the liberal media, please call us today (571-267-3500). We look forward to talking with you.

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Hollywood Leftists Smear Trump as Fascist, Racist, Sexist

The liberal media relentlessly and savagely attacked Donald Trump during the 2016 presidential race as did most of Hollywood. The attacks have not stopped, especially from Hollywood elites, and seem to be getting more vicious day to day. Some of the worst, most vile, and cruel comments by Hollywood celebrities about Trump have been documented and exposed by the MRC and are presented here.

“He has demonstrated he is both dangerous and unfit for office…. I cannot respect a racist, xenophobic sexist who puts us all at risk with his behavior.”
— singer Barbra Streisand

“He’s a national disaster. He’s an embarrassment to this country. It makes me so angry this country has gotten to this point that this fool, this bozo, has wound up where he has. I mean he is so blatantly stupid. He’s a punk, a dog, he’s a pig.”
— actor Robert DeNiro

“This instinct to humiliate, when it’s modeled by someone in the public platform, by someone powerful [Trump], it filters down into everybody’s life, because it kind of gives permission for other people to do the same thing. Disrespect invites disrespect, violence incites violence. And when the powerful use their position to bully others we all lose.”
— actress Meryl Streep

“He’s made hatred and racism normal.”
— actress Susan Sarandon

“Donald Trump is potentially the worst idea that ever happened to America. I think he’s trying to hijack the idea of America. And I think it’s bigger than all of us. This is really dangerous.”
— musician Bono

“The Klan won last night. White nationalists. Sexists, racists and buffoons. Hate was given hope. Abject dumbness was glamorized as being ‘the fresh voice of an outsider’ who’s going to ‘shake things up.’”
— Screenwriter Aaron Sorkin

“Trump is a butt hole…. I mean this with the utmost disrespect.”
— TV host Chelsea Handler

“There are a lot of people who are racist in this country.”
— Director Rob Reiner describing Trump voters

“Donald’s not making America great again, he’s making America hate again.”
— actress America Ferrea

“Yes, we’re sore losers because a lot of the reason he won was based on racism, the Russian hackings. Lies. Continuous lying that went on…. It wasn’t really won legitimately.”
— ABC’s Joy Behar

“The guy is Hitler…. He’s an insane bigot. He is dangerous.”
— comedian Louis C.K.

“If Donald Trump is president of the United States, it will be the end of the world.”
— actress Jennifer Lawrence

“Trump senior in the White House is bad enough without these two American psychos [Trump’s two sons], putting plastic over the furniture so they can axe murder prostitutes while discussing Phil Collins.”
— HBO’s Bill Maher

“I ain’t gon’ never forget what you [Trump] said about this man [Obama] and how you got where you are. F—k you now and f—k you forever.”
— comedian D.L Hughley

Trump is “a guy who’s obviously Mussolini.”
— actor Richard Gere
Clintons Close Shop – Shh!

After 11 years bringing world leaders together to network on global problems — and buy access to the Clintons — the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) announced in January that it was shuttering its operations, and the network news outlets — ABC, CBS, NBC — said nothing, not one word. The CGI officially filed its going-out-of-business papers in New York City on Jan. 12 and social media reported the story on Jan. 16, along with one cable outlet, Fox News Channel.

During those four days the networks had 17-and-a-half hours of air time to say something about CGI. But they didn’t. Instead, ABC’s Good Morning America spent 5 minutes reporting on Dancing With the Stars. NBC’s Today spent 4 minutes on the hot topics “how to vacuum” and “how to mop.” CBS This Morning spent nearly 10 minutes chatting with actor Denzel Washington.

Bad news on the Clinton front? You’d never know watching the network news.

Impeachment?

Before Donald Trump was even sworn in as president the liberal media were seriously asking if he should be impeached. On NBC’s Meet the Press, Jan. 15, host Chuck Todd fawned over Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) and asked him, “If [Trump is] not a legitimately elected president in your mind, there are tools that Congress has. Do you think Congress should use those tools? Do you think — are you one of those that believe the impeachment process should begin?”

Over at MSNBC, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) prattled on about how Trump “colluded” with Russia and is not a “legitimate” president and host Chris Matthews wondered, “Does that make Trump subject to impeachment?” Matthews hammered, “Do you believe that Trump is somehow being held hostage by Vladimir Putin because of information on his behavior?... “Russian television was running a lot of propaganda that Hillary was mentally and physically impaired. That was the propaganda message.”

MTV Mocks Grandchild

Clearly not happy with attorney general-nominee Jeff Sessions, MTV News’ Ira Madison III mocked the conservative senator during his confirmation hearing and “joked” about his multi-racial granddaughter who was in the hearing room. In a series of tweets, Madison lashed out, “Sessions, sir, kindly return this Asian baby to the Toys ‘R’ Us you stole her from. ... Why is she a prop? Sessions argued for policy that in the 1880s was used to discriminate against Asian Americans....

“There is no reason for that child to be in his lap in a hearing other than to send an ‘I’m not racist message.’ ... Sessions has shown horrendous anti-black behavior. His love for an Asian family member does not dissuade that.” Back in March 2016, Madison tweeted about Trump supporter Ben Carson, asking if he was a “House or field?” slave. Keep it classy, MTV News.
Hail Obama

The news networks ABC, CBS, and NBC displayed their liberal bias, again, in their lavish morning-after coverage of President Barack Obama’s farewell address, to which they gave 17 times more coverage than President George W. Bush’s morning-after farewell address in 2009. The morning network news shows gave Bush 55 seconds in total coverage. For Obama they reported on and on for more than 16 minutes.

Also, ABC, NBC, and CBS painted Bush’s farewell as defensive but cheered Obama’s parting remarks as an “emotional” “call to action” and a “warning” about the fate of American democracy. The networks also did not fact check any of Obama’s grandiose assertions or remind viewers of any of the controversies and scandals that plagued his administration. Typical of the fawning was ABC’s Michael Strahan, who cooed, “He’s leaving the same way he came in, a lot of grace and a lot of dignity.”

‘Mediocre Negroes’?

If a conservative went on television and claimed that black professionals in the Obama administration were really just “mediocre negroes,” that conservative would be hung out to dry as a racist. But when leftwing CNN contributor Marc Lamont Hill says it, he’s coddled. In early January, when best selling author and TV host Steve Harvey met with President-elect Donald Trump, Hill whined on CNN that he didn’t like the way Harvey was “being used by folk like Donald Trump.”

“They keep bringing up comedians and actors and athletes to represent black interests,” fumed Hill, and they shouldn’t “just bring up people to entertain,” and put “in front of the cameras….It was a bunch of mediocre Negroes being dragged in front of TV as a photo-op for Donald Trump’s exploitative campaign against black people….You can actually bring qualified people.”

‘Hitler’ Hypocrisy

After Donald Trump tweeted that a salacious dossier about him was “fake news” – even Bob Woodward called it a “garbage document” – and likened it to Nazi propaganda, many in the liberal media whined that he had no right to make such a comparison. But they, nonetheless, apparently had every right to smear him as a Nazi. The New York Times’ Andrew Rosenthal, for instance, noted that Trump was Time’s Person of the Year, “a distinction also given to Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin — twice.”

MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow disclosed, “I’ve been reading a lot about what it was like when Hitler first became chancellor … I think that’s possibly where we are.”

CNN’s Marc Lamont Hill (shown on right) described prominent black Trump supporters as “mediocre negroes.”
Cultural Winners and Losers of 2016

Populism took the elites by surprise in 2016, so a review of this year’s cultural winners and losers must begin with a very long list of arrogant entertainers who thought it was completely impossible for the American people to descend into a pit of despair and ignorance and elect President Trump. No one believed for an instant the rich and famous losers who promised to move their arrogance to Canada or elsewhere if the Hillary Clinton juggernaut tanked.

Right behind them on the Losers list is the liberal journalist Mark Miller at *Esquire*, who actually scolded celebrities like Taylor Swift and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson for staying out of the Clinton endorsement game. This somehow showed they rejected “the very values that make them human.”

The first winner is the reality-TV star himself, Donald Trump. NBC probably had no idea they were creating their own political horror movie by broadcasting *The Apprentice* and *Celebrity Apprentice* for 14 seasons, touting Trump as the “ultimate businessman.” An MRC Business study found 335 NBC News stories from 2004 to 2015 on Trump’s business empire, and only 15 of them were negative.

Loser: Barack Obama movies. Liberal newspaper critics loved *Southside with You*, an 81-minute film loosely based on the first date of Barack and Michelle Obama. The actual date didn’t last much longer than the movie. It flopped at the box office, earning only $6.3 million.

Loser: Michael Moore. Speaking of box-office flops, Moore’s downward spiral continued, as his tiresome documentary *Where to Invade Next* (touting socialist wonders of the world) grossed only $3.8 million. But that looked like a bonanza next to *Michael Moore in TrumpLand*, an anti-Trump screed released late in the campaign, grossed less than $150,000.

Winner: Animated movies and comic-book spinoffs. The list of the year’s top-grossing movies at BoxOfficeMojo.com continues to be dominated by these two formulas. *Finding Dory* and *The Secret Life of Pets* were first and third, and *Captain America: Civil War* was second. The top ten also included Zootopia as well as the comic-book movies *Deadpool, Doctor Strange, Suicide Squad*, and *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

Winner: Transgender propaganda products. *The Danish Girl*, a fictionalized account of the first man to undergo a sex change operation, led to an Oscar for Alicia Vikander, who played the man’s supportive wife. The Amazon web show *Transparent* was showered with TV awards again. ABC’s *Modern Family* made “history” by featuring an eight-year-old girl (“transgender boy”) to raise our awareness of “gender fluidity.”

Loser: Colin Kaepernick. The liberal elites rallied to the San Francisco 49er quarterback kneeling during the National Anthem before games, declaring he could not show “pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color.” Photos showed this disgraceful ingrate was wearing socks in training camp featuring pigs with police hats on them. He’s “led” the 49ers to a terrible 2-13 record so far.

Winner: Olympic pole vaulter Sam Kendricks, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, who caused a viral-video moment after Kaepernick’s brazen gesture. He began to charge down the runway in Rio de Janeiro when he heard the National Anthem being played in the stadium. He stopped abruptly, dropped his pole, and stood at attention until the song finished. That kind of respect for the flag and the military is still popular, despite the liberal elites.

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- *Cavuto Coast to Coast*, Dec. 14, 28, Jan. 17
- *Risk & Reward*, Dec. 22, Jan. 11, 19
- *Intelligence Report*, Dec. 19, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 12
- *Varney & Co.*, Dec. 23, 28, Jan. 23

**FNC:**
- *Fox & Friends*, Jan. 1
- *Your World w/Neil Cavuto*, Dec. 23, 28

**BLAZE:**
- *The Dana Show*, Dec. 20

**CNN:**
- *Reliable Sources* Jan. 8

**Newsmax TV**
- *Steve Malzberg Show*, Jan. 10

**OANN**
- *Daily Ledger*, Jan. 5, 7, 12, 16

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**Radio**

**AFA, Focal Point**, Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9
- *Alan Nathan Show*, Dec. 21, Jan. 3, 11, 12
- *American Family Radio*, Dec. 19, Jan. 5, 11, 12, 17
- *Blaze Radio*, Jan. 10
- *Janet Mefford Show*, Jan. 6
- *Lars Larson*, Jan. 6
- *Phil Valentine Show*, Dec. 22
- *Rusty Humphries Show*, Dec. 20, Jan. 5, 9, 12
- *Sean Hannity Show*, Jan. 12
- *Steve Deace Show*, Jan. 11
- *Tim Constantine’s Capitol Hill Show*, Jan. 6, 9, 17
- *USA Radio Network*, Jan. 3
- *KGNW*, Seattle, WA, Jan. 9
- *KIDO*, Boise, ID, Jan. 4, 12
- *KLPW*, St. Louis, MO, Dec. 30, Jan. 9
- *KNTH*, Houston, TX, Dec. 19, 21, 22, 26, 29, Jan. 2, 5, 9
- *KPRZ*, San Diego, CA, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11
- *KVOR*, Colorado Springs, CO, Jan. 4, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17
- *KVSS*, Omaha, NE, Jan. 5
- *KWEL*, Midland, TX, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10
- *KXNT*, Las Vegas, NV, Jan. 4, 12
- *KZIM*, Cape Girardeau, MO, Jan. 10, 17
- *WIBA*, Madison, WI, Dec. 21, Jan. 6, 11
- *WIBC*, Indianapolis, IN, Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9
- *WLQV*, Detroit, MI, Jan. 12
- *WLS*, Chicago, IL, Jan. 4
- *WLW*, Cincinnati, OH, Jan. 10
- *WWAY*, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 5

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**Internet & Twitter**

**American Thinker**, Jan. 5
- *BizPac Review*, Dec. 16, 21
- *Bloomberg*, Jan. 11
- *Brettsbarg News*, Dec. 20, 21, 29, Jan. 5, 6
- *Buzzfeed*, Dec. 19
- *CBN News*, Jan. 11
- *CBSLocal.com*, Jan. 12
- *Charisma Magazine*, Dec. 22
- *Christian Daily*, Dec. 16
- *Conservative Reviews*, Jan. 11
- *Drudge Report*, Jan. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25
- *Fox News*, Dec. 16, 21, 31, Jan. 5, 6
- *FoxBusiness*, Dec. 23
- *Gospel Herald*, Dec. 21
- *InfoWars*, Jan. 5
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- *National Review Online*, Jan. 4, 10, 21
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- *RedState*, Jan. 11
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- *Topix*, Jan. 10
- *Townhall*, Dec. 21, Jan. 13, 17, 25
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- *Washington Examiner*, Jan. 10
- *Washington Times*, Dec. 18, Jan. 9, 10, 12
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Minibits

- MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski confesses, “When my daughter was twelve she started to become selfish and money grubbing and I said, ‘Oh my gosh, I got a Republican in the family.’”
- On CBS, Oprah Winfrey cheers that Michelle Obama is “the coolest First Lady in U.S. history. With every song, every laugh, and every daring style choice, the power of Michelle Obama’s personality and authenticity has made her a pop culture icon.”
- Time’s Joe Klein declares, “the level of race-based hatemongering was frightening but somehow the Obamas never let it get to them. They radiated a sense of militant normality, a mother-knows-best family on the world’s brightest stage.”
- MSNBC’s Brian Williams, who lost his NBC gig for lying about his news reports, laughably asserts, “As we talked about here last night, fake news played a role in this election and continues to find a wide audience.”
- NYT’s Andrew Rosenthal charges, “It is a fact that the Trump campaign gave a platform to white supremacists. The only question is whether the Trump presidency will do the same.”
- The Donald is “building a dream team of anti-Muslim hate here,” bemoans Daily Beast contributor Dean Obeidallah.
- Time’s Michael Scherer whines, “No presidential candidate in American history had done or said so many outlandish and offensive things as Trump. He cheered when protesters got hit at his rallies, used sexist insults for members of the press. This is the method of a demagogue.”
- CNN’s Brian Stelter agrees, “This is exactly what authoritarians do. This is what strongmen do. This is what happens in authoritarian regimes. I think we need to start using those words on TV, at least, to discuss the possibilities before us.”
- And GQ.com’s Keith Olbermann rails that Trump’s rhetoric “are not words of sanity! These are the rages and the boasts and the madness that we have seen throughout history: Saddam Hussein, Mussolini, Fidel Castro, Ma Tse Dung, Stalin, Pol Pot, bin Laden, Hitler.”