Dear Friend,

As the Media Research Center documents daily and as I warn in my new book, *Whitewash*, the liberal media will do anything they can — spin, deceive, and some will flat-out lie — to push their liberal agenda and help propel a leftist Democrat into the White House next year. They are not impartial reporters of the news. They are advocates who make a mockery of the term "objective news." They do this all the time to shelter their friends in the culture and in Congress. They are doing it now to advance liberalism in the 2008 presidential race.

One of the latest examples of the liberal media’s dishonesty was the Nov. 28 GOP debate sponsored by CNN and YouTube. The Republican presidential candidates had agreed to participate in the debate, even though the Democrats had said no to a Fox News-sponsored debate earlier in the year claiming it would be too biased and unfair.

Nonetheless, the GOP agreed, and CNN/YouTube claimed they received and reviewed some 5,000 videotaped questions from “average” Americans and selected 34 questions from “ordinary people, undecided voters.” Not true! At least seven of the questioners were on record as being supporters of certain Democratic presidential candidates, such as Hillary Clinton and John Edwards, or working for Democrats, such as Sen. Dick Durbin.

But the millions of Americans watching the debate weren’t told that. It took the New Media — particularly bloggers, online journalists, and talk radio hosts — to dig up the truth. They did so easily and swiftly, just by doing quick searches on the Internet of the names of the questioners. And as the facts emerged, the MRC helped spread the word and then uncovered further liberal media skullduggery as post-debate CNN tried to spin its way out of worldwide embarrassment.

During the debate, CNN’s liberal moderator Anderson Cooper presented the videotaped questions to the GOP candidates. In the most flagrant example of dishonesty and liberal bias, CNN broadcast a question from Army Brig. Gen. Keith Kerr. The retired general rattled off his military credentials and then declared he was an “openly gay

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man.” He wanted to know why the candidates support the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy about gays in the military and why they “think that American men and women in uniform are not professional enough to serve with gays and lesbians.”

Within seconds, bloggers and conservatives on the Internet typed Kerr’s name into the “Google” search engine and other Web resources and found out — Voila! — that Kerr was a member of the “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Americans for Hillary Steering Committee,” and that Kerr had already publicly endorsed Hillary Clinton for president. Another Web search showed that Kerr had been a member of a veterans steering committee for John Kerry in 2004 — and Kerr himself had been on CNN pushing his agenda in 2003!

Yet CNN and Anderson Cooper seriously claimed they didn’t know. Within minutes of the debate’s end, conservative Bill Bennett told Cooper about all the stuff on the Internet and Cooper told the audience that he “had not heard that” about Kerr “and had no knowledge of, nor do I think anyone here. And, if so, that should have been certainly disclosed, and we would have disclosed that.”

As Joe Scarborough said on MSNBC the next day, “It is total crap to suggest that nobody in CNN knew that this guy was from the Clinton steering committee,” and “don’t tell me that somebody at CNN doesn’t know, and don’t tell me that Hillary Clinton’s campaign didn’t know.”

precisely. Either CNN, with all its reporters, producers, researchers, and staff, is grossly incompetent or it knowingly and deliberately used Kerr to push its liberal agenda.

I think CNN knew what it was doing. For Kerr wasn’t the only “stack” in the debate deck. Conservative Michelle Malkin and a few other New Media folks quickly discovered six other liberal and Democratic activists in the CNN/YouTube lineup. For instance, Lee Ann Anderson, who appeared on-screen with her two kids and asked about lead toys from China, is — surprise! — a union activist with the United Steelworkers, which has endorsed John Edwards for president. A young lady named “Journey,” who asked a question about abortion is, as Malkin reported — surprise! — a staunch John Edwards supporter.

David Cerone, who asked a question about the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group — surprise! — had already publicly declared his support for Barack Obama. Questioner Ted Faturos had worked as an intern for Rep. Jane Hartmen (D-Calif.). Adam Florzak works for Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), and Mark Strauss had earlier publicly declared his support for Gov. Bill Richardson.

CNN Senior Vice President David Bohrman later said, “We regret this incident. CNN would not have used the general’s question had we known that he was connected to any presidential candidate.” Bohrman hasn’t apologized for CNN’s use of the other liberal, pro-Democrat questioners. And CNN is still covering up what it knew, as the MRC reported the day after the debate. For instance, in his immediate post-debate spin about Kerr, Anderson Cooper confessed, “I do know that he is an activist of some sort.” Yet the next day on CNN’s American Morning, host John Roberts interviewed Kerr about the controversy but did not disclose what Cooper had revealed. Nor was it mentioned in subsequent CNN stories.

And the liberal media machine drones on, deceiving and flat-out lying, which is why the MRC is here: to document, expose, and neutralize liberal media bias. The 2008 presidential race is in high gear. We’re holding the liberal media’s feet to the fire, and were grateful that you’re with us in this good fight. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

To purchase a copy of Whitewash: What the Media Won’t Tell You About Hillary Clinton, But Conservatives Will, visit the MRC’s bookstore at www.mrc.org
‘Whitewash’ Indictment of Liberal Media is Convincing

BY BOB ZELNICK


No one does a better job than L. Brent Bozell III and his Media Research Center in documenting the liberal bias of much of the mainstream news media. Some of their citations of my former colleagues’ wisdom make me laugh out loud. Others make me furious. Nearly all provide me with ammunition for verbal repartee with my cherished liberal students and faculty friends.

Bozell’s new book, Whitewash, written with his colleague Tim Graham, does much the same thing with respect to a single subject, the rise of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton from the status of bemused wife of a serial adulterer/alleged sexual predator to a seat in the U.S. Senate and frontrunner status for the 2008 Democratic nomination for president.

Bozell recites a long list of Hillary train wrecks that he argues would have derailed just about any other politician: financial improprieties back in Little Rock, many captured by the shorthand term, “Whitewater;” lies relating to knowledge of her husband’s sexual dalliances, fundraising hanky panky — some of it involving big time crooks — the rout of her radical plan for health care insurance; her savage treatment of White House travel office staffers; the diversion of key personnel files to something akin to a Keystone Cops White House unit strangely loyal to Hillary; her reckless invocation of a “right-wing conspiracy” to explain her most serious perils.

Hillary survived and prospered, says Bozell, because the liberal media protected her, fawned over her, adopted her formulation of many issues as their own, barely tried to investigate obvious leads, and failed to give due weight, or air time, to many of the more serious and credible charges. Life within this protective cocoon gave Hillary the ability to project herself as she pleased to the outside world with no fear of rejoinder from the liberal media establishment. When Fortress Clinton was under attack, there was always a Margaret Carlson, a Katie Couric, a Dan Rather, or even a Ted Koppel to ride to the rescue. The journalistic gaps left by these partisans was, Bozell argues, partially filled by the reliable conservative voices at Fox News, talk radio, the American Spectator and the emerging blogosphere.

Many of the conservative stalwarts prominent in this proud counter-culture are interviewed for the book, including Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter, Newt Gingrich, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham.

Bozell’s indictment of liberal media bias is convincing, but it does not strike me as a complete picture either of editorial decision-making or of the Hillary phenomenon. Let’s start with the media’s tepid approach to reporting on the fruits of Bill Clinton’s libido. Having short-circuited Gary Hart’s 1988 run for the presidency by capturing girl-friend Donna Rice’s overnight stay at his Capitol Hill pad, the press in general asked itself whether consensual sex between adults was any of its or the country’s business. This reporter was among those who concluded it was not.

Neither does the issue carry long-term partisan advantage. Yesterday, we reveled in tales about Clinton. But when the moving finger pointed at Newt Gingrich, Bob Livingston, and Henry Hyde, we sensed the time had come to find a different yardstick for character. Most journalists who sought to investigate the Clintons’ alleged improprieties in Little Rock or Washington came away with lots of suspicious behavior but no smoking guns. The Clintons, of course, stonewalled those hot on the trail of impropriety, as did their closest associates. Even so massive an effort as that undertaken by the editorial board of The Wall Street Journal yielded a disappointing harvest of conclusive evidence of wrongdoing. Investigations headed by special prosecutors proved no more productive. From Whitewater to Travelgate, the Feds quietly gave up one ghost after another. Not a single indictment was returned against either Clinton in any case. Impeachment produced a division along partisan rather than evidentiary lines.

Bozell accurately albeit disapprovingly puts his finger on the source of Hillary’s popularity with the social liberals of the media, particularly women. She is smart and tough. She has been a dutiful wife — at least in public — while pursuing a successful private career. And she is wily and clever, gliding effortlessly between the tough-as-nails take-no-prisoners pol to the ever-so-feminine victim of political assault.

Well, if that explains her popularity, what explains her unpopularity? Why does she carry by far the highest negatives of any candidate in the race? Does all the credit go to conservative journalists and talk show hosts, or has the real Hillary been displayed — far too gently, even lovingly — but still displayed for Americans to judge. And this includes a relationship with hubby Bill near-totally rooted in political opportunism.

In any event, the liberal media establishment is both fickle and ideological. Together with the MoveOn.org crowd, one can already see fading passions for a Hillary campaign and intensifying support for Barack Obama and, particularly in Iowa, John Edwards. Why settle for a candidate who supported the war in Iraq, calls Iranian terrorists what they are and rejects the liberal whine to bring the troops home now? Why settle for someone who supported her husband’s welfare reform? Why settle for someone who seeks to staunch the flood of illegal immigrants? Why settle for Ed Muskie when you can have George McGovern? Sometimes the best way to fight liberals is simply to let them do their thing.

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**Bits & Pieces**

**Tom Slams Rush**

Former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw went on the Laura Ingraham talk-radio show, Nov. 26, and proceeded to slam talk radio, especially Rush Limbaugh. Like most liberals, Brokaw started off by declaring that he never listens to Limbaugh’s show and yet then insisted that Rush “doesn’t want to hear another point of view, except his. … The problem with talk radio is they mock anyone else’s point of view, and they do it often in a mindless fashion.”

Ingraham objected to Brokaw’s claim and noted that Limbaugh, like all talk-radio hosts, does not claim or pretend to be an “objective reporter.” He is a commentator and analyst. “That’s the difference between him and anchors on some of our networks who have a political agenda, but then pretend that they’re objective,” said Ingraham.

**Soft on Hillary**

Proving once again that she lacks the intellectual mettle and courage to be a serious journalist, CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric interviewed Hillary Clinton on Nov. 26 and threw the Democratic presidential candidate softball question after softball question — one could say, whiffle ball questions. In the “exclusive one-on-one interview,” Couric trumpeted that Clinton exudes confidence.”

And then Couric hit Clinton with such stunners as, How do you “feel” about Oprah Winfrey campaigning for Barack Obama? Why have you launched a “more aggressive” campaign? And “how disappointed” will you be if you lose the nomination? Couric carefully avoided any questions about the mysterious fundraiser Norman Hsu, who has been indicted for fraud; she mummed any talk about Clinton’s ever-evolving policy position on Iraq; and Couric didn’t mention the issue of Clinton’s support for driver’s licenses for illegal aliens. Perhaps in the next “exclusive” interview Americans will learn what Clinton’s favorite color is, or, if she could be a tree, what tree would she be?

**New York Times Whines**

NYT Executive Editor Bill Keller is so liberal he’s out of control. In a Nov. 29 speech in London, as reported by the leftist Guardian newspaper, Keller whined that the war in Iraq “is going badly,” although his own paper had conceded a week earlier that the surge is working. Then Keller went on to rant that the NYT does “not work in the service of a party, or an industry, or even a country.” Further, the “American electorate has gravitated to angry and intolerant fringes, right and left” because of “hate-mongering radio broadcasts and intemperate television shout shows.”

The deliberate “nasty” effort of “dividing the electorate into mistrustful camps and pandering to their fears” was “an explicit strategy of the president’s political wizard, Karl Rove,” raged Keller. Last year in May, Keller’s boss, Arthur Sulzburger Jr. had similarly whined to the graduating class of SUNY-New Paltz about liberals falling short by not stopping foreign wars, by not fully establishing “the rights of gays to marry or the rights of women to choose” and so on.

**No Experience Needed**

CBS News posted a job opening on the Journalism Jobs Web site in late November for a reporter to cover the environmental beat. How much experience is required for this position? The actual job listing read, “Position: Seeking Vibrant Reporter/Host for Eco Beat,” and that while “a deep interest in the environment and sustainability issues will serve you well,” actual “knowledge of the enviro beat is a big plus, but not a requirement.”

Indeed. It was more important in CBS’s view that the applicant be “wicked smart, funny, irreverent and hip, oozing enthusiasm and creative energy. This position requires strong people, reporting, story telling and writing skills.” So much for expertise. CBS wants story tellers.

**Dumb Diane**

How daft is ABC anchor Diane Sawyer? Well, on the Nov. 20 Good Morning America, Sawyer preached that a new Oklahoma law that makes it a felony for U.S. citizens to knowingly shelter or transport illegal aliens goes “across the line,” “too far,” and turns people into “vigilantes.” She was interviewing CNN host Lou Dobbs, who is very tough on enforcing U.S. immigration laws, and fretted, “People
Rolling Stone-d

While apparently sober and not under the influence of illegal drugs, actors Meryl Streep and George Clooney sounded off in the 40th Anniversary issue of Rolling Stone in November. Streep compared a future America to Nazi Germany and then said she aligned her “heart” and “sensibility” with the Marxist playwright Bertolt Brecht. Clooney then blasted conservatives: “Go through the history of time. During the Salem witch hunt, the liberals thought there was no such thing as witches, and the conservative view was ‘They’re witches and they all have to die.’”

If he ran for president, Clooney smirked that his platform would be “Yeah, I did it,” — did women, did drugs, and “Now, let’s talk about the issues.” He added: “Anybody who’s running who’s gone through the Sixties and didn’t smoke a joint, I don’t want you for president. You haven’t lived at all. What the f--k’s wrong with you?”

Good News, Sad?

Violence continues to go down in Iraq, refugees are returning home by the thousands, and U.S. military casualties are way down — and have been steadily falling since June, when "The Surge" started. Yet the liberal media can’t stand it. A new survey from November of 111 journalists covering the war, by the Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism, shows that most of them are deeply pessimistic about conditions in Iraq.

A majority said the country is too dangerous to visit, especially Baghdad, and eight out of 10 think that conditions for reporting in Iraq have gotten worse, not better.

Maybe they don’t know what they’re talking about ... because they’re not there?
Look for big changes to CNSNews.com in 2008. As we acquire the resources and talent to add daily multi-media content and set the standard for new media journalism, we’re also giving the Web site a complete makeover to better accommodate and display our audio, video, and text content — and to make it easier for readers to spot, access, and view the stories that interest them the most.

On the multi-media front, we’ve hired two new reporters with the zeal and skills to go out and capture video of important events and interviews regarding the day’s hottest topics with congressmen on Capitol Hill.

We’ll also hire a full-time video professional who will serve as both cameraman and video editor for CNSNews.com’s exclusive, compelling multimedia coverage of stories, issues, and newsmakers’ opinions and analysis that are typically unreported, underreported, or simply misreported by the liberal establishment media. This new audio/video expert will also enable CNSNews.com to post clips much faster, thus bringing them to CNSNews.com readers sooner and in time to have greater impact on “the debate” regarding important, developing stories.

Additionally, CNSNews.com is adding to our arsenal of cameras and recorders and acquiring the equipment and software to shoot, edit, and post professional, broadcast-quality video and audio clips, including both “on the spot” and pre-arranged, staged interviews — such as a weekly segment in which CNSNews.com Editor-in-Chief Terence Jeffrey conducts a sit-down interview with one of the day’s most topical movers and shakers.

As for the Web site itself, the changes will be a dramatic and vast improvement over our current site because we’re not simply making a tweak here and there: We’re creating a brand new, cutting-edge, multi-media news experience for our readers.

The new Web site will enable our readers to view more of our headlines more quickly and will better highlight our news sections, such as Politics, Culture, International, and National, and a greatly expanded and improved News on the Web section, which will provide CNSNews.com readers easy access to other stories important to them. And that will free them from having to waste valuable time and effort performing tedious Web news searches.

The new CNSNews.com Web site will also be easier to navigate, include more photos, and be more visually appealing to our readers.

The technology behind our new site will be entirely new and cutting-edge, as well, enabling CNSNews.com to make the most of the vast and ever-changing potential of Web 2.0 and “future-proof” our site as new technological innovations and opportunities unfold.

We’ll also acquire and employ new software that will empower our editors and writers to more quickly and effectively post and edit stories, so CNSNews.com can get vital, breaking news to its readers sooner, and post updates and additions to stories “on the fly.”

2008 will, indeed, be a year of exciting change and dynamic growth for CNSNews.com. But, it will also be a year that will set the stage for CNSNews.com to continue to lead the way in terms of new media journalistic excellence, technology, and “must see” reader-friendly content in the years to come.

Happy New Year from CNSNews.com. Our resolution is to serve our readers better and provide news with greater impact with each passing year. And, we’re sticking to it.
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### Television

- **CBN:** Newswatch, Nov. 13
- **CNBC:**
  - Kudlow & Co., Dec. 7
- **CNN:**
  - The Situation Room, Nov. 13, 19, 20, 28
- **FNC:**
  - Political Report w/ Brit Hume, Dec. 6
  - Your World w/ Neil Cavuto, Dec. 4
  - Fox Business Network, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 7
- **MSNBC:**
  - Countdown, Nov. 13

### Radio

- **American Family News:** Nov. 29
- **American Family Radio:** Dec. 7
- **Lynn Breidenbach Show:** Dec. 4
- **Family News in Focus:** Dec. 5
- **Thom Hartmann Show:** Dec. 10
- **Lars Larson Show:** Nov. 30
- **G. Gordon Liddy:** Nov. 21
- **Michael Medved Show:** Dec. 4
- **Right Balance:** Dec. 6
- **USA Radio Network:** Dec. 6
- **WIBA, Madison, WI:** Nov. 14, 30
- **WSAU, Wausau, WI:** Nov. 13, Dec. 3
- **KCOL, Denver, CO:** Nov. 14
- **KABC, Los Angeles, CA:** Nov. 14
- **WBT, Charlotte, NC:** Nov. 18
- **KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA:** Nov. 26
- **WDUN, Atlanta, GA:** Nov. 29
- **WFLA, Tampa, FL:** Nov. 30
- **KTEM:** syndicated in Texas, Nov. 30
- **KFBB, Sacramento, CA:** Dec. 1
- **WRVA, Richmond, VA:** Dec. 2, 3
- **WIBA, Madison, WI:** Dec. 3
- **KTSN, San Antonio, CA:** Dec. 3
- **WMAA, Baltimore, MD:** Dec. 3

### Internet

- **CNSNews.com Editor-in-Chief Terry Jeffrey provides analysis of the GOP presidential race on CNN’s The Situation Room, Nov. 28.**
- **WBKB, Keene, NH:** Dec. 4
- **WHO, Des Moines, IA:** Dec. 4
- **KGLO, Mason City, IA:** Dec. 4
- **WJQR, Jackson, FL:** Dec. 4
- **KNSI, St. Cloud, MN:** Dec. 4
- **WPWT, Johnson City, TN:** Dec. 4
- **KNSI, St. Cloud, MN:** Dec. 4
- **KGLO, Mason City, IA:** Dec. 4

### Print

- **Washington Times:** Nov. 27, 28, Dec. 3, 6
- **Human Events:** Nov. 28, Dec. 4
- **Cincinnati Post:** Oct. 25
- **Boston Globe:** Nov. 12
- **Waterbury Republican-American:** Nov. 17, 27
- **Houston Chronicle:** Nov. 17, 28
- **Jerusalem Post:** Nov. 21, 22
- **Christian Post:** Nov. 23
- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution:** Nov. 29
- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution:** Dec. 7
- **Investor’s Business Daily:** Nov. 5, 12
- **Boston Globe:** Nov. 14, 29
- **FOXNews.com:** Nov. 12
- **NewsMax.com:** Nov. 12, 14
- **Human Events Online:** Nov. 12
- **Newshounds:** Nov. 13
- **Talking Points Memo:** Nov. 13
- **Hillary Project:** Nov. 19
- **MediaBistro:** Nov. 20
- **MovieWeb:** Nov. 26
- **ContractMusic.com:** Nov. 26
- **Asia Times Online:** Nov. 26
- **NYT ‘Caucus’ blog:** Nov. 30
- **WorldNetDaily:** Dec. 3, 7
- **Acton blog:** Dec. 5
- **ZDNet blogs:** Dec. 5
- **National Review Online:** Dec. 6
- **CitizenLink:** Dec. 6
- **FrontPage Magazine:** Dec. 7
- **Red State Blog:** Dec. 7
- **Yahoo! News:** Dec. 6, 8
- **Mediabistro:** Dec. 7, 10
- **LifeNews.com:** Nov. 13, Dec. 10

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### MRC Media Analysis Director Tim Graham discusses the liberal biases of CBS’s Katie Couric and, ex-CBS-er Dan Rather on Fox & Friends, Nov. 22.

### On Fox’s The O’Reilly Factor, Dec. 10, MRC Research Director Rich Noyes details a new MRC report on liberal media coverage of the Iraq war.

- **WAOX, Atlanta, GA:** Dec. 5
- **WMUZ, Detroit, MI:** Dec. 5
- **WLS, Chicago, IL:** Dec. 5
- **WIMO, Atlanta, GA:** Dec. 5
- **WMAL, Washington, DC:** Dec. 6
- **Irish National Radio:** Dec. 6
- **KXYL, Sweetwater, TX:** Dec. 7
- **KCOL, Colorado Springs:** Dec. 7
- **WFLF, Orlando, FL:** Dec. 7
- **WFTL, Miami, FL:** Dec. 7
- **KQRS, Osage Beach, MO:** Dec. 9
- **KLPW, Washington, MO:** Dec. 13
- **WTCK, Greenville, NC:** Nov. 30, Dec. 7
- **WCHS, Charleston, WV:** Nov. 12, 14, 15
- **1600 San Diego, CA:** Nov. 14, 28
- **WIBC, Indianapolis, IN:** Nov. 15, 29
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