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Huffington Post Promotes Using Violence Against Trump, Doesn't Discount Assassination – Liberal Media Do Not Object

The left-wing media apparently support violence of any kind if it is used against conservatives. When the left physically attacks the right, it is justified by the liberal media who spin that the right somehow “caused” the violence in the first place: We were at fault.

Thus, you hear that an anti-gay, pro-gun atmosphere sparked the terrorism at the LGBT night club in Orlando. Or, you hear that Donald Trump's tough rhetoric is responsible for violence at his political rallies.

Along the same lines, when there is video evidence of assaults on Trump supporters by liberal thugs, the networks play it down or censor

it. At a Trump rally in San Jose in June, for instance, Trump supporters were attacked, sucker-punched, cut with nails, spit on, and had their clothes torn off.

Juan Hernandez is a gay Latino who supports Trump and he was beaten while leaving the San Jose rally; his nose was broken and he suffered a mild concussion. Only Fox's *The Kelly File* covered that story. The networks said nothing.

It is an absolute outrage that the liberal *Huffington Post* published an article on June 6 that advocated violence against Donald Trump and his supporters, as well as the so-called “forces” that underpin him, including “conservative

radio, Fox News, [and] the Tea Party.”

In addition, the article by Jesse Benn did not qualify “violence,” which means it includes assassination. Think about that: an article in the *Huffington Post* calls for violence, and doesn't discount assassination – bombing? shooting? – of a U.S. presidential candidate.

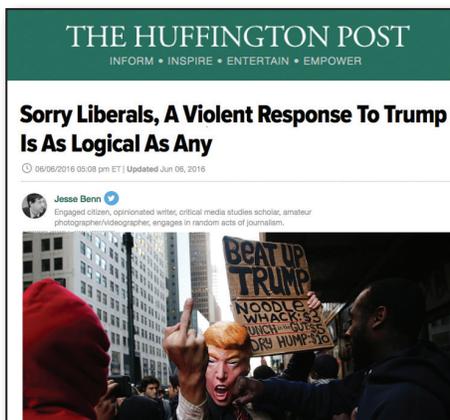
Imagine if the Media Research Center advocated violence against Hillary Clinton. I would be arrested within hours.

Despite criticism from some conservatives, the *Huffington Post* did not retract the article, and Jesse Benn doubled-down on his advocacy of violence. The other

liberal media gave their tacit approval to the piece by not condemning it – or not even covering it.

The Media Research Center documented and exposed this appalling action by the *Huffington Post* through its News Analysis Division and NewsBusters blog, and in radio and television interviews of its expert staff. Let's look at some details.

The *Huffington Post* article is entitled, “Sorry Liberals, A Violent Response To Trump Is As Logical As Any.” Jesse Benn describes himself as an “opinionated writer” and “critical media studies scholar.”



The *Huffington Post* published an article defending the use of violence against GOP presidential contender Donald Trump and his supporters, and did not even exclude the possible use of assassination.

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In tune with the left, Benn blames Trump for the violence: “Trump has not just flagrantly violated the typical boundaries of political discourse, his candidacy is linked to multiple instances of violence. It shouldn’t be a surprise that opposition to him has responded in kind. Yet a lot of people seem shocked and appalled at this perfectly logical reaction. In the face of media, politicians, and GOP primary voters normalizing Trump as a presidential candidate – whatever your beliefs regarding violent resistance – there’s an inherent value in forestalling Trump’s normalization. Violent resistance accomplishes this.”

“... Violence that takes place at Trump rallies – in support or opposition – is a reaction to the tone he’s set, and the blame for it should land primarily on his shoulders,” lectures Benn.

In other words, no matter what happens – destruction of property, people assaulted, a politician assassinated – it’s all Trump’s fault. This is the same leftist “logic” that blamed the police for the riots in Ferguson and in Baltimore. It’s also the same idiocy that blames guns (or conservative talk radio) for terrorism.



Huffington Post's Jesse Benn

Later in his piece, Benn rails, “While Trump isn’t leading full bore White Supremacist rallies, there is value in making it clear that even his fascism-lite has no place in civilized society.... [It] should be stopped post haste.... Violent resistance matters.”

The unqualified violence advocated by Benn and the *Huffington Post* puts them in the same ideological league as John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald, and James Earl Ray.

After the MRC and NewsBusters exposed the pro-violence position of the *Huffington Post*, the Fox Business Channel interviewed yours truly about the issue. On *Varney & Co.*, substitute host Ashley Webster asked about the article’s “reasoning” and why such a view was published in *HuffPo*.

“I find it stunning because he [Benn] doesn’t really qualify what kind of violence he is talking about,” I said. “If violence is the logical response to Donald Trump, a form of violence, Ashley, is assassination. He didn’t say no to assassination. He said violence is okay. Now what was the reaction? When there was backlash against him from their own readers, he doubled down three times in tweets. The *Huffington Post* made no effort whatsoever to back away from that. They kind of doubled down as well.

“But the most remarkable thing to me is there has been pure silence on the part of the press that you



On the June 16 edition of Fox Business Channel’s *Varney & Co.*, the MRC’s Brent Bozell details the liberal media’s hypocrisy on violence: “What if a blogger on Fox News called for violence at the logical way to stop Hillary Clinton? Do you suppose there would be silence on the part of the press about you folks? It would be everywhere and they would be people calling for Roger Ailes to be fired, and probably prosecuted, instantly. So I just find this one of the most stunning things that I have seen in this election cycle.”

now have a top left-wing, online quote/unquote news operation, calling for physical violence against Donald Trump.”

Also, the candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders said nothing, “pure silence.”

As I told *Varney & Co.*, “What if a blogger on Fox News called for violence as the logical way to stop Hillary Clinton? Do you suppose there would be silence on the part of the press about you folks? It would be everywhere, and there would be people calling for Roger Ailes to be fired, and probably prosecuted, instantly. So, I just find this one of the most stunning things that I have seen in this election cycle.”

It is that bad. A major liberal “news” outlet advocates violence against the presumptive Republican presidential candidate and his supporters. And the other top liberal media – ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, *Washington Post*, *New York Times* – say nothing. Their silence means they approve. Their silence also means a large part of America is in a dark place, politically and morally, and in terms of information.

The MRC is battling that threat. Every day, the MRC is documenting and exposing the liberal media. You can help us in this good fight by making a donation to the MRC. Please call today (571-267-3500). I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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LESS THAN 5 MINUTES

That's how much liberal networks ABC, CBS, and NBC devote to Clinton Foundation Scandals

Although operations of the \$2-billion Clinton Foundation, including donations from foreign governments and special appointments for big donors raise serious conflict-of-interest questions about Hillary Clinton, the left-wing networks have spent less than 5 minutes on the topic since the first of this year.

This is a whitewash. They are censoring news from the American people ... because it hurts Hillary.

For contrast, the same networks – ABC, CBS, NBC – during the same timeframe (Jan 1 - May 20) spent nearly 40 minutes covering a decades-old story about Donald Trump acting as his own PR agent, according to an analysis by NewsBusters' Deputy Research Director Geoffrey Dickens.

So: A ridiculous story about Trump gains 8 times as much coverage as a massive, quite possibly illegal activity by Clinton.

It's clear the networks are protecting Clinton. For instance, Wall Street analyst Charles Ortel, who had previously uncovered corruption in General Electric, called the Clinton Foundation “a charity fraud.” Tax records show that only 10% of the Foundation's donations went to charitable grants in 2013. Also, the AP reported in 2015 that millions of Clinton Foundation dollars went to foreign governments instead of to veterans and charities in the United States.



Liberal media ignore, distort or bury the numerous scandals involving Hillary Clinton and instead double-down on their efforts to polish her reputation and get her elected.

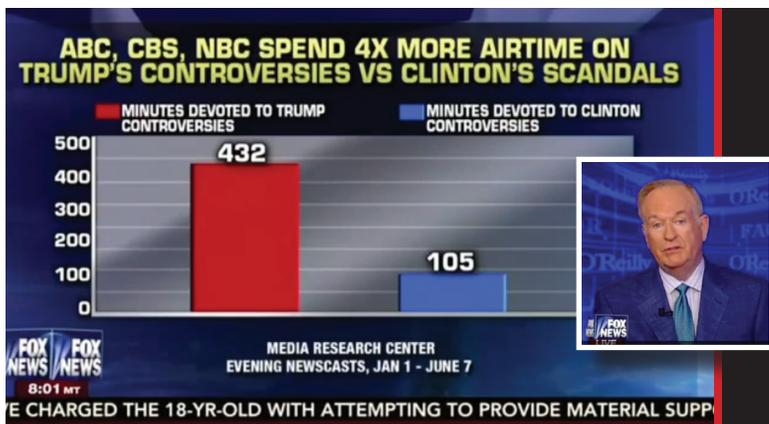
In May 2016, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Foundation's Clinton Global Initiative set up “a financial commitment that benefitted a for-profit company part-owned by people with ties to the Clintons.”

Despite those red flags, ABC, which employs former Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos, who himself

donated \$75,000 to the Foundation, has reported zip on the charity scandals this year. CBS gave the Foundation a little more than 1 minute of coverage between January and May, and NBC devoted 3 minutes. That's it, folks.

However, the ever-intrepid Pravda-on-the-Potomac *Washington Post* dug up a story in May about how Donald Trump had used an alias to promote himself, as a PR agent, in the '70s, '80s, and '90s. MSNBC's legal correspondent Ari Melber called the story “more weird and stupid than important,” but ABC, CBS, and NBC ran hard with it – a combined nearly 40 minutes of coverage over four days.

It's an election year, and the networks are doing their job: running cover for the left and attacking the right.



An updated MRC report on network news coverage of Donald Trump controversies vs. Hillary Clinton controversies, shows that ABC, CBS, and NBC covered Trump four times more often than Clinton, devoting 432 minutes to his controversies and only 105 minutes to hers (Jan. 1-June 7). To read the full report, visit MRC.org and see: “TV News Feasts on Trump Controversies While Ignoring Hillary's Scandals.”

Bits & Pieces

CBS Broke Gun Law?

To push its liberal gun control agenda in the wake of the Orlando terrorist attack, CBS sent a reporter into a Virginia gun shop, SpecDive Tactical, and bought an AR-15 rifle. The problem is that the CBS reporter Paula Reid told SpecDive she was going to use the weapon for training with a certified NRA instructor. That was apparently a lie. Also, as CBS itself revealed in its report, it “transferred” the rifle to a firearms dealer “just after we bought it.” That’s not kosher either.

As a result, SpecDive’s Ryan Lamke filed a report with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Virginia State Police over concerns that the purchase was unlawful. As he explained, “Due to the information provided in the CBS News report filed today [June 16], I suspect Ms. Reid committed a straw purchase and procurement of a firearm under false pretenses.” Les Moonves, call your office.



Following the Orlando terrorist attack, a CBS reporter bought an AR-15 rifle at a gun shop in Virginia but potentially broke the law by claiming she would use the gun for training and then transferred the gun to a third party, a possible “straw purchase.”



Obviously the
liberal media
fear
my morals.



The Liberal Media’s Anti-Chick-fil-A Bias Continues

Although the networks regularly criticize Chick-fil-A because its Christian owners oppose homosexual marriage, neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC reported that the franchise provided free food and drinks – on a Sunday when the nationwide chain is usually closed – to the countless people donating blood in Orlando for the survivors of the terrorist attack on the LGBT night club.

The story went viral on social media, but ABC, NBC, and CBS didn’t mention it.

NBC’s Harry Smith reported on Monday, June 13, that “folks waited patiently in the withering heat to give blood” and “food and drinks seem to magically appear.” CBS’s Charlie Rose praised the “hundreds of people [who] answered the call for blood donors,” but said nothing of Chick-fil-A.

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos noted that, “so many people showed up” at the blood bank, “they had to turn some away.” He said nothing about the free food and drinks. That’s not just bias, that’s censorship.

Wash Post Whines

When the Trump presidential campaign revoked the *Washington Post's* press credentials because of its unfair and attack-dog coverage of The Donald, the newspaper whined like a baby and so did the networks. But neither outlet said a word when presidential candidate Barack Obama banned three newspapers from his press plane in 2008. With Trump, the *Post* claimed its loss of campaign credentials represented “a repudiation of the role of a free and independent press.”

NBC dutifully repeated the *Post's* talking points, as did ABC, which also fretted about “Trump’s latest target,” the *Post*, as if he were executing it.

In October and November 2008, the Obama campaign kicked reporters from the *Washington Times*, *New York Post*, and *Dallas Morning News* off its campaign plane. The left-wing ABC, CBS, NBC, and *Washington Post* said nothing, not a word about “a free and independent press.”

Hail Hillary!

NBC’s Andrea Mitchell has been promoting Hillary Clinton since the 1990s, and now that the former first lady is the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Mitchell can barely control herself. On the June 8 edition of *Today*, Mitchell swooned that Clinton is “finally able to write her page in the history books.” Women “have come close before, but not like this,” stumped Mitchell. “The United States now a step closer to possibly electing a woman to its highest office, as Hillary Clinton hopes to join a club long-established by other nations.”

Mitchell droned on, “Eight years ago, Hillary Clinton was trying so hard to prove she could be a commander in chief, she didn’t focus on her gender. Well, this time, it is becoming a central theme of her campaign, breaking that glass ceiling at last.” If Clinton wins, maybe Mitchell can land a job from her heroine – court stenographer.



NBC’s Andrea Mitchell is giddy over Hillary Clinton and cheers that the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee is “finally able to write her page in the history books.”

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Dear *Washington Post*, Get Over Yourself

“**T**he *Washington Post* defined the old term “high dudgeon” when Donald Trump took away its press credentials for being “dishonest and phony.”

The *Post* triggered this with a loaded headline: “Donald Trump suggests President Obama was involved with Orlando shooting.” This could be believable stuff, since Trump had bizarrely suggested Ted Cruz’s father might have been connected to the JFK assassination.

But this time it was the *Post* inventing stories.

Trump had told Fox News “we’re led by a man that either is not tough, not smart, or he’s got something else in mind.” He again blasted Obama for refusing to use the words “radical Islamic terrorism,” suggesting Obama might have a dangerous softness on radical Islam.

To our pro-Obama press, this is a nasty slur. But weren’t these the same journalists that constantly suggested George W. Bush’s war on terrorism was “not tough, not smart” and only aided the terrorist cause?

Whether or not you can support Trump, it’s glaringly obvious that in a presidential election year, The *Washington Post* is out to destroy him, and had it been any other Republican, it would be the same. But the *Post* self-righteously presents itself as Democracy’s Handmaiden.

The *Post* published an unbylined staff editorial on June 14 titled “Donald Trump’s assault on our values.” They lamented his post-Orlando speech. Trump “took a victory lap, hinted darkly that President Obama is an enemy of the nation, libeled American Muslims and, in grotesque punctuation, finished up with a vindictive attack on the media.”

Attacking the media is categorized as “grotesque” and “vindictive.” And then they added: “Mr. Trump capped a day of assaulting fundamental liberal democratic values by announcing he would ban *Post* reporters from covering his campaign events. If this is his inclination now, imagine how he might wield the powers of the presidency.”

Many imagine he’d be a wonderful breath of fresh air, refusing to indulge the arrogant elites in the press.

In its unbylined editorial, “Donald Trump’s Assault On Our Values,” the *Washington Post* made it clear that it is out to destroy Trump (as it would any Republican in an election year). The *Post* complained that Trump apparently had “hinted” that “President Obama is an enemy of the nation,” that Trump “libeled American Muslims and, in grotesque punctuation,” launched a “vindictive attack on the media.”



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Television

- CNN**
Brooke Baldwin, May 31
- BLAZE TV:**
Dana Show, May 11, 12, 20
- FBN:**
Varney & Co., Jun. 2, 10
- FNC:**
Fox & Friends, May 30
The Five, Jun. 1
The O'Reilly Factor, April 21
- NEWSMAX TV:**
Steve Malzberg Show, Jun. 1
Prime, June 2
- OANN:**
Daily Ledger, May 26, Jun. 2, 9
Tipping Point, Jun. 3, 10
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Radio

- Alan Nathan Show, May 23, 25, 26, Jun. 1, 2, 10
- American Family Radio, May 25, Jun. 6, 9
- Breitbart News Daily (Sirius XM), May 5
- Capitol Hill Show, Jun. 10
- CBN News DC, May 25
- Crane Durham's Nothing But Truth, May 5
- Herman Cain Show, Jun. 2
- Hot Air, Jun. 1, 4, 9
- Lars Larson Show, May 10, 27, Jun. 8
- Mark Levin Show, Jun. 2
- National Right to Life News, May 23, 24, Jun. 2, 3, 6
- Phil Valentine Show, Jun. 2
- Radio America, Jun. 1
- Rush Limbaugh, Jun. 3, 9, 20, 21
- Rusty Humphries Show, May 25, Jun. 1, 3, 8, 9
- Sean Hannity Show, May 30, Jun. 5
- KERV, Kerrville, TX, May 25, Jun. 1, 8
- KGW, Seattle, WA, May 20, 31
- KGO, San Francisco, CA, May 5, 7
- KHTE, Little Rock, AR, May 12, 24
- KMOX, St. Louis, MO, Jun. 1
- KNTH, Houston, TX, May 23, 26, 30, Jun. 2, 6, 9
- KPDQ, Portland, OR, May 31, Jun. 1
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, May 25, Jun. 1, 8
- KVOR, Colorado Springs, CO, May 24, Jun. 1, 2, 8
- KXNT, Las Vegas, NV, Jun. 8
- WABC, New York, NY, May 23
- WCBM, Baltimore, MD, Jun. 2
- WGMD, Lewes, DE, May 23, 30, Jun. 6
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, May 23, 30, Jun. 6
- WNRN, Augusta, GA, May 24, 25, 31, Jun. 1, 7, 8
- WRDQ, Aurora, IL, May 24, 31, Jun. 7
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, May 27, Jun. 3, 10
- WXXM, Madison, WI, May 25, Jun. 1, 7
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Print

- Christian Science Monitor*, Jun. 5
- Indianapolis Star*, May 6
- International Business Times*, Jun. 10
- USA Today*, Jun. 4
- Wall Street Journal*, May 11, 23
- Washington Examiner*, May 2, 9, 10, Jun. 6, 20
- Washington Post*, May 5
- Washington Times*, May 23, 27, 30, Jun. 2, 8, 21
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Internet & Twitter

- ABCNews, May 24, 27
- American Family Association, Jun. 3, 6
- American Spectator, Jun. 7
- Associated Press, May 24, 27
- Bill O'Reilly, Jun. 2
- BizPac Review, May 24, 31, Jun. 2, 7, 10
- Bloomberg, May 23
- Breitbart News, May 23, 25, Jun. 7
- CBS Boston, May 24
- Christian Post, Jun. 8
- Christian Today, Jun. 6, 8
- CNBC, May 23
- Daily Mail, May 24
- Drudge Report, Jun. 1, 3, 8, 10, 20, 22
- Fox Nation, Jun. 1, 2, 8
- FoxNews.com, May 23, Jun. 2, 6
- Free Republic, Jun. 2
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- Investors' Business Daily, Jun. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22
- LifeSiteNews, May 26, Jun. 6, 8
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- MichelleMalkin.com, May 11
- Newsmax, May 23, Jun. 2
- OneNewsNow, May 31, Jun. 6, 7
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- The Blaze, May 28, Jun. 7, 9
- The Daily Caller, Jun. 6, 8, 21
- Townhall, Jun. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16
- Twitchy, May 10, Jun. 9
- Washington Free Beacon, May 26, 27
- Weekly Standard, Jun. 2, 22
- World Net Daily, May 21, 28, Jun. 8
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On the Fox Business Network, MRC President Brent Bozell shreds the *New York Daily News* and the *New York Times* for claiming that the NRA is somehow complicit in the radical Islamic terrorist attack in Orlando, Fla. The *New York Times* is "coming very close to an accusation of defamation because to say that you're complicit in an act of terrorism could not be an uglier accusation to make," says Bozell.



On Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, best selling author, Emmy Award winner, and former CBS News reporter Bernie Goldberg holds up and discusses an MRC study that documents how the liberal media have given four times more coverage to Donald Trump controversies than to Hillary Clinton controversies.



On Fox's *Varney & Co.*, MRC President Brent Bozell details how President Obama and the liberal media spun the Orlando terrorist attack as somehow not connected to radical Islam, then blamed the NRA, then Christianity, and then Donald Trump.



Newsbusters' Executive Editor Tim Graham is interviewed on Fox's *Risk and Reward*, where he analyzes how the liberal media's constant push for gun control "never works," further exposes their political agenda, and "makes their liberal bias a little more intense."

Minibits

■ When told on-air that Bill Clinton paid Paula Jones \$850,000 in hush money, CNN's **Brooke Baldwin** goes into damage control, "Okay, okay, okay. We are not airing all this dirty laundry here. I just can't believe we're going there." ■ Reporter **Bob Woodward** spins Hillary's e-mail scandal, "Look, I talked to people about it. President Obama himself has said there was no [illegal] intent. That this was careless." ■ NPR's **Bob Garfield** rails that Trump is "reminiscent of a raving meth head with a machete on an episode of Cops." ■ MSNBC's **Lawrence O'Donnell** lectures, "Paul Ryan is dictating what the policies are. That's what the meeting was about: Paul Ryan taking the imbecile candidate [Trump] to school, the school of governing." ■ Former NBC anchor **Tom Brokaw** predicts, "More guns and more firearm tolerance mean more homegrown acts of terror." ■ ABC's **Sunny Hostin** demands to know, "Why is she [Hillary Clinton] untrustworthy? How many lies has she told? Other than Benghazi. You already said Benghazi. What else? What else?" ■ ABC's **Joy Behar** spins Bill Clinton's long history of sexually abusing women, "In the 20th century, almost every president had some kind of sexual allegations thrown at him, so this is nothing new." ■ Former *USA Today* reporter **Richard Benedetto** reveals the obvious, "Obama is the beneficiary of news-media managers and reporters who mostly like his style and agree with his policies." ■ **Cher**, the sage of Hollywood, bemoans, "When I watch Trump, I just want to blow my brains out."



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