MRC Floods Cleveland and GOP Convention With One Message, ‘Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!’

Our country is in danger. In addition to the weak economy, $19-trillion national debt, under-equipped military, broken borders, and 94 million Americans not in the workforce, our police officers are being assassinated in the streets and radical Islamists are slaughtering Americans in cities such as Orlando, San Bernardino, and Boston.

That’s partly why this election year is crucial. Will we continue down the road of self-destructive socialism or will we change course by restoring the rule of law, individual liberty, and limited government?

This is what Americans must decide. But to make an educated decision, they need the facts. The left-wing media need to tell the truth!

In 2008 and 2012 the liberal media spun the news to rig the elections and advance their leftist agenda. They are trying to do the same in 2016. To fight back, we’ve launched our massive “Tell the Truth!” 2016 campaign. As part of this effort, we ran an extensive guerilla marketing campaign with the Tell the Truth! message in Cleveland for the GOP national convention. (The same is being done for the Democrat convention and will be reported on in the September Watchdog.)

The MRC flooded Cleveland with one very loud, very direct message: “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” The goal of the campaign was to let the liberal media at the convention know — wherever they turned — that they are being watched, and to deliver the MRC message to the lawmakers and speakers at the event.

This offbeat marketing was wildly successful. The MRC message was everywhere: on billboards, on signs, sidewalk stickers, on buttons and t-shirts, and in TV ads in taxicabs. Also, MRCTV and CNSNews.com were videotaping interviews with people inside and outside the convention and running them nationally.

In all, there were nine billboards (six of them digital) stating “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” and 100 large sidewalk stickers. There were also...
more than 3,000 taxicab TV ads highlighting examples of the liberal media bashing Donald Trump and Ted Cruz in the most crude and vile way imaginable.

The area was so saturated by our marketing that the liberal media were reporting it as a national news story.

Karen Tumulty with the Washington Post stayed in a hotel that overlooked a massive billboard that read, “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” She took a picture of it and tweeted it to her followers. Fox’s Howard Kurtz did the same thing, as did NPR’s Steve Inskeep, the Huffington Post’s Ryan Reilly, and Salon’s Ben Norton.

Tweets about the MRC message were cited in the Wall Street Journal.com, and a photo of the billboard was posted at the Cleveland Plain Dealer and in the Daily Mail, the second biggest newspaper in England. The sidewalk stickers, 2’ x 2’ wide, also got attention, with photos and mentions on Twitter, and in the Huffington Post and Los Angeles Times.

Signs that read “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” were held by supporters in the background of broadcasts by NBC, CNN, MSNBC, ABC, and Fox News. One creative supporter made his own sign in blue marker — “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” — and stood behind CNN’s Wolf Blitzer during a lengthy segment.

MRCTV reporter Brittany Hughes interviewed liberal Katie Couric, who claimed she did not think the media were sensationalizing the underwhelming protests at the convention and warned that it was “dangerous” to describe the liberal media as monolithic.

Out in the streets, MRCTV’s Dan Joseph interviewed anti-Trump protestors, including one who railed he would like to cut Trump’s “f---ing g---damned head off!” When Joseph asked a group if they wanted to see violence against Trump, the protestors yelled, “f--- yeah!”

While all these activities were taking place on the ground in Cleveland, the experts at MRC headquarters were documenting and exposing the liberal media every single day, with round-the-clock coverage.

The News Analysis Division, NewsBusters blog, MRC Culture, and MRC Action cranked out tons of short reports on the bias. These were posted at our websites, on Facebook, on Twitter, and e-mailed as alerts. Numerous MRC staff were also interviewed on radio about the liberal media coverage of the convention.

People at the GOP convention carried the ‘Don’t Believe The Liberal Media’ signs and then stood behind liberal journalists during their broadcasts, reaching millions of Americans. One person made his own sign with the MRC message and stood behind CNN’s Wolf Blitzer during a news report.
At least nine MRC items were picked up by the *Drudge Report*, which reaches 14 million people. On Fox, Sean Hannity held a printout of headlines from NewsBusters and read them to Newt Gingrich for comment. MRC updates were also cited by Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, TheBlaze, and BillOReilly.com.

I was on the ground in Cleveland, helping to spread our message conducting interviews on the Fox Business Network with Stuart Varney and Charles Payne (who were filling in for Neil Cavuto). I also spoke at a meeting of Americans for Tax Reform and was cited by *Roll Call* and *The Hill*, and interviewed for the *Daily Caller*, Wilkow radio, the *Mike Gallagher Show*, Joe Piscopo Show, WIND Chicago and KRLA Los Angeles. There were countless others.

Our campaign was so successful that not only did news outlets nationwide report on it, but every major speaker at the convention, including GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, made a point of talking about the problem of the liberal media.

In his nomination speech, for instance, Trump derided what he called “the carefully crafted lies and media myths.” Talking about radical Islam in his speech, Newt Gingrich said, “Let me be very clear, because I know the news media will do their best to distort this.”

The MRC’s message, “Don’t Believe The Liberal Media!” was clearly heard in Cleveland and nationwide. This happened only because of your support. To keep our campaign rolling through November, you can continue to help us by making a donation to the MRC today.

Call us at (571) 267-3500 or email development@mrc.org. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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It’s France’s Fault

In an attempt to spin away the violence inherent in radical Islam that cost the lives of 84 innocents in Nice, NBC Today’s terror analyst Michael Leiter blamed … the French. “The French really do have a disenfranchised Muslim population, which has become extremely isolated,” lectured Leiter. “And even France’s efforts to allow for the free expression of religion has, I think arguably in some cases, produced more isolation and more radicalization.”

CNN’s Newsroom apparently got the same talking point. On July 15, anchor Brooke Baldwin asked reporter Nima Elbagir to talk “about the disenfranchised Muslim community” in Nice. Elbagir obediently exclaimed, “even as we stand here [in Nice] we’re not very far from the disenfranchisement and marginalization…. That is why ISIS has been able to find a foothold here.” Got it? Islamic terrorism is caused by feeling disenfranchised and marginalized. Sounds like Obama.

CBS Mocks ‘Ignorant’ Noah’s Ark Attraction

Apparently short on news to cover, CBS This Morning went out of its way to criticize a biblical theme park in Kentucky that features a true-to-size Noah’s ark. At the attraction, Noah’s Ark Experience, CBS’s Mark Strassmann fretted, “Nothing like it built before. But critics wonder why it was even built at all.” Strassmann then claimed that (unnamed) “critics say” the ark “is not the truth” and “not scientifically based. This is promoting an ignorant view.”

Online, CBSNews.com complained, “Some critics see the ark as a celebration of ignorance. Others complain employees have to be Christian and sign a ‘statement of faith’ — and believe the ark’s $18 million in state tax incentives trampled the line between church and state. But a federal court allowed it.” Yes, the court did. Welcome to America, CBS.

Angry Old Whites

Reasserting his leftist bona fides, Boston Globe scribbler Charles Pierce went on MSNBC and complained about the GOP convention as being too white. “If you are really optimistic, you could say this is the last time that old white people will command the Republican Party’s attention, its platform, its public face,” Pierce gleefully commented. “That hall is wired by loud, unhappy, dissatisfied white people.”

Pierce, no doubt, would never say of the DNC that it is “wired by loud, unhappy, dissatisfied black people.” That would be racist, after all. This is the same Charles Pierce who described House Speaker Paul Ryan as “Satan” — no bias there?
Gay Trek

In its relentless drive to promote the LGBT agenda, the new Star Trek Beyond movie will project USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu as gay, with a husband, and the two have a daughter. Justin Cho, who plays the gay Sulu, told the Hollywood Reporter that the change was “no big thing,” and that he hopes this is where “we are going as a species, to not politicize one’s personal orientations.”

Star Trek Beyond’s writer, Simon Pegg, lectured that a homosexual Sulu will lead audiences to “infer that there has been an LGBT presence in the Trek Universe from the beginning, that a gay hero isn’t something new or strange…. Whatever magic ingredient determines our sexuality was different for Sulu in our timeline. I like this idea because it suggests that in a hypothetical multiverse, across an infinite matrix of alternate realities, we are all LGBT somewhere.” Whatever that meant.

Confiscate All Guns

In addition to pushing an LGBT message, Hollywood consistently advocates for gun control, even though it makes millions with high-action, gun-slinging thrillers. In his latest outburst, actor Matt Damon, who plays the Beretta-packing spy in the Jason Bourne films, lectured that all guns in America should be confiscated, as was done in Australia.

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The Left vs. Free Speech

It’s a paradox. The liberal media champion themselves as the most open-minded people on planet Earth, with a devotion to the freedom of speech. How can intelligent people be so wrong? In reality, liberal elites have a nasty tendency to dismiss “conservative thought” as an oxymoron. They don’t read conservative books or magazines, and they wouldn’t lower themselves to watching conservatives on television. They have disdain for conservative talk radio. They’re virtually illiterate on conservatives and conservatism.

What happens in the event the inclusive and tolerant elites identify some spark of conservative brain activity? They respond with journalistic censorship.

This gets more interesting when a conservative book charges the Left with seeking to crush conservative freedom of speech as the quickest route to political victory. Oh, the irony!

Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel has written a book called The Intimidation Game: How the Left Is Silencing Free Speech. The New York Times is not under the obligation to review it, nor is any conservative surprised that they won’t. But they have no right to misrepresent its circulation. This is precisely what the Times is doing, playing games with sales figures to suppress Strassel’s book from its Best Sellers list.

In its first week in print, Strassel’s book ranked sixth on the Nielsen BookScan list of best-sellers. Somehow the Times couldn’t find a space anywhere on its Top 15, despite including on its list books that sold less than Strassel’s on the Nielsen list.

Best Sellers beget more sales and the New York Times is trying to thwart that possibility. Conservative authors from Ted Cruz to David Limbaugh have seen these games before. But this book is about suppressing free speech....so the shamelessness is even deeper.

The Intimidation Game paints a broad picture of liberal intimidation at the highest levels. It provides the real story the pro-Obama press refuses to report regarding the efforts by the IRS to harass Tea Party groups, deconstructing Barack Obama’s fiction that this campaign was limited to a few low-level agents in Cincinnati. It reveals how Democratic senators have misused their positions to hassle universities that offended them by employing the “wrong” kind of climate scientists.

Here’s another story the left-wing “news” media have refused to report: how liberal Wisconsin prosecutors used secret subpoenas and predawn raids in attempt to criminalize some 30 conservative groups that had dared to supported Gov. Scott Walker’s attempt to reform state government. Strassel also tells a sad story about how average Americans have had their cars keyed and businesses flash-mobbed for having the temerity to support conservative ballot initiatives.

The title Inconvenient Truth was taken. But that’s what Strassel does. She tells inconvenient truths that liberals want to hide, first by refusing to report the stories and then by censoring those who do.

There have been numerous books written over the years about this left-wing censorship, including last year’s The Silencing by Kirsten Powers and End of Discussion by Mary Katherine Ham and Guy Benson. (Neither was reviewed by the New York Times, either.) These tomes are a call to action. Conservatives ought not to be silent about this censorship. They need to respond to the Left’s effort to crush free speech with more speech designed to expose their raging and cowardly agenda.

Liberal open-mindedness? There’s your oxymoron.
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**

BLAZE TV:
- Tomi Lahren Show, Jul. 12
- C-SPAN
  - Washington Journal, Jul. 4, 7
- EWTN
  - Catholic Connection, Jun. 29

FBN:
- Varney & Co., Jul. 6, 7
- Risk & Reward, Jun. 29

FNC:
- Cavuto Coast to Coast, Jul. 18
- Fox 8 News, Jul. 12
- Fox & Friends, Jul. 6
- Fox News Sunday, Jul. 3
- Your World, Jul. 18, 22

OANN:
- Daily Ledger, Jun. 30, Jul. 7, 14, 21
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**Radio**

AFN, Focal Point, Jun. 27, Jul. 4, 18
- Alan Nathan Show, Jul. 8, 15, 21, 22
- American Family Radio, Jun. 30
- Jan 1, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20
- Janet Mefferd Show, Jul. 18

Lars Larson Show, Jul. 20
- Mark Levin, Jun. 24
- NPR All Things Considered, Jul. 20
- Phil Valentine Show, Jul. 6, 12
- Rush Limbaugh Show, Jun. 6, 13, 20, 21, 25
- Rusty Humphries Show, Jun. 29
- Jan 1, 6, 7, 8, 15, 19
- Sean Hannity, Jul. 20

KCOL, Loveland, CO, Jul. 1, 7, 12
- KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA, Jul. 7, 21
- KERV, Kerrville, TX, Jun. 29, Jul. 6, 13, 20
- KFAB, Omaha, NE, Jun. 29, Jul. 14
- KFAX, San Francisco, CA, Jul. 13, 19
- KHTE, Little Rock, AR, Jul. 12
- KNTH, Houston, TX, Jun. 27, 30
- Jul. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21
- KPRZ, New Orleans, LA, Jun. 29
- Jul. 6, 13, 20
- KVOE, Colorado Springs, CO, Jun. 29
- Jul. 1, 11, 12, 18, 20
- KWEL, Midland, TX, Jun. 28
- Jul. 5, 12, 19
- KXLY, Brownwood, TX, Jul. 6, 12, 19
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Jul. 15, 22
- WBAP, Dallas, TX, Jun. 24, Jul. 1, 20
- WEKY, Almira, NY, Jun. 27, Jul. 4, 11, 18
- WGD, Lewes, DE, Jun. 27, Jul. 4, 11, 18
- WIBA, Madison, WI, Jun. 28, Jul. 12
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Jun. 27
- Jul. 4, 11, 18
- WJNA, Charlottesville, VA, Jun. 20
- WLW, Cincinnati, OH, Jun. 26
- WMUZ, Detroit, MI, Jul. 20
- WNNR, Augusta, GA, Jul. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Jun. 28
- Jul. 5, 12, 19
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Jul. 1
- 8, 15, 22
- WTMJ, Charleston, SC, Jul. 6, 7, 15
- WXOW, Madison, WI, Jul. 7, 19
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**Print**

USA Today, Jun. 27, Jul. 15
- Washington Post, Jul. 14, 15, 21
- Washington Times, Jun. 29, Jul. 12, 17, 19, 20
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**Internet & Twitter**

American Energy Alliance, Jul. 11, 14
- American Spectator, Jul. 20
- Bernard Goldberg, Jul. 21
- BillOReilly.com, Jul. 21
- BizPac Review, Jun. 30, Jul. 13, 18, 21
- Breitbart, Jun. 27, Jul. 30, Jul. 6, 14
- Business Insider, Jul. 15
- Canada Free Press, Jul. 20
- CNN, Jun. 29
- Charisma News, Jun. 27, 30, Jul. 19
- Christian Times, Jul. 16
- Cleveland.com, Jul. 13
- Conservative HQ, Jul. 13
- Delmarva Daily Times, Jul. 1
- Donald J. Trump, Jul. 15
- Drudge Report, Jul. 5, 8, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26
- Fox Nation, Jun. 29
- Fox News, Jun. 29
- Jul. 3, 5, 20
- GOP USA, Jul. 8
- Hot Air, Jun. 24, Jul. 21
- Indianapolis Star, Jul. 15
- Life News, Jun. 29
- Jul. 5, 6, 19, 20, 21
- Life Site News, Jul. 21
- Live Action News, Jul. 21
- Miami Herald, Jul. 21
- Newsmax, Jun. 29
- One News Now, Jul. 4
- 1, 7, 12, 14, 16, 21
- Philadelphia Inquirer, Jul. 20
- Red Alert Politics, Jul. 19, 21
- Reuters, Jul. 15, 16
- Roll Call, Jul. 14
- Rush Limbaugh.com, Jul. 6, 13, 20, 21, 25
- Salon, Jul. 18
- The Blaze, Jul. 20
- The Daily Caller, Jul. 6, 15, 19 (2), 21
- The Daily Mail, Jul. 20
- The Gospel Herald, Jul. 18
- Townhall, Jul. 2, 11, 15, 18
- Washington Examiner, Jul. 11, 18, 19, 20, 21
- Washington Free Beacon, Jul. 6
- World Net Daily, Jul. 4, 11, 19, 20
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**Twitter**

@dioreisch, 399K followers, Jul. 11
@donaldtrumpjr, 541K followers, Jul. 21
@drudge_report, 960K followers, Jul. 5, 20
@energylrief, 14.3K followers, Jul. 5, 13
@foxnation, 238K followers, Jul. 5
@frcdc, 22.4K followers, Jul. 21
@foxnation, 238K followers, Jul. 5
@energybrief, 14.3K followers, Jul. 5, 13
@drudge_report, 960K followers, Jul. 5, 18
@foxnation, 238K followers, Jul. 5
@red ALERT, 48.5K followers, Jul. 5
@replouiegohmert, 60.9K followers, Jul. 19
@repkevinbrady, 16.8K followers, Jul. 21
@replouiegohmert, 60.9K followers, Jul. 19
@replouiegohmert, 60.9K followers, Jul. 19
@studentsforlifehq, 22.7K followers, Jul. 13
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CNN’s Kayleigh McEnany cites liberal media bias research from the MRC live during the GOP national convention.

On Fox & Friends, MRCTV’s Dan Joseph discusses how the liberal media distorted the facts about the FBI investigation of Hillary Clinton’s email scandal.

Fox News’ Bill Hemmer and Martha MacCallum discuss the MRC billboard in Philadelphia, which says, ‘Dear Hillary, We have your back. [heart] the Media.’

Can’t a man just get some coffee in peace? The liberal media were keeping extra close tabs on the MRC’s actions during the convention. The NBC Today show camera men weren’t stalkling MRC President Brent Bozell and MRC Political Director Christian Robey one morning. Or, were they?

@lifenewshq, 165K followers, Jul. 21
@markleavinshow, 599K followers, Jul. 6
@nra380Kfollowers, Jul. 11, 20
@redalert, 48.5K followers, Jul. 5
@replouiegohmert, 60.9K followers, Jul. 19
@replouiegohmert, 60.9K followers, Jul. 19
@studentsforlifeHQ, 22.7K followers, Jul. 13
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Minibits

■ After the High Court ruled against President Obama’s amnesty plan for 5 million illegals, ABC’s David Muir barked, “The Supreme Court just delivered a gut punch to millions of immigrants.” Muir’s report was coupled with an on-screen shot of a little boy wearing a t-shirt that read, “Don’t Deport My Mom.” ■ CNN’s Christiane Amanpour lets her radical left hair down on Brexit, railing, “A lot of the Leave movements are led by the hard right, very, very xenophobic, anti-immigrant, very popularist, nationalist, white identity politics.” ■ Completely ignoring the fact that the Orlando shooter was a radical Islamic terrorist pledged to ISIS, NBC’s Josh Mankiewicz frets there’s “something terribly wrong within our society where a broken soul and a loaded gun have led to so many tragedies,” and NBC’s Gayle King predictably lectures, “It does raise the question about gun control. What will it take to move the needles when it comes to gun control?” ■ MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow greatly fears a Trump win because “you don’t have to go back far in history to get to almost apocalyptic scenarios” like “what it was like when Hitler first became chancellor.” ■ The Daily Beast’s Eleanor Clift explains Hillary Clinton’s email scandal as being “extremely careless,” and which is “like jaywalking compared to everything Donald Trump has put out there.” ■ HBO’s Bill Maher reveals his charming self, again: “I would never say all Republicans are racist, but if you’re a racist and you’re looking for a political party, this is the obvious choice. They just don’t like the idea of a black family eating off the White House china.” ■ The NYT absurdly claims of the Orlando Islamist, the “motivation for the rampage is unclear,” but “hate crimes don’t happen in a vacuum. This is the state of American politics, driven too often by Republican politicians, who see prejudice as something to exploit, not extinguish.” ■ Huffington Post’s Sam Stein rails that Trump is “talking about mosque surveillance. I mean, he’s this close, this close to talking about internment camps. It is a very scary proposition.”