Conservatives Must Beat Liberal Press and Social Media Despots At Their Own Game

Donald J. Trump did not lose the 2020 election in a traditional electoral fight against Joe Biden. The deck was stacked unfairly against him by the leftist press, the social media giants (Facebook, Twitter, Google), and the entrenched government bureaucracy. They helped steal the election. This has been well-documented and exposed by the MRC.

In addition, voting laws were changed in several states in violation of the Constitution, more details of which we likely will learn about by 2022.

The best analysis of what happened was written in January by investigative reporter John Solomon, the editor-in-chief of Just the News. I am reprinting most of it here because it concisely explains what conservatives need to know about the existential threat posed by the leftist press and social media, and how we can fight back to save this Republic from the totalitarian socialism that is engulfing it.

“… [T]he 2020 election wasn’t just an election, it was a political watershed in which the rules and strategy for winning were rewritten.

The November election (and the Georgia curtain call) wasn’t won and lost by the tactics, spending, individual players and messaging in the weeks before Nov. 3, according to interviews conducted with more than three dozen frontline players.

Rather, its outcome was cemented long before Labor Day 2020 by a Democratic machinery of former Barack Obama proteges, like David Plouffe, John Podesta, David Axelrod and Stacey Abrams, who worried far less about the tactics of ads, travel (Joe Biden hardly did!) and fundraising and far more about the strategy of how to control the narrative and the rules that would shape the outcome.

They even told the Republicans and the public what they planned to do. Just read Plouffe’s book, A Citizen’s Guide to Beating Donald Trump. They even boastfully predicted days before how the vote count would roll out on election night and for several days later. Trump would lead early, and Biden would surpass late, they said.

They were right. Why?

First and foremost, they usurped the powers of GOP-controlled state legislatures in the five battleground states and rewrote the rules of how votes would be cast and counted, using the pandemic as an excuse.

Mail ballots could be sent to everyone, even if they didn’t ask for one, and wide swaths of Americans could vote by mail. Voter ID requirements could be suspended for those who felt homebound by COVID’s wrath. Mobile ballot boxes could be deployed. Spoiled ballots that legally were supposed to be discarded could be “cured” by election clerks. Legally required voter roll purges could be skipped. And a single billionaire could donate $350 million directly to the election clerks, judges and vote counters in the states, requiring them in some cases to register...
voters, and create more poll locations in Democratic strongholds.

And Republicans — who controlled the legislatures in Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Arizona and the constitutional right to set the rules — hardly put up a fight. Instead, they urged their voters not to take advantage of the loosened rules and to vote the old-fashioned way. They, in the words of the Trump-loving Georgia Democrat Vernon Jones, simply unilaterally disarmed.

Democrats understood that in a pandemic and in an America with millions of new millennial, urban and minority voters, the easier you make casting a ballot the more likely a low-propensity voter is to vote. Send it to them, help them register, make easy drop-off locations or the mailbox the final destination, and voters will vote a lot more willingly.

In other words, the liberal brain trust engaged in cutting-edge warfare, while Republicans tossed their comfortable set of horseshoes from the 1980s, hoping the good old recipe of evangelical GOTV, direct mail, talk radio and Fox News would deliver yet another election win as it had done for decades.

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It didn’t.

To be fair, Donald Trump mustered — by a mile — the largest national vote ever assembled by a Republican at 75 million-plus voters and barnstormed the country, risking COVID and criticism without fear. Kevin McCarthy picked an all-star slate of candidates and picked up seats. Mitch McConnell raised a ton of money, and Ronna McDaniel put together one of the most impressive get-out-the-vote efforts ever assembled.

But all that could not overcome the advantage of a rewired electoral system in the five battlegrounds, as the Georgia runoffs showed [on Jan.5], said Tom Price, a former congressman and Trump Cabinet secretary.

Democrats “leap-frogged Republicans’ process, strategy, technology and tactics, and that is to the credit of folks on the Democratic side,” Price told Just the News. “They have perfected harvesting, I believe it is harvesting, of absentee ballots, and I think the numbers will show in these runoff races, the same as they did in November, that Republicans who lost by close margins won the vote on Election Day, won on early voting in person and lost heavily in absentee ballots.”

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Happy President’s Day!
The Big Tech social media giants were instrumental in helping to steal the presidential election because they censored (or limited) important news stories that would have killed Biden’s campaign. Shortly after the election, Big Tech started canceling conservatives on their platforms. This digital book burning is ongoing. The MRC selected some of the worst examples of Big Tech censorship in 2020, a few of which are presented below. To read the report, go to newsbusters.org/techwatch and search, Top 10 Worst Cases of Big Tech Censorship in 2020.

**NYP Bombshell on Hunter Biden.**

An Oct. 14 New York Post story revealed Hunter Biden’s extensive drug use and self-made pornography, but it also showed emails and texts about dubious deals in Ukraine and China, and exposed Joe Biden as the “Big Guy” who reportedly got a cut from the deals. Twitter disabled the link to the story, calling it potentially unsafe, and then it blocked The Post. Facebook used its “fact-checkers” to discredit the story and then limited the reach of the story.

A Media Research Center survey conducted by The Polling Company showed that 4.6% of Biden voters would have changed their vote had they known about the scandal. The poll showed that Trump would have won six key battleground states, giving him 311 electoral votes, thus flipping the election to Trump.

**Twitter Censors Trump Over Mail-Voting.**

On Oct. 26, after Trump tweeted a warning about the fraud-risks involved in mail-voting, Twitter put a filter on it. Twitter claimed that this information was disputed, and then directed users to its liberal page on “safe and secure” voting. Twitter also turned off the “Like,” sharing, and comments option on the tweet. Since May 31, 2018, Twitter has censored Trump at least 625 times. The platform has never censored Biden, not once.

**YouTube Removes Dr. Atlas Video.**

Coronavirus Task Force member and presidential adviser Scott Atlas, MD, was featured in a video critical of lockdowns, social distancing, and closings. YouTube claimed the video contradicted the World Health Organization about COVID-19 and removed it.

**Facebook Demonetizes Satire.**

The Babylon Bee is a satirical news outlet, it is comedy. However, when it ran a “story” mocking Democratic Sen. Masie Hirono using an old Monty Python joke, Facebook claimed the piece incited violence and demonetized the page. The headline read, “Senator Hirono Demands Amy Coney Barrett Be Weighed Against a Duck to See if She is a Witch.”

**Instagram Kills FBI Stats.**

When people started citing actual FBI crime statistics that showed black on white violence and murders are more prevalent than white on black, Instagram removed them. Eventually Instagram reversed its decision and reinstated the deleted posts.
TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYNDROME: THE WORST OF 2020

In election year 2020 the left-wing media continued their merciless and relentless attacks on President Donald Trump and his administration. Below are some of the press’ worst examples of Trump Derangement Syndrome, documented and exposed by the MRC.

“Open your eyes, America. Open your eyes. 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?”
Host Don Lemon discussing Trump bringing in the military to stop looters, as aired on CNN’s Situation Room, June 1.

“The president is a Russian operative...It is Vladimir Putin’s greatest achievement .... This is one of those shocking news days if you retain the capacity to be shocked in the Trump era by the Trump regime, which might be better labeled the Trump-Putin regime.”
Host Lawrence O’Donnell on MSNBC’s The Last Word, Feb. 21.

“This man [Trump] who stands up every morning to excrete the feces of his moral depravity into a nation he’s turned into his physic commode....I don’t want to hear anybody else come up to me complaining about affirmative action or black people or brown people getting a job when you’ve got the most mediocre white man in the history of America running this nation and the complicity of the Senate.”
MSNBC fill-in host Michael Eric Dyson on HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher, Jan. 31.

“President Trump spoke today with the venom of a black mamba. ‘Witch hunt, evil, corrupt dirty cops, leakers, liars, disgrace.’ These were the viperous words he spewed in the East Room on a day he began at a prayer breakfast.... They sounded like the language of a dictator unleashing a violent purge that his targets would be unlikely to survive.”
Host Chris Matthews on Trump’s post-impeachment speech as aired on MSNBC’s Hardball, Feb. 6.

“This week, 82 years ago, Kristallnacht happened. It was the Nazis’ warning shot across the bow of our human civilization that led to genocide against a whole identity. And, in that tower of burning books, it led to an attack on fact, knowledge, history and truth. After four years of a modern-day assault on those same values by Donald Trump, the Biden/Harris team pledges a return to norms, including the truth.”
Host Christiane Amanpour on PBS’s Amanpour & Co., Nov. 12.

“I’m witnessing fascism in America now .... This is the beginning of the end of democracy. If we re-elect this guy [Donald Trump] I do not even want to think about what will happen to this country.”
Co-host Joy Behar on federal agents detaining violent Antifa anarchists in Portland, Oregon as aired on ABC’s The View, July 21.
“Our constitutional republic, literally, and the institutions in it, literally, are being challenged every single day by this would-be dictator.... Would Donald Trump not do whatever he could do if he could get away with it? Seriously. If he could arrest every journalist he didn’t like, if he could arrest us tomorrow?”

Host Joe Scarborough on MSNBC’s Morning Joe, Feb. 12.

“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.”

Newsweek White House correspondent Andrew Feinberg (in June 3 Independent online article) talking about President Donald Trump calling in the military to stop looters in Washington D.C.

“Does President Trump believe that it was a good thing that the South lost the Civil War?”

The New Yorker correspondent Ryan Lizza to White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, June 29.

Co-host Joe Scarborough: “I think most Americans would agree that this election is between a good man and a bad man. And I feel comfortable saying that Donald Trump is a bad man.”

Former Newsweek editor Jon Meacham: “Do you want to be the America of John Lewis, or do you want to be the America of Bull Connor?... I know which side of history I want to be on and I think it’s just as blunt a choice, just as sharp a choice today.”

MSNBC’s Morning Joe, Oct. 22.

“If we had a winner, it’d be this loser.”

“But now the Trump presidency is coming to an end, to an end, with so many squandered opportunities and ruined potential, but also an era of just plain meanness. It must be said, to paraphrase President Ford, for tens of millions of our fellow Americans, their long national nightmare is over.”

Host Jake Tapper during CNN election coverage, Nov. 7.
Secondly, liberals spent two decades building an alliance with the mainstream media, the social giants and the search giants and the permanent government bureaucracy until they could control the narrative, even when it wasn’t true. They had it perfected by the time Donald Trump took office.

Those who objected were canceled and shamed. Intelligence and law enforcement and private investigators were misused to create false realities. True facts and legally protected speech were outright censored long enough to create the narrative needed to win.

Trump colluded with Russia, and bribed Ukraine to investigate his political opponents ... though he didn’t. The Hunter Biden corruption story was Russian-fed conspiracy theory .... though it is really true, and he was under criminal investigation the last two years ... American towns could be burned to the ground and police defunded because a Kenosha, Wisc., officer shot an unarmed man ... who turned out to be wanted by police and armed with a knife.

Owning the information superhighway of the 21st century, like the rules of the election, was far more powerful than choosing where to run ads, campaign in person or spend money.

Finally, the liberal oligarchs club — George Soros, Mark Zuckerberg, Mike Bloomberg et al — spent more than ever to win. But they also transformed the way political donations were spent by imposing corporate governance and specific returns on investment.

Every recipient had to deliver very specific outcomes to keep getting money, governed by lengthy contract-like documents. And the outcomes and deliverables were mapped to the two larger goals of controlling the narrative and the rules of the election.

That’s what interviews with three dozen experts revealed. So what do those same experts advise Republicans do to change their fortunes? Exactly what the Democrats did. Don’t point fingers, change the rules, and own the narrative, they said.

Phill Kline, the former Kansas attorney general, led the Amistad Project’s efforts to challenge some of the Democrats’ rule changes. He said the GOP legislatures in the key battlegrounds must reassert their constitutional right to set the rules of election.

Universal mail ballots can be ended, limited only to those who absolutely need it. Voter IDs can be mandated. Exemptions and legal settlements could, by law, be required to be approved by the legislature. Setting the rules of the election are easy if there is a will, Kline added.

“I think the discipline of the party should be all about de-powering Washington and empowering the states, especially the state legislatures,” Kline told Just the News.

Secondly, conservatives need to build their own information ecosystem that rivals what liberals have: a vibrant press that covers conservatives honestly, and powerful delivery channels that can rival YouTube, Twitter and Facebook.

New services like Rumble, Parler, Real America’s Voice, Citizen Free Press and CloutHub are incubating and attracting millions. They need to be grown and spread to tens of millions along with trusted news sources so conservatives have as big a bullhorn to the next generation of GenZ, millennials and cable-cutters as they have had to Boomers, talk radio and Fox News fans, the experts said.

... Finally, conservative donors need to have a new approach, stolen from the ROI [Return on Investment] model of the Soros and Bloomberg NGOs [Non-Governmental Organizations], so their millions don’t just enrich consultants but have measurable outcomes in setting the rules and narratives that win the next elections.

Everything from civic education and empowerment for state legislators to media-platform building needs to be funded, the experts said.

“Funding on the left seems much more strategic than funding on the right, which is predominantly tactical,” explained Steve Hantler, who advises several high-net-worth conservative donors.

“Liberal elites have for decades controlled the levers of power in education, media and entertainment and have used that power to indoctrinate generations of Americans against America’s founding values.

“Now is not the time for hand-wringing and finger-pointing. Now is the time for honest, critical self-evaluation.”

It’s also the time to rebuild, and fight back like our forefathers. The liberal media and social media giants are an existential threat. What we are experiencing is an all-out assault on our Republic from within. We will not stand idly by as they cancel conservatives for daring to speak freely.

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- After rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol, NBC News historian Michael Beschloss hysterically warned host Brian Williams, “we elected a president of the United States who never should have been there in the first place. In my view, we have been in danger and our children have been in danger for four years, every single day and night.” ■ MSNBC's Joe Scarborough was in a similar mood, railing, Trump “should be arrested today. He should be sent to jail. Don’t kid yourself. You had a very strong case.” ■ After the election, Stephen King sent another warm and cuddly message to Trump, “You lost, you miserable self-entitled f***er. Concede and get the hell out.” ■ Anti-American demagogue Raphael Warnock won his Georgia Senate race and that means “we’re not going backwards to the days of legal apartheid or segregation and divisiveness,” claims MSNBC's Al Sharpton. ■ PBS executive Michael Beller gets caught on hidden camera, “Americans are so f*cking dumb. You know, most people are dumb. It's good to live in a place where people are educated and know stuff. Could you imagine if you lived in one of these other towns or cities where everybody's just stupid?” (The really smart Michael Beller was fired two hours after that video surfaced.) ■ The Washington Post's Eugene Robinson shares his wisdom on MSNBC, “There are millions of Americans, almost all white, almost all Republicans who somehow need to be deprogrammed. It's as if they are members of a cult, the Trumpist cult and they have to be deprogrammed.” ■ On the upside, after Twitter closed President Trump's account, Twitter stock took a nosedive and lost $5 billion.
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