The liberal media have no intention of ever treating President Donald Trump fairly or factually. Their only goal is to destroy him. They want him removed from office by hook or by crook, and they want his conservative policies reversed.

This leftist bias, this anti-Trump hatred by the liberal media is well-documented and exposed and neutralized every day through the MRC’s various divisions and by its experts on radio and TV.

The latest, non-stop attack on Trump by the leftist press was fueled by liberal Michael Wolff and his gossip-ridden book *Fire and Fury: Inside The Trump White House*. This anti-Trump screed is mostly unsourced, littered with factual errors, and was even trashed by the *Washington Post* for its sloppy reporting and its author’s long history of making up quotes.

Even the liberal networks and cable outlets confessed that Wolff’s yellow journalism was perhaps “only 50 percent true” but then asserted the “spirit” of the book “rings true,” which apparently is all that matters.

They ran with it, giving the trashy tract more than two hours of total coverage over six days (Jan. 3-9). That’s just for ABC, CBS, and NBC. Leftist social media outlets further promoted Wolff to their tens of millions of followers. The left hate Trump so much that if even half of what Wolff scribbled is true, they’ll use it and the other 50% of sketchy reporting to smear him.

Let’s look at some examples. On ABC’s *This Week*, Jan. 7, Clinton lackey George Stephanopoulos compared Trump to Richard Nixon, “I am not a crook.” He then declared, “let’s say 50 percent [of Wolff’s stories] are true” and added that this guess “raises questions about his [Trump’s] mental capacity, his ability to process information, his impulse control.”

ABC was guessing at how much of the book was true, and then reporting it as fact. MSNBC played the same game. Leftist host Stephanie Ruhle breathlessly lectured, “Let’s make something abundantly clear. I had a chance to read the book.... I’ve spoken to people inside the White House in the last 24 hours who have said, ‘Even if not

Although ABC News resorted to guessing that maybe 50% of Michael Wolff’s book on President Trump is “true,” the network still heavily promoted its unsourced and unverified content, as did the other liberal networks and leftist cable news outlets.
all of it is true, the spirit of the book is and it’s troublesome.’”

The “spirit of the book” is true? What does that mean? It means facts don’t matter; what matters is what we think or feel is true about Trump. In other words, if it fits the liberal agenda, it’s good enough.

Ruhle didn’t name any of her alleged White House sources. She then quoted Wolff, unsourced, “Trump didn’t read. He didn’t really even skim. If it was print, it might as well not exist. Some [unnamed people] believe that for all practical purposes, he was no more than semi-literate. Others concluded that he didn’t read because he didn’t have to.... He was post-literate, total television.”

On CBS This Morning, Jan. 8, Wolff absurdly claimed, “I can reliably say Donald Trump has never read a work of fiction.” (Would that include Fire and Fury?)

Wolff’s patently false statement scuttles his own credibility. But the liberal media don’t care. During that CBS interview, Norah O’Donnell didn’t challenge Wolff on his claim. Instead, she asked, “Based on your reporting, are there people in the White House talking about trying to remove him from office?”

Again, citing no source, Wolff asserted, “There are many moments in which the 25th Amendment has come up, the 25th Amendment which gives the Cabinet the ability to remove the president.... They don’t say the Cabinet is going to remove the president, but they do say things like, ‘This is a little 25th amendment-y here.’”

Who are “they”? Wolff never says. But he laughably told O’Donnell, “This book is not about my impression of the president. I came into this with no agenda. I continued to have no political agenda.”

Wolff, whose looseness with facts and quotes has been documented even in liberal outlets like Salon, The New Republic, and the Washington Post, claims he has audio tapes of his interviews. But he refuses to release them. Imagine that.

When challenged by comedian Stephen Colbert, Wolff dodged and stammered, “Because I’m not in the recording — I’m in the writing business.”

As for his critics who note his fake reporting, Wolff told NBC’s Katy Tur, “They are all lying.” He again asserted he has “tapes” and “notes,” but won’t release them. “Read the book,” he barked. “If it makes sense to you, if it strikes a chord, if it rings true, it is true.”


Let that sink in. If it “rings” true, it is true.

CNN’s Brian Stelter also lauded Wolff’s book and pushed the Trump-is-crazy narrative on his Jan. 7 edition of Reliable Sources. “President Trump’s fitness for office is now the top story in the country,” giggled Stelter. “Reporters and some lawmakers are openly talking about the president’s mental stability, his health, his competency.” Lefty panelist Carl Bernstein chimed in, “Yes, we’re in a real constitutional crisis.”

Then Trump’s doctor released the results of his physical exam: “Excellent health.”

Wolff, who falsely asserts he has no political agenda, told BBC Radio that his book “will end this presidency.” It won’t, but it will further discredit the liberal media (“fake news”) and the book publishing industry.

The leftist press will do anything to destroy Trump – the ends justify the means. The MRC is documenting their liberal bias 24/7. You can help us fight their lies by making a donation to the MRC. Use the reply card and postage-paid envelope enclosed with this newsletter to send your most generous gift today.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
NBC’s Matt Lauer, 1/13/17
“There was something special in Washington yesterday. It’s getting a lot of attention. President Obama surprising his vice president, Joe Biden, with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.... So I’m glad there were no cameras in my apartment yesterday because I was just sitting there weeping. I just burst out crying when I saw that moment. It was incredible.”

CNN’s Douglas Brinkley, 1/19/17
Obama “has governed with such honesty and integrity ... eight scandal-free years is going to look larger and larger in history.... When you rank presidents on ethical standards, Barack Obama’s the highest. He’s up there with some of our really great American leaders.”

The Hill’s Ami Parnes, 5/3/17
“She’s [Hillary Clinton] one of the smartest people, she will always be the smartest woman in the room, I think.”

ABC’s Joy Behar, 9/13/17
“I went into mourning. I had a veil....People were crying. It was like at a certain moment we were on the air when I realized you [Hillary Clinton] were not going to win. I felt like I had lost a friend or something.... Did you cry? Did Bill cry?”

Esquire’s Charles Pierce on 2nd Amendment, 10/2/17
“The Constitution is not a pact with the devil, nor is it a suicide pact. It is a formalized, legalistic ritual of blood sacrifice.”

MSNBC’s Joan Walsh, 6/23/17
“Paul Ryan has been dreaming about cutting this program [Medicaid] since he was hanging out at keggers in college. What kind of a monster is he? Who dreams of cutting Medicaid? ... The cruelty of this bill is beyond belief.”

MSNBC’s Jason Johnson, 5/24/17
“America is, at its core, a nasty, venal, selfish and racist culture.”

Rolling Stone’s Matt Taibbi, 5/18/17
Roger Ailes “never had a soul to sell, so he sold ours. It may take 50 years or a century for us to recover. Even dictators rarely have that kind of impact. Enjoy the next life, you monster.”

CNN’s Reza Aslan, 6/3/17
“This piece of shit is not just an embarrassment to America and a stain on the presidency. He’s [Donald Trump] an embarrassment to humankind.”

New Republic’s Bob Moser, 8/14/17
“If facts still mean anything in America, Trump will also be recognized henceforth for what he is: the chief recruiter and Dear Leader of a gang of domestic terrorists....The president is the most powerful hate-monger in America. He is the imperial wizard of the new white supremacy.”

U.S. News’ Roger Simon, 2/1/17
“We can imagine a future of jackboots crashing through our doors at 2 a.m., trucks in the streets to take people to the internment camps, bright lights and barking dogs - and worse. Does this make me sound hysterical? Maybe.”

MTV News’ Jamil Smith, 3/21/17
“There are a variety of ways that Trump could kill us all. The slowest, surest and most likely way he’ll do it is via climate change.”

CNN headline, 8/18/17
“Unmasking the leftist Antifa movement: Activists seek peace through violence.”

Madonna, 1/21/17
“Yes, I have thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House.”
What Growth?

Although the networks like to quote economic forecaster Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JP Morgan, when it fits their agenda, they censor his views when they don’t fit a liberal template. For instance, unemployment is at historic lows and the economy is booming past 3% per quarter, which never happened during eight years of President Barack Obama.

On Jan. 9, Dimon was on the Fox Business Network and he predicted that 4% economic growth is possible in 2018. The networks — ABC, CBS, NBC — didn’t say a word.

However, CBS and NBC did collectively talk for a minute about a freshman quarterback from Alabama, and CBS ran a story about a dog whose leash was stuck in a subway train door. It’s good the networks are keeping Americans informed about what’s really important.

Shh! Again

Walmart announced on January 11 that it was raising its minimum wage from $9 to $11 an hour and that many of its employees would receive $1,000 bonuses largely because of the Trump cut in the corporate tax rate. Despite that positive news, ABC reported nothing — not one mention — and CBS and NBC barely gave it a total 5 minutes of coverage.

Instead, ABC heavily promoted a story about former ice skater Tonya Harding and a 1993 controversy involving her and another skater. Hot news, we assume. The three networks also went all out on President Trump’s reference to Haiti as a “sh** hole” country, giving that silly story a combined 30-plus minutes of coverage.

As Brent Bozell told Fox News, “If this were the Obama administration, the media would be at the door of Walmart talking about hope and change and celebrating the result of the economic policies of Barack Obama.”

But the leftist media “loathe” Trump and wouldn’t give him credit even if he cured cancer.

Shh!

Although the unemployment rate for black Americans is the lowest it has been in 45-plus years, the evening news networks did not report that good news when it came in on Jan. 5. For December 2016, the national black unemployment rate was 6.8%. It has not been that low ever, since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started to collect that data in 1972.

ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing. Can you imagine the coverage if these unemployment numbers came in during the Obama administration? It would have been wall-to-wall, 24/7 positive coverage for President Obama. Instead, during the eight years of Obama, the economy was anemic and national unemployment numbers were horrible. Thus the networks played that news down and spun it to protect their socialist hero in the White House.
What FBI Probe?

On Jan. 5, the Justice Department announced that the FBI is investigating the Clinton Foundation and whether it engaged in any pay-to-play politics or other illegal activities while Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State. Despite that startling news, ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing, not one report. The networks had plenty of time for Michael Wolff’s gossip book trashing President Trump but apparently couldn’t find the time for the Clinton scandal.

Fox News’ John Solomon, however, reported that the DOJ had launched the new inquiry and that FBI agents in Little Rock “have taken the lead in the investigation.” He noted that the FBI is looking at whether “donors to Clinton charitable efforts received any favorable treatment from the Obama administration on a policy decision” and whether tax laws were followed.

Is it a coincidence that after Hillary Clinton lost the presidential election, and thus pay-to-play access with the White House was closed off, the Clinton Foundation closed its doors?

Fuhrer Trump

In a pathetic attempt to smear President Donald Trump as a dictator, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) lumped him with real authoritarians around the globe because of his criticism of the liberal media. The CPJ ranked Trump with Turkey’s President Recep Erdogan, trashing Trump as the runner-up for “Most Thin-Skinned.”

The left-wing committee also listed Trump with Egypt’s strong-arm President Abdel el-Sisi, Communist Chinese dictator Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Myanmar’s authoritarian leader Aung San Kyi. In the end, the CPJ smeared Trump as the winner for “Overall Achievement in Undermining Global Press Freedom.”

Exposing its lack of credibility, the CPJ did not list some of the real oppressors of press freedom, such as North Korea’s Kim Jong-un, Cuba’s Raul Castro, Vietnam’s Dai Quang, Iran’s Hassan Rouhani, or Venezuela’s Nicolas Maduro.

What Will Your Legacy Be?

This question is tougher than it should be, thanks to a fallacy the media peddles — the lie that you have to be famous or wealthy to have a big impact. The truth is, you don’t.

The answer is etched in your life: the struggles you’ve overcome, the wisdom you’ve gained and shared, and the big and small kindnesses with which you have graced others’ lives. It’s found in your love of family and country and the values you pass on to future generations.

That’s the simple truth.

Some MRC members choose to make a larger impact by leaving a legacy gift to the MRC. That way they ensure the conservative message will be heard and the fight against the liberal media will go on long after they’re gone. Legacy gifts can take many forms and provide tax benefits to you and your heirs.

If you’d like to learn more about the benefits of legacy giving, give Vice President of Development Robert Croft a call at 571-267-3500. If you’ve already included the MRC in your estate plans, please let us know so we can welcome you to the MRC’s Legacy Society.
Denying the Clinton Foundation Baggage

In the midst of their media feeding frenzy over Michael Wolff’s gossipy and fact-mangling book on the Trump White House, there was another piece of news that broke. On January 4, the FBI announced it had returned to investigating the Clinton Foundation.

Yawn. First, they ignored it. Then, they touched on it for half a story, followed by pundits insisting that there is “nothing new,” as if they have access to the factual evidence being sought by the FBI.

Does the “nothing new” response ring a bell? It should.

Last year, some reporters stared at the clear evidence of corporate donations to the Clinton Foundation following State Department actions under Hillary Clinton and claimed there was “no evidence” of a pay-to-play scheme. But let’s explore the depth of their investigations giving them the authority to make such pronouncements. In October, NPR’s Joel Rose acknowledged donors were awarded meetings with Secretary Clinton, “but there’s no evidence that big donors got any special favors from the State Department.”

Rose didn’t even bother to look at NPR’s own reports. A few months earlier, NPR’s Scott Detrow laid out the case of the Swiss bank UBS and their problem with the IRS. The tax collectors wanted details about the secret bank accounts of Americans. Hillary Clinton brokered a deal with the Swiss government and the bank; the agreed to turn over a small fraction of the information the IRS sought. Then — presto! — the bank gave about a half million dollars to the Clinton Foundation. UBS also showered Bill Clinton with $1.5 million for a series of speeches.

But there’s “no evidence” of favors.

On January 6, CBS This Morning brought on Kathleen Kingsbury, deputy editor at the New York Times editorial page. “I think that given the fact that there doesn’t seem to be new evidence on the table, the only conclusion we can come to is that this is a political vendetta brought on by the White House,” she blustered. “The FBI looked into these allegations in 2016 and said there wasn’t enough evidence to actually bring charges. So, what’s new now?”

Hillary would have been proud. A perfectly Clintonian summary.

On ABC, Cokie Roberts seconded that emotion: “Whether they’ve learned anything new is the real question there. Why would it continue now when they’ve already been investigating it for a good long time? So there is certainly at least a whiff of politics here.”

On January 7, NBC morning anchor Morgan Radford implied bad news for the Clintons was fake news. She asked Chuck Todd: “Break something else down for us, this real versus fake news. We’ve learned this week about developing investigations into the Clinton Foundation and the author of that controversial dossier, but is this a real investigation or is that just a political sideshow?”

Todd agreed it was a “sideshow.” Whitewater, perjury, pay-to-play — it’s always a “sideshow.”

Journalists would probably excuse their boredom by saying “she’s not president.” But history strongly suggests they would be just as bored (or twice as hostile) to a Clinton Foundation probe if she actually won the election. We can just as easily guess that if Donald Trump had narrowly lost the election, the media would still be investigating his alleged Russian collusion.

Any voter outside the Clinton bubble who negotiated their way around the who-cares media in 2016 could clearly see that the Clintons over the decades filled a 50-car train of scandal baggage. But our “real news” reporters live in perpetual denial.
The experts at the Media Research Center are interviewed almost every day on stories of national importance, often reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, social media, in magazines, books, and in newspapers, always striving to help restore political balance to the major media. Some of the MRC’s latest media appearances include the following:

### Television

- **CBN**
  - CBN News, Jan. 3

- **FBN**
  - After the Bell, Dec. 13
  - Cavuto Coast to Coast, Jan. 8, 10, 15, 18
  - Intelligence Report, Jan. 16
  - Forbes on Fox, Dec. 17
  - Making Money, Dec. 13
  - Risk and Reward, Dec. 13, Jan. 17

- **FNC**
  - Cost of Freedom, Dec. 16
  - Fox & Friends, Dec. 13, Jan. 11, 16, 18
  - Hannity, Dec. 12, 13, Jan. 5, 16
  - Ingraham Angle, Dec. 13
  - @ Night w/ Shannon Bream, Jan. 8, 17
  - Outnumbered, Jan. 12, 17
  - The Five, Dec. 13
  - Your World with Neil Cavuto, Jan. 12

- **OANN**
  - Daily Ledger, Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 9, 11, 15
  - One News Now, Jan. 17, 18
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### Radio

- Breitbarts News Daily, Sirius XM, Dec. 12, 20, Jan. 8
- American Family Radio, Jan. 3, 4, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19
- AFA, Focal Point, Dec. 20, Jan. 8
- Sean Hannity, Jan. 3, 5, 17
- Drew Mariani Show, Jan. 16
- Dana Loesch, Dec. 19, Jan. 16
- Chosen Generation, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 17
- Alan Nathan Show, Dec. 14, 20, 22, Jan. 2, 3, 8, 10, 19
- Mark Levin, Jan. 8, 16
- Rush Limbaugh Show, Jan. 4, 8, 11, 17, 18
- Lars Larson Show, Dec. 13, Jan. 8
- Herman Cain Show, Jan 4, 16, 17
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Dec. 13, 20, Jan. 3, 10
- KRLD, Dallas, TX, Jan. 9
- KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, Dec. 21, 22, Jan. 10, 12, 16
- KCMO, Mission, KS, Dec. 19, 21, Jan. 10
- KOA, Denver, CO, Jan. 6
- WLS, Chicago, IL, Jan. 11
- WUM, Cincinnati, OH, Dec. 13, Jan 9
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Jan. 15
- KERN, Bakersfield, CA, Jan. 8
- KNTV, Houston, TX, Dec. 14, 20, Jan. 8, 11
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Dec. 15, 24, Jan. 12, 19
- WENY, Almira, NY, Dec. 23, Jan. 8
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### Print

- The New Yorker, Jan. 15
- USA Today, Dec. 20, Jan. 4
- Washington Examiner, Jan. 2, 15, 16
- Washington Post, Jan. 2
- Washington Times, Dec. 18, Jan. 5, 7, 11, 16
- Columbia Journalism Review, Jan. 9
- The Daily Mail, Dec. 13
- International Business Times UK, Dec. 14
- The New Yorker, Jan. 8
- The Hill, Dec. 13, Jan. 17
- Investor’s Business Daily, Jan. 17
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### Internet

- Breitbarts News, Dec. 13, Jan. 12, 15
- The Village Voice, Jan. 12
- Project Veritas, Jan. 12
- Esquire, Dec. 20
- Medialite, Jan. 15
- The Jewish Press, Jan. 17
- The College Fix, Jan. 11
- Reason, Jan. 5, 11
- Seattle Times, Jan. 12
- Drudge Report Jan. 2, 5, 6, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
- Yahoo! News, Dec. 15, Jan. 16
- Newsday, Jan. 5
- The Federalist, Jan. 17
- World Net Daily, Dec. 19
- Investor’s Business Daily, Dec. 14, Jan. 16
- Real Clear Politics, Jan. 17
- Politico, Jan. 3
- WND, Jan. 5
- American Family News, Dec. 18
- Washington Free Beacon, Dec. 12, Jan. 12
- LifeZette, Dec. 13, Jan. 11, 12, 16
- Family Research Council, Dec. 13
- IJR, Dec. 13, 19
- Conservative HQ, Jan. 8
- BizPac Review, Dec. 12, 21
- Conservative Commandos, Jan. 10
- Texas Insider, Dec. 13
- Christian Newswire, Jan. 10
- Conservative Review, Dec. 13, 19
- Townhall, Dec. 20, 26, 28, Jan. 2, 5, 8, 11
- Canada Free Press, Jan. 8
- Washington Examiner, Dec. 18, Jan. 2, 8, 15
- WND, Jan. 8, 12
- Fox News, Jan. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18
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(Right) President Donald Trump tweets about the MRC study featured on the January 16 Fox & Friends.
Minibits

- CNN’s Brian Stelter laughably asserts, “We’re not anti-Trump...We’re pro-truth. We’re pro-honesty. We’re pro-decency, and this is a tough moment in American history for people that support facts and decency.”
- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough lets his political bile spew: Trump “is completely detached from reality” and “the New York Daily News says is mentally unfit, that people close to him say is mentally unfit, that people close to him during the campaign told me had early stages of dementia.”
- Left-wing MSNBC panelist Ron Reagan Jr. rails, “Trump is a deeply damaged human being. He is a sociopathic, malignant narcissist” and “the Electoral College has sort of vomited this thing up.”
- The NYT’s opinion page declares, “Charles Manson wasn’t the inevitable outgrowth of the Sixties. If anything, he was a harbinger of today’s far right.”
- Also, Newsweek headlines, “How Murderer Charles Manson and Donald Trump Used Language to Gain Followers.”
- NYT’s Michelle Goldberg gushes, “I was relieved that it seemed as if Franken might stick around, because I adore him as a public figure.”
- CBS’s Mark Phillips lectures that “saving the world has been harder since the Trump administration announced its pullout from the Paris climate deal.”
- Pollster Fernand Amandi huffs to MSNBC that the GOP “is not a political party — this is a domestic terror group.”
- Buzzfeed’s Blake Montgomery ignorantly and absurdly claims, “Victims of Communism’ is a white nationalist talking point.”
- Former CBS anchor Dan Rather advises NBC Today, “Our job is to bear witness, to be honest brokers of information. To be as accurate and fair as we possibly can. So we need to do a better job.”

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- initiated a campaign to demand the liberal media focus their investigative journalism energy on the recent and shocking developments of the Clinton Pay-to-Play scheme, and
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