Conservatives Praise Rush As He Starts 30th Year on National Radio – ‘History Will Call Him an Indispensable Man’

Rush Limbaugh is one of the most important conservative voices since Ronald Reagan and a dear and loyal friend of the MRC. He marked his 30th year on national radio in August, an event that conservatives lauded nationwide.

Rush’s influence on America and the conservative movement cannot be overstated. Day in and day out, Rush has battled and beaten the left. Many of those battles were against the liberal media that have smeared him, tried to scare off his advertisers, censor him, and destroy him.

The leftist press despises the man with “talent on loan from God,” who mocks liberalism daily with logic and wit, and who, despite the liberal media leviathan, reaches 26 million Americans every week with the truth.

Rush’s radio show is number one in the country and has been for many years. As an ally, Rush has often cited MRC reports. He has helped to convey the MRC message to millions and has changed the debate countless times.

At the 2007 MRC Gala, we were proud to present Rush with the inaugural William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence. A truly humble man, Rush said, “I owe my success to a lot of people who are a lot smarter than I am,” citing Goldwater, Buckley, and Reagan in particular, and adding that the MRC has been an “invaluable resource” to his thinking and work.

It’s not hyperbole to say that without Rush, America today would be firmly socialist. It is because of Rush that America has survived. The debt this country owes him is simply unmeasurable. He’s a true statesman.

In honor of “El Rushbo” starting his 30th year on national radio, the MRC’s news division, CNSNews.com, asked conservative leaders for comment on “America’s Truth Detector.” Here are some of the highlights.

“I cannot think of another man in the last 30 years who has done more to sustain the morale of the conservative movement and provide folks with the arguments to defend the cause than Rush,” said Pat Buchanan. “He is always there for us, and history will call him an indispensable man.”

Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner said the key to Rush’s popularity and influence is his “uniquely American voice.”
“In his second inaugural address, Ronald Reagan spoke of ‘the American sound,’” said Dr. Feulner. “He called it ‘hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic, daring, decent and fair.’ Those same words describe Rush Limbaugh. When his 26 million listeners tune in to his voice, they are hearing ‘the American sound,’ the sound of common sense and truth, clearly and plainly spoken.”

“That voice has been indispensable to the conservative movement,” he said. “Rush has popularized the principles of conservatism better than most anyone since the Founding Fathers, and our nation is the better for it.”

Mark Levin, on his own program (#4 in the nation) said, “I don’t know what we would do without Rush. He’s been not only huge for this industry — the Babe Ruth of talk radio — but even more for the country. I want to salute him and I want to thank him.”

Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) told us, “The beginning of the end of the mainstream media dominance of the news cycle started with the emergence of Rush Limbaugh. He provides a much-needed public service.”

Ben Shapiro remarked, “Rush’s impact on the conservative movement can’t be overstated. He was the key popular expositor of conservatism in the lead-up to the 1994 Republican revolution, the mover and shaker behind the 2000 election, the blowtorch behind the Tea Party.”

“I grew up on Rush,” said Ben, “and so did all the conservatives of my age range. Thanks, Rush.”

Fox’s Greg Gutfield believes that “Rush’s greatest impact on the conservative movement is that he made people laugh. He was one of the first truly funny right-wingers to inject satire, parody, and wit in otherwise infuriating political topics.”

Fox’s Brian Kilmeade said, “Rush Limbaugh by all accounts is a walking ‘how to’ guide on how to educate, inform, and entertain an audience. He sets the standard on almost every issue facing this country.”

“What I love most about him is the respect he gives his listeners,” said Brian. “It’s emblematic of who he is and that he is ‘one of us!’”

Ken Blackwell remarked, “Rush is the ‘Truth in Advertising Monitor’ of the conservative movement. He assists us in identifying those conservatives who talk like Ronald Reagan and behave like Bill Clinton. For 30 years, Rush has been a provocative and consistent North Star for the conservative movement.”

Way back in 1992, only four years after Rush launched his national radio program, President Reagan wrote to thank him “for all you’re doing to promote Republican and conservative principles.” The Gipper added that Rush had “become the Number One voice for conservatism in our country.”

That was true then and it’s true now. Rush is the leading voice of conservatism. As such, he is vital in the battle against the liberal media.

The MRC is extremely thankful for Rush’s friendship over the years. He has helped us tremendously in educating Americans about the left-wing press. Without Rush’s support, the MRC would not have achieved as much as it has attained over its own three decades of existence.

We too celebrate 30 years this month at the MRC Gala!

You can help us in the good fight against the liberal media 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

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— MARK LEVIN
Liberal Media Downplay the Socialist Disaster and Dictatorship in Venezuela

Ever since Hugo Chavez implemented socialist policies in Venezuela — policies that have been broadened by his handpicked successor Nicolas Maduro — the country has devolved into an economic disaster and socialist dictatorship, but the U.S. networks are doing everything they can to hide this news.

The networks don’t even use the word “socialism,” and for good reason: This national disaster is the red face of a movement they support.

Keep in mind that Venezuela, which has the largest oil reserves in the world, is in chaos with 800% inflation, 25% unemployment, chronic food and medicine shortages, riots and violence that have killed 140 people, and reported cases of cannibalism. Some starving Venezuelans have killed and eaten animals at the Caracas Zoo.

Maduro is a member of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, a hardcore neo-Marxist movement. This fact is rarely mentioned by ABC, CBS, or NBC.

As documented by NewsBusters, ABC’s World News Tonight has not once used the word “socialism” to describe Venezuela since 2013. ABC’s Good Morning America and NBC’s Today have not mentioned socialism this year, and it was referenced only once this year on CBS This Morning. MSNBC Live ran a segment in July to “explain” Venezuela but it never mentioned socialism.

NBC News posted a 1,600-word “explainer” on Venezuela and didn’t mention socialism. Instead, NBC blamed low oil prices for the catastrophe.

The New York Times, predictably, blamed Venezuela’s economic collapse on “populism” earlier this year and compared the dictator Nicolas Maduro to the “populist” Donald Trump!

As for the some of the major events not even mentioned by the networks, in June protestors set fire to the Venezuelan supreme court — and ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing. In May, one of Maduro’s popular opponents was arrested, put on a military plane, and has not been seen since then. The networks didn’t report it.

The supreme court ruled to strip power from the anti-Maduro Venezuelan National Assembly, which prompted the Trump administration to impose sanctions on the court members. The networks said nothing.

Venezuelans voted (98%) to retain their constitution, in defiance of Maduro, who rejected their vote as “illegal.” ABC and CBS ignored this and NBC gave it a paltry 35 seconds.

There are countless examples of the liberal media censoring the truth about Venezuela. Liberal journalists don’t want to admit — and they don’t want you to know! — that socialism, their beloved ideology, does not work.

To read more about the liberal media’s slanted coverage of Venezuela, visit MRC’s website: NewsBusters.org

Network Coverage of Crisis in Venezuela in 2017

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Source: MRC study of ABC, CBS & NBC morning and evening news broadcasts 1/1/17 to 7/24/17
After President Donald Trump condemned Communist North Korea for threatening to bomb Guam, saying such threats “will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen,” the liberal media predictably chastised Trump. ABC’s Martha Raddatz whined, “It’s the most fiery, overtly military threat President Trump has ever launched at North Korea, a chilling warning,” a “dramatic escalation of rhetoric” and “alarming.”

NBC’s Lester Holt fretted about this “chilling threat,” the “most provocative statement yet from President Trump,” who is “painting a dark and ominous image.” NBC’s Andrea Mitchell paraphrased anti-Trump Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) as claiming “he can’t think of any other president who would have used that rhetoric.”

They forgot to mention President Harry Truman in 1945, who warned the Japanese to surrender or “expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this Earth.” Or Bill Clinton who said of North Korea in 1993, “We would quickly and overwhelmingly retaliate. It would mean the end of their country as they know it.”

In a story that has been completely censored by the news networks, ABC News settled a defamation lawsuit brought against it by Beef Products Inc. (BPI) and paid more than $177 million to the company. In a series of reports in 2012, ABC attacked BPI, regularly smearing its lean beef as “pink slime.” Because of ABC’s reckless reporting, the business was forced to close three of its four factories and lay off 650 workers.

BPI sued and ABC ultimately settled the case in June 2017. In its corporate earnings report, ABC News’ parent company, Disney, disclosed that it paid out $177 million “incurred in connection with the settlement of litigation.” That amount was on top of what Disney’s insurance covered. BPI attorney Dan Webb told CNN this was the “largest” media defamation settlement in U.S. history. That’s a riveting news story but ABC, CBS, and NBC haven’t said a word.

ABC News’ parent company Disney shells out nearly $200 million in the largest media defamation lawsuit in U.S. history.

ABC Pays $177 Million Defamation Fine

We never knew it but apparently some of the most popular kid’s books are racist and imperialist. In an Aug. 7 article, Time claims that the Cat in the Hat took “inspiration from minstrelsy” while other characters “wear their eyes in a slant.” The Little House on the Prairie is “super racist” in its depiction of “Native Americans.” The Story of Babar presents “colonialism as benign,” and Babar is a “civilized elephant” only after becoming “more European.”

The Oompa Loompas in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory are “happy slaves, content to leave their native land behind and toil in a factory.” Time lectures: “No one wants to admit to liking something that perpetuates racial stereotypes. But we do, because a book can be beautiful and racist, a book can be a classic and racist, a book can be really pleasurable and also really racist.” No word yet on whether Tarzan is a proto-Aryan imperialist.
‘Easily Misled’

Revealing his true colors, liberal pollster Stuart Rothenberg, a regular guest on CNN and MSNBC, trashed President Trump’s Aug. 3 visit to West Virginia and tarred the residents of that state as ignorant buffoons. That day, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice switched from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, and Trump gave one of his “huuuuge” rally speeches.

Shocked at what Trump said and the governor’s switch, Rothenberg tweeted, “Lots of people in West Virginia can’t support themselves or speak English.” He also tweeted, “Of course they are hard-working. They mean well. Just close-minded, provincial, angry & easily misled. My wife’s dad was a coal miner in PA.”

Not one liberal media outlet reported Rothenberg’s ugly, bigoted and insulting comments, and not one social justice warrior called on him to apologize. When you’re liberal, you’re allowed to be a bigot, and the liberal press gives you a pass.

AP Smears

After Senior White House Policy Adviser Stephen Miller factually refuted the left-wing claims of CNN’s Jim Acosta about immigration and the Statue of Liberty, the AP’s Hillel Italie was so incensed she smeared Miller as racist/alt-right. “Members of the far-right community, including such white supremacists as David Duke and Richard Spencer, have harshly criticized the poem” on the Statue of Liberty “and even used anti-Semitic language,” railed Italie on Aug. 4, comparing their words to Miller’s.

She didn’t mention that Miller is Jewish and that he hadn’t criticized the poem. Italie then broadened her definition of alt-right to include Breitbart News — which had praised Miller’s verbal fencing with CNN’s Acosta — labeling it “the alt-right publication once headed by Steve Bannon, now Trump’s chief strategist.” The AP’s Italie made it clear that if you back the president’s immigration plans, you are a xenophobic crypto-fascist who hates Lady Liberty.

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■ MSNBC analyst and alleged historian Jon Meacham compares President Trump’s relationship with the media “to the fabled and terrible totalitarian regimes in Europe in the 1930s, I think, and the idea that — and also even now regimes like North Korea, where the Dear Leader speaks and we’re all supposed to salute.” ■ MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski agrees with the North Korea comparison and adds, “It does feel like a developing dictatorship.” ■ Keith Olbermann, host of GQ online’s The Resistance, yawps hysterically, “Our democracy, if not dead, is in suspended animation because the Republican Party is now actively shielding this treasonous megalomaniac!” and “Their actions should be identified for what they are, being accessories after the fact to the worst set of crimes in American history!” ■ CNN’s presidential historian Douglas Brinkley whines about Trump, “We’re seeing a shrinking of American prestige in the world before our very eyes…. He’s already kissing the ring of Putin.” ■ MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough, as usual, dramatically overreacts, “Nobody is saying that what Donald Trump is doing now is right. In fact, we think it’s extraordinarily dangerous…. It’s Stalinist.” Alexander Solzhenitsyn, call your office.
In March, NBC Meet the Press host Chuck Todd made an ad for his show that lamented to the public, “What about our politics? Are there any rules anymore, and if so, will anybody play by them?” Todd assured viewers that NBC and he would enforce some rules. “These days, politics could use a little refereeing,” he intoned. “And we’re not afraid to blow the whistle.”

Wrong. The rulebook is being shredded. The “anti-fascist” or “Antifa” movement is justifying violent action in the streets to beat back racists and neo-Nazis. Violence — not as an accidental outburst, but as an explicit strategy — used to be seen as a beyond-the-pale extreme. Now Todd & Co. are ushering Antifa’s extreme into polite society. The NBC referees believe rioting is worth at least some respect as a way to jolt the debate to the left. On the streets, the real referees — the police — are getting injured with rocks and urine-filled bottles to the head. We’ve lost count of the number of cops that have been murdered by Black Lives Matter supporters.

Todd used the August 16 MTP Daily and then the August 20 Meet the Press to promote an author named Mark Bray, who argued violence was necessary because “Nazism and fascism were not stopped by polite dialogue and reasonable debate. It had to be stopped by force.”

In perhaps the greatest display of hypocrisy thus far in the 21st century, Cohen denounced Antifa’s tactics thusly: “It’s a very peculiar notion of self-defense to say you can censor people.”

For years, NBC has demonized conservative movements by arguing their speech leads to violence. On January 3, 1993, Dateline NBC host Jane Pauley smeared the pro-life movement: “Still ahead, the latest round of violence and bloodshed at abortion clinics. The anti-abortion movement has been creeping to the edge of bloody fanaticism for a decade.” A few months later, after the Oklahoma City bombing, NBC’s Bryant Gumbel blamed Rush Limbaugh and the rest of conservative talk radio, claiming their anti-government invective “em-bolden and encourage extremists.”

Chuck Todd isn’t out there saying Antifa is “creeping the to the edge of bloody fanaticism,” any more than he would host a debate on “Blowing up abortion clinics? Fair or unfair?”

Eight years ago, NBC and MSNBC were warning that the peaceful Tea Party rallies were dangerous. MSNBC’s Contessa Brewer fretted over “A man at a pro-health care reform rally...wore a semiautomatic assault rifle on his shoulder and a pistol on his hip.” MSNBC host David Shuster suggested protesters at town-hall mettings were a threat to Obama’s life: “Is this putting our president in some sort of danger because of some wacko that will see this stuff and say, ‘oh, yes, it’s fascism and the way we dealt with Adolf Hitler was to try to kill him, so therefore, let’s do this with our president.’”

The only consistent thread in any of this is that NBC and MSNBC aren’t referees, and they don’t have a rulebook. They want to achieve the Left’s aims — by whatever means necessary. One arm of the far left believes violence is necessary. NBC thinks it’s worth discussing.
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:

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- Dana Show, Jul. 25, 31, Aug. 8

**CNN**
- Anderson Cooper, Aug. 3

**FBN**
- After the Bell, Aug. 2
- Cavuto Coast to Coast, Jul. 27, Aug. 7
- The Intelligence Report, Jul. 26, Aug. 3, 18
- Risk & Reward, Aug. 11

**FNC**
- Fox & Friends, Jun. 28, Jul. 13, 14

**NRA TV**
- Hot Mic, Aug. 3, 10

**NEWSMAX TV**
- America Talks Live, Jun. 16, 23, Jul. 7
- Daily Ledger, Jul. 13, 25, 27, Aug. 1, 8, 11, 15, 17
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