The 2016 presidential campaign reconfirmed what the Media Research Center has documented and exposed for nearly 30 years: the leftist press is in the tank for the Democratic Party and will use its power to try to steer elections and the culture down the road to socialism. The “news media” are propagandists, not journalists.

In 2016, the liberal media gave aid and comfort to Hillary Clinton, covering up her scandals when they could, spinning them in her favor when they couldn’t. As for Donald Trump, they relentlessly attacked him, an unprecedented avalanche of negative coverage.

The liberal media even cheated to help Clinton. As Wikileaks showed, many so-called journalists were colluding with the Clinton campaign to manipulate coverage and rig the debates.

Thus it was no surprise going into Election Day to see the liberal media and the liberal-leaning polls forecasting a big Clinton victory. They were completely invested in her campaign. There was no other side to the story in their politically correct universe.

They censored the huge appeal of Trump and smeared his supporters as racists, Nazis and women-haters. Following Hillary’s cue, they tarred some 60 million Americans as “deplorables.” Then Clinton lost, “bigly,” and all her liberal media cheerleaders fell with her. In part, the 2016 election was a massive repudiation of the press. Our message — “Don’t Believe the Liberal Media!” — succeeded.

But while Clinton’s defeat is over, the media’s loss is ongoing. Their credibility is shot. They misjudged the American people and the power of social media. They got nearly everything wrong because they were trying to influence the election, not report it. Yet it looks like they’ve learned nothing from their debacle. Let’s examine some of the damage.

From the moment Trump entered the presidential race the liberal media trashed him, first as a joke, then as a dangerous, Nazi-like demagogue. As MRC Research Director Rich Noyes detailed in a post-election commentary for FoxNews.com, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell derided Trump as an “imbecile candidate,” while NPR’s Bob Garfield slammed him for “racism, xenophobia, misogyny… and a nuclear recklessness reminiscent of a raving meth head with a machete.”

CBS’s Nancy Giles speculated Trump was “clinically insane, a view echoed by Morning Joe’s Mika Brzezinski.
When asked about a possible Trump win, MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow said she was reading a lot about when “Hitler first became chancellor…. I think that’s possibly where we are.” Newsweek’s Jon Meacham mocked, “the movement from George H. W. Bush to Donald Trump disproves Darwin.”

The NYT’s Jim Rutenberg lectured that reporters shouldn’t be neutral if they believe Trump “is a demagogue” and “would be dangerous with control of the United States nuclear codes.” Univision’s Jorge Ramos whistled the same tune, telling reporters they “cannot hide in the principle of neutrality.”

The Washington Post’s Chris Cillizza wrote, “Why no one should take Donald Trump seriously, in one very simple chart.” A path to the presidency for Trump “doesn’t” exist, he declared, “not even close.”

Hollywood jumped in. The Tonight Show’s Stephen Colbert predicted, “Mr. Trump, to answer your call for political honesty, I just want to say you’re not going to be president…. There is zero chance we’ll be seeing you sworn in on the Capitol Steps with your hand on a giant golden Bible!” Actor George Clooney announced, “There’s not going to be a President Donald Trump.” All the usual suspects smeared Trump: Joy Behar, Barbra Streisand, Rob Reiner, Bill Maher, Cher, Robert DeNiro, The Daily Show, Saturday Night Live.

On top of that, the MRC documented that from July 29 to October 20 the evening network news coverage of Trump was 91% negative.

In addition, Wikileaks revealed that many liberal journalists were working hand-in-glove with the Clinton campaign. Emails proved, for instance, that CNN contributor and DNC Chairwoman Donna Brazile passed debate and town hall questions to Clinton staff. The town hall was a CNN event and Brazile was rigging it. When caught, Brazile lied about it on national TV (see page 6).

As I told Fox Business’ After the Bell, “The whole story is sleazy…. CNN cheated. She cheated with the Clinton campaign….It’s so incestuous what is going on. Now you understand the Donald Trump [appeal], the whole movement behind Donald Trump is this understanding that Washington is absolutely corrupt. And the news media and the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton Foundation, all one and the same thing.”

Polls on media credibility seem to bear that out. A USA Today survey in late October showed that, by 10 to 1, voters believed the news media wanted Clinton to win. An AP poll showed that 56% of voters said the media were biased against Trump. Gallup found that trust in the national news media was at an all-time low, dropping 25% in 2016 alone.

An MRC/YouGov poll after the election showed that 69% of voters do not think the news media are honest and truthful, and 59% said the media favored Clinton. However, 97% said they did not let the media’s bias influence their vote.

The media are in full panic mode because the American people rejected their leftist agenda — and them. In trying to destroy Trump the liberal media killed their own already crippled credibility. This is a problem that can’t be fixed with an apology. It is an institutional problem and it does not look like the left-wing news executives are interested in or capable of changing course.

The MRC, America’s media watchdog, will hold their feet to the fire. We will continue to document, expose, and neutralize liberal media bias 24/7. You can support us in this good fight by making a donation to the MRC today. Give us a call (571-267-355) or visit MRC.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
During the 2016 presidential campaign the left-wing media relentlessly smeared and mocked Donald J. Trump as a racist clown who would never win the Republican primary, let alone the election. When he did win “bigly” the corrupt media turned to smearing the 62 million Americans who voted for him, tarring them as racists, uneducated, and stupid.

The Media Research Center documented and exposed these vile attacks, and continues to do so as they will only get worse over the next four years. Let’s look at some of the more rancid examples.

PBS’s David Brooks, the fake conservative who also opines for the New York Times, complained two days before the election that “less educated” whites backed Trump, and “people are just going with their gene pool and whatever it is.” Had Brooks said that of blacks in 2008 — voting with their “gene pool” — he likely would have lost his job, but PBS is perfectly okay with tarring whites.

After the election, on Nov. 11, the New York Times blamed sexist Trump supporters. The paper quoted a retired nurse, “I underestimated the level of misogyny in the country…. I forgot how much people hate women.”

“‘It was a ‘white-lash’ against a black president, in part.’

“bringing neo-nazism in from the cold and giving it West Wing power.” These “well-to-do white men chose to vote for a dangerous misogynist who demonized immigrants and people of color.”


Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne, who was wrong in every major campaign prediction he made about Trump, blamed “people of my gender, race and class — college-educated white men — for giving Trump his margin.” These “well-to-do white men chose to vote for a dangerous misogynist who demonized immigrants and people of color.” Got it, white guys? You all hate women and non-whites.

For a little spice, Dionne also blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin and FBI Director James Comey, two white guys.

The NYT’s Paul Krugman blamed “racial prejudice and misogyny,” particularly among “white people, living in mainly rural areas.” For them, he railed, it’s “about blood and soil, about traditional patriarchy and racial hierarchy.” (You can almost see the Nuremberg rallies rising from Krugman’s rhetoric.)

Finally, from the Hollywood pulpit, writer/producer Aaron Sorkin went full melodrama: “It wasn’t just Donald Trump who won last night — it was his supporters too. The Klan won last night. White nationalists. Sexists, racists and buffoons. Angry young white men … and misogynistic s- -theads everywhere.”

Put on your armor. This is just the beginning of the leftist media’s counter attack on Americans who reject the liberal agenda.

MRC's Response Goes Viral

Exasperated from watching and recording the liberal media’s nonstop attacks on the American public, the MRC’s news analysts produced a powerful video response, hosted by MRCTV’s Brittany M. Hughes, and delivered it through social media. The public took the post and spread it with gusto. The video received more than 23 million views and 544,190 shares.

To see this video visit: https://goo.gl/Vsc3U3
Smearing Bannon

After President-elect Donald Trump announced on Nov. 11 that his campaign CEO Steve Bannon would be his senior counselor and chief strategist in the White House, the liberal media proceeded to smear Bannon as a racist, white nationalist, and anti-Semite. They presented no evidence to back their claims and over four days ABC, CBS, and NBC devoted nearly 42 minutes in combined coverage to bashing Bannon. As the MRC documented, that coverage was 74% negative.

Over those same four days, the networks gave only 2 minutes of coverage — none of it negative — to Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), who is running to become the next head of the Democratic National Committee. Ellison, a Muslim, has defended the vile and anti-Semitic Nation of Islam, equated the 9/11 terrorist attacks with the rigged Reichstag fire in Nazi Germany, and received donations from people tied to the radical Muslim Brotherhood.

Despite those facts, the leftist media are still attacking Trump and smearing his staff.

Hypocrites

The liberal media were quick to castigate Washington florist Baronelle Stutzman who refused to make floral arrangements for a homosexual wedding — for religious reasons — but were perfectly fine with Michelle Obama’s dress designer, Sophie Theallet, refusing to design for Melania Trump or “associate” with her in any way.

Theallet lectured that her brand “stands against all discrimination and prejudice,” and is “an expression of our artistic and philosophical ideas.” She was applauded by the liberal pundits, and Glamour writer Noah Silverstein cheered, “Theallet’s argument is noble and valid, to be sure.”

As for Stutzman, the networks and CNN and MSNBC cast her as a bigot. CNN’s Chris Cuomo was typical when he lectured that Christians like Stutzman try to “project your religious beliefs onto the behavior of others,” and use religious liberty under the First Amendment as a “way to legalize discrimination against same-sex couples.”

When Michelle Obama’s dress designer, Sophie Theallet (above), refused to design for Melania Trump the media applauded her. Yet the same liberal media chastised a Christian florist for refusing to make floral arrangements for a homosexual wedding, saying she was trying to “project your religious beliefs onto the behavior of others.”
Hollywood Hate

Although much of Hollywood expressed displeasure and bitterness with the presidential win of Donald Trump, no one seemed to epitomize the left-wing hatred more viciously than actor Michael Shannon. Fuming about the election on New York magazine’s Vulture blog, Shannon spewed, “There’s a lot of old people who need to realize they’ve had a nice life, and it’s time for them to move on because they’re the ones who go out and vote for these a--holes.”

“If you look at the young people, between 18 and 25, if it was up to them, Hillary would have been president. No offense to the seniors out there. My mom’s a senior citizen. But if you’re voting for Trump, it’s time for the urn.” And if your parents voted for Trump, Stormtrooper Shannon ranted, “F--k ‘em. You’re an orphan now. Don’t go home. Don’t go home for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Don’t talk to them at all. Silence speaks volumes.”

‘Worthless Trash’

George Mason University’s Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Andrew Bunting wrote on his Facebook page that any person who opposes homosexual marriage and voted for Donald Trump is a “worthless piece of trash.” The networks and major newspapers, including The Washington Post, didn’t report it. Imagine if he had said that about Muslims.

Keep in mind, Bunting is responsible for reviewing student applications to GMU and making decisions about their acceptance or rejection.

In his Facebook post, he railed that the National Organization for Marriage is “a recognized HATE GROUP by the Southern Poverty Law Center [and] is not representative of the key pillars of American society. If you agree with them … know that to the rest of us, you are a piece of worthless trash.” He also mocked those who say “don’t worry” about Trump, “it won’t be that bad.”

Although the leftist media are censoring the issue, Fox’s O’Reilly ran a story about Bunting and cited the MRC for breaking the news.

Media Too Balanced?

Furious over Donald Trump’s presidential win, famous Hollywood director Ethan Coen — maker of such films as Fargo, True Grit, and The Big Lebowski — criticized NBC’s Jimmy Fallon for being too nice to Trump and absurdly claimed that the leftist media’s “reportorial balance” helped Trump. Trashing Fallon, Coen mocked, “Maybe now you could have the [KKK] Grand Wizard of your show: He leans his head to you, you slip his hood off and ruffle his hair. Could be a cute bit!”

For “our media friends,” Coen continued, “thank you for preserving reportorial balance.” He than rattled off a list of Trump’s sins balanced “against Hillary’s emails.” These sins included “racist lies” about Obama’s birth, “torture by our military, jokes about assassination,” and claims about “a rigged election.” “You balanced tirelessly, indefatigably; you balanced, and then you balanced some more. And for that: we thank you.” Hollywood, the land of dreams and make-believe.

Media Fail

A Pew survey from November showed that nearly half of Americans did not trust the media’s coverage of the 2016 presidential campaign - 38% of those surveyed gave the media an “F” while only 22% gave them an “A” or “B.” Nineteen percent gave the media a “C” and 21% gave them a “D.”

The failing grade was worse than during the 2004 campaign, when 16% of Americans gave the media an F, and the 2008 campaign when 24% of Americans gave the media an F. In 2012, the media scored an F from 26% of the population.

When it came to Trump supporters in particular, 60% gave the press an F in 2016. This was “the first time a majority of any presidential candidate’s supporters has ‘failed’ the press for its campaign conduct,” said Pew. Clinton supporters, no surprise, liked the press coverage: 38% gave them an A or B and only 15% gave them an F.
CNN Gets Caught in Cheating Scandal

Rush Limbaugh found just the right analogy for the CNN cheating scandal where (now) former CNN analyst Donna Brazile fed “town hall” questions to Hillary Clinton. It’s the quiz-show scandal of the 1950s, where Charles Van Doren was given the questions on the NBC game show Twenty One in advance and looked like a genius on national television. Van Doren later apologized to America: “I have deceived my friends, and I had millions of them.”

That’s not the way CNN and Brazile reacted when exposed by the Wikileaks e-mails. In the first incriminating email, Brazile had told the Clinton team “[f]rom time to time I get the questions in advance” and gave them a question on the death penalty that Hillary would be asked on CNN’s March 13 town hall meeting.

When the cheating was uncovered, CNN claimed Brazile didn’t get the question from CNN sources, but instead from TV One’s Roland Martin, who had been...a longtime paid CNN analyst. For his part Martin denied sending Brazile the question, but she had it word for word. Brazile denied the very email: “I never had access to questions and would never have shared them with the candidates if I did.” Brazile even deepened the deception by protesting to Fox’s Megyn Kelly: “As a Christian woman, I understand persecution, but I will not sit here and be persecuted.”

Then on October 31, the other shoe fell, deepening the lie. Wikileaks released another email where Brazile promised the Clintonites more town hall questions: “I’ll send a few more.” Brazile also tipped Clinton aide John Podesta before a March 6 CNN debate in Flint, Michigan, that a local woman “has lead poison and she will ask what, if anything, will Hillary do as president to help the [people] of Flint.”

Now what was CNN to do? The networks’ response was as bizarre as Brazile’s was dishonest. CNN claimed it had accepted her resignation on October 14 – 17 days prior. The “public’s right to know” stops at the water’s edge of journalism.

But why accept the resignation? CNN had a responsibility to fire Brazile for cheating — and didn’t. CNN staged a phony event, and they got caught. So like good liberals, they’re playing the victim card and blaming Roland Martin.

Online, CNN put out a story where a network spokeswoman claimed CNN was “completely uncomfortable with what we have learned about her interactions with the Clinton campaign while she was a CNN contributor.” They insisted CNN “never gave Brazile access to any questions, prep material, attendee list, background information or meetings in advance of a town hall or debate.”

What about on CNN’s airwaves, where it happened? Media reporters Brian Stelter and Dylan Byers — hour-by-hour fixtures for a Trump scandal or a Fox News controversy — disappeared. Brazile’s name went unmentioned after the news broke around noon on Halloween.

On the morning of November 1, it came up again on New Day when Republican congressman Chris Collins raised it: “Your own network, CNN, had to fire Donna Brazile on October 14th, for getting the town hall questions ahead of time, leaking them to the Clinton campaign.” CNN anchor Alisyn Camerota changed the subject: “But Congressman, how about the connections between Donald Trump and Russia?”

CNN’s fraudulent programming and its unwillingness to own up to it on television is another reason why trust in the media is at an all-time low (according to Gallup) and why by 10 to 1 in a new USA Today poll, the American people say the media want Hillary to win. CNN’s reputation has been sullied by this shameful episode. It really is the Clinton News Network.
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

- **CNN**
  - Anderson Cooper 360, Oct. 26
  - Reliable Sources, Oct. 30
- **FBN**
  - After the Bell, Oct. 26, Nov. 16
  - Cavuto Coast to Coast, Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 11, 16
  - Lou Dobbs Tonight, Oct. 25, 26, 27, Nov. 5, 17
  - Making Money with Charles Payne, Oct. 26, 27
  - Mornings with Maria, Oct. 26
  - Risk & Reward, Nov. 16, 24
  - The Intelligence Report, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 11, 18
  - Varney & Co., Oct. 25, 27, Nov. 9
- **FNC**
  - America’s Election HQ, Oct. 15
  - America’s Newsroom, Oct. 26
  - Fox & Friends, Oct. 27, 28, 30, Nov. 13, 19
  - Hannity, Oct. 26
  - Kelly File, Oct. 25, Nov. 17
  - Outnumbered, Oct. 26
  - Your World w/Neil Cavuto, Oct. 26
- **NBC**
  - Today Show, Oct. 28
- **Newsmax TV**
  - Newsmax Prime, Aug. 28
  - Steve Malzberg Show, Nov. 16
- **OANN**
  - Daily Ledger, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, 17

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### Print

- **Chicago Tribune**, Oct. 24
- **International Business Times**, Oct. 26
- **New York Times**, Nov. 28
- **USA Today**, Nov. 9

### Internet & Twitter

- **Fox News**, Oct. 25, 26, 27, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17
- **Drudge Report**, Nov. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30
- **US News**, Oct. 26, Nov. 9
- **Bretibart News**, Nov. 2, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18
- **CBN News**, Nov. 11, 12, 18
- **LifeSite News**, Oct. 24, 27, Nov. 11, 14, 17
- **One News Now**, Oct. 28, Nov. 14
- **American Energy Alliance**, Nov. 3, 5
- **Newsmax**, Oct. 22, 25, 26, Nov. 7, 15, 17
- **National Right to Life News**, Nov. 11, 15
- **The Blaze**, Oct. 27, Nov. 15
- **Yahoo News**, Oct. 26
- **Christian Today**, Oct. 26
- **Fox Nation**, Oct. 26, Nov. 6, 16
- **Yahoo News**, Nov. 9
- **Instapundit**, Nov. 10
- **The College Fix**, Nov. 13
- **Dailykail**, Nov. 15, 18
- **Christian Post**, Nov. 15
- **American Thinker**, Oct. 27, Nov. 15, 16, 17
- **Western Journalism**, Nov. 15, 16, 18
- **The Hill**, Nov. 9, 17, 28
- **Conservative HQ**, Nov. 9, 17
- **Townhall**, Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 17, 22
- **Life News**, Oct. 24, 25, 28, Nov. 9, 10, 14
- **Politico**, Oct. 25, 26
- **RedState**, Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 11
- **World Net Daily**, Oct. 25, 26, 27
- **Washington Free Beacon**, Oct. 25, 27

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### Radio

- **AFA, Focal Point**, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 14
- **Alan Nathan Show**, Oct. 24, 28, Nov. 8, 10, 14, 17, 18
- **American Family Radio**, Nov. 9, 11, 18
- **Bob Dutko Show**, Nov. 16
- **Breitbart News Daily**, Oct. 25, Nov. 18
- **Crane Durham’s Nothing but Truth**, Oct. 28, Nov. 7, 10, 11, 18
- **Kelly File**, Oct. 25, Nov. 17
- **Mark Levin Show**, Sept. 6, 9, 18
- **Rush Limbaugh Show**, Oct. 17, 25, Nov. 9, 14, 16, 17, 29
- **Rusty Humphries Show**, Oct. 28, Nov. 14
- **Sean Hannity Show**, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, 17
- **Steve Deace Show**, Nov. 16
- **Tim Constantine’s Capitol Hill Show**, Oct. 26
- **KDFA**, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 15, 17
- **KFWI**, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 14, 15
- **KGNO**, Seattle, WA, Oct. 24, Nov. 9
- **KIDO**, Boise, ID, Nov. 1, Nov. 22
- **KTHI**, Houston, TX, Oct. 24, Nov. 10, 14, 17
- **KVOR**, Colorado Springs, CO, Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16
- **WBAP**, Dallas, TX, Nov. 8, 16
- **WCGO**, Chicago, IL, Oct. 28, Nov. 11

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MARLENE H.
Retired, taught English (9-12) for 34 years in Wisconsin high schools.

Minibits

Directional Media

Dana Milbank justifies media hostility toward Donald Trump: “In an ordinary presidential campaign, press neutrality is essential. But in Trump we have somebody who has threatened democracy.” Daily Beast’s Dean Obeidallah declares that Fox News is for people “too lazy to join the Klan.” The New York Times’s Tom Friedman lectures that the GOP “needs to crash and burn. This version of the Republican Party needs to die.” CNN’s Van Jones smears the House Republicans as traitorous: “When you just stop the entire government from functioning, there’s a word for that: treason.” Van Jones also whines post-election, “It’s hard to be a parent, tonight, for a lot of us. You tell your kids, ‘don’t be a bully.’ You tell your kids, ‘don’t be a bigot.’ And then you have this outcome. How do I explain this to my children?” NPR’s Maria Hinojosa cites Elie Wiesel on why one can’t use the words “illegal alien”: “The first thing they did [in Germany] was that they declared the Jews to be an illegal people. And that’s what we’re talking about at this point. This is real fear.” One week before the election, GQ’s Keith Olbermann ranted that Trump “is a bully with severe anger management problems, combined with a desire to have and use nuclear weapons. And he’s not running for president, but for dictator.” Filmmaker Ken Burns goes hysterical, “I don’t recognize my country anymore. This is so terrifying. [Trump’s] playbook is out of the National Socialist party in Germany.” West Wing creator Aaron Sorkin rails about the election, “The Klan won last night. White nationalists, sexists, racists and buffoons. Hate was given hope.”