Sarah Palin may not be the next Ronald Reagan or Margaret Thatcher — time will tell — but she is a genuine conservative leader. She is pro-life and pro-gun, and a believer in low taxes, small government, and self-reliance. She is everything the liberal media despise.

This is why they are attacking her relentlessly, trying to assassinate her character and to undercut what political influence she could exert in the 2010 and 2012 elections.

The vicious attacks on Palin by the liberal media are matched only by their ongoing smears against other conservative leaders such as Rush Limbaugh or Glenn Beck, as we’ve documented and exposed. This type of character assassination is exactly what we predicted the major media would resort to when faced with the intellectual bankruptcy of liberalism and the rise of conservatism through the new media: talk radio, cable TV, and the Internet.

The old liberal media monopoly is disintegrating. The American people now get their news from many sources the liberals cannot control. One of those sources, we are proud to report, is the MRC itself. Our four analysis divisions (NAD, BMI, CMI and TimesWatch), our NewsBusters blog and EyeblastTV, and our CNS News service not only break news but also feed the new media with material that reaches millions of Americans every day.

The liberal media hate that, and they’ve attacked the MRC and me personally to try to subvert our mission. They throw mud, distort the facts, spin the news — whatever it takes — to destroy conservatives and mislead the public. The liberal media’s campaign against Sarah Palin is the latest assault and its acidity reveals how bitter the battle has become.

Let’s look at some examples. The liberal media trashed Palin during the 2008 presidential campaign as inexperienced and through much of 2009 as too conservative and polarizing. Then in November came her book, Going Rogue: An American Life. Within two weeks more than 1 million copies were sold, a second printing of 2.5 million was ordered, and the book was No. 1 on the New York Times bestseller list.

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The sales outpaced those of books by Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John McCain. The liberal media was not happy, as they have been ever since she was selected as John McCain’s running mate.

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Clinton, and Al Gore, among other lefties. Palin’s appearance on “Oprah” to discuss the book boosted that show’s ratings to its highest level in two years.

Liberals went into a frenzy in the weeks leading up to and after the book’s publication. MSNBC’s Chris Matthews mocked Palin, who had said she wanted to go back to her post-college days as a writer, for pretending to be another Ernest Hemingway. He fumed, “Is this delusion here? Is this absolute delusion? I just think the whole thing is absolutely daffy.”

CBS’s Bob Schieffer dismissed Palin’s political future, saying, “I think she’ll be a great attraction out, you know, as an amusement. She’s interesting, she’s a celebrity. But I can’t imagine that she has much future in politics.”

Current TV, owned by former veep and Nobel Laureate Al Gore, ran a cartoon that labeled Palin a “Gun-Ho,” slang for “gun whore,” and a “TWILF,” an obscene acronym for “Twitterer I’d Love To F---.”

Frank Rich at the New York Times has described Palin and other conservatives in the GOP as “a wacky, paranoid cult that is as eager to eat its own as it is to destroy Obama.” Palin “would gladly see the Republican Party die on the cross of right-wing ideological purity,” said Rich.

ABC’s Good Morning America was quick to quote another New York Times columnist, conservative back-stabber David Brooks, who had said of Palin on ABC’s This Week: “She’s a joke. I mean, I just can’t take her seriously. The idea that this potential talk show host is considered seriously for the Republican nomination, believe me, it’ll never happen.” For the record, Brooks has smeared conservatives such as Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin as “loons and harmful for America.”

MSNBC’s Norah O’Donnell interviewed the liberal Dick Cavett, who trashed Palin as a “know-nothing” who has “no first language,” adding that he “really felt sorry for John McCain because he aimed low and missed.”

Newsweek ran a cover story (Nov. 23) with a photo of Palin in jogging shorts and this headline, “How Do You Solve a Problem Like Sarah? She’s Bad News for the GOP — and for Everybody Else, Too.” Editor Jon Meacham also wrote that the GOP was suffering from “Palinism,” a “climate of ideological purity.”

Dylan Ratigan at MSNBC used doctored photos of Palin in a bikini to dismiss her as a sexy celebrity and not a serious politician. (Only days later did Ratigan apologize for using the fake photos.)

The examples are countless. The liberal media hate Sarah Palin and what she represents. This is not lost on the public, as a Nov. 20 Fox News-Opinion Dynamics poll showed that 61 percent of Americans “think Palin has been treated unfairly by the press.”

“Unfairly” is an understatement, as the few examples cited here confirm. Character assassination is what the liberal media do now when faced with strong conservative leaders, especially a bestselling, pro-life woman who inspires millions of Americans.

Here at the MRC, we are on the frontline against the liberal media and, with your continued support, we will beat them. Like General George S. Patton said, “we play to win, all the time,” and “the very thought of losing is hateful” to us. Ever forward!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Typical of a liberal media running scared....

“How Do You Solve a Problem Like Sarah? She’s Bad News for the GOP — And For Everybody Else, Too.”

Newsweek • November 23, 2009
When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and Soviet communism collapsed in 1991, the liberal media did all they could to spin the economic and social failures of communism in a positive light. Never mind that communism killed more than 100 million people in the 20th century.

A new Special Report by the MRC, based on 22 years of recorded and archived news coverage, documents how the liberal media have made endless excuses for Marxism, while blaming capitalism for the problems that surfaced as Eastern Europe and Russia made new starts in a post-Soviet world.

Some of the highlights from the MRC report, Better Off Red? Twenty Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Recalling the Liberal Media’s Blindness to the Evils of Communism, reveal the following:

■ Before the Berlin Wall collapsed, many liberal journalists insisted those enslaved by communism actually feared capitalism more. “Despite what many Americans think, most Soviets do not yearn for capitalism or Western-style democracy,” CBS anchor Dan Rather asserted in 1987.

■ After Eastern Europe was liberated, leftist journalists attacked capitalism for “exploiting” the newly-freed workers. A Los Angeles Times reporter touted “communism’s ‘good old days,’ when the hand of the state crushed personal freedom but ensured that people were housed, employed and had enough to eat.”

■ Some journalists refused to connect the economic misery caused by communism with communism itself. As the Soviet coup unraveled in 1991, NBC’s John Chancellor lectured how “the problem isn’t communism; nobody even talked about communism this week. The problem is shortages.”

■ Viewers heard perverse arguments that the end of communism was a setback for human rights. “Yes, somehow, Soviet citizens are freer these days — freer to kill one another, freer to hate Jews,” CBS’s Harry Smith deplored in 1990. “Doing away with totalitarianism and adding a dash of democracy seems an unlikely cure for all that ails the Soviet system.”

■ Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev was treated with more respect than the dissidents and freedom fighters who had opposed communism all along. CNN founder Ted Turner said Gorbachev was “moving faster than Jesus Christ did,” while Time magazine fawningly described him as both “the communist Pope and the Soviet Martin Luther.”

■ Even after communism’s failure in Europe, liberal journalists continued to shower Cuba’s communist dictatorship with good press. “For all its flaws, life in Cuba has its comforts,” the Associated Press insisted in 2006. “Many Cubans take pride in their free education system, high literacy rates and top-notch doctors. Ardent Castro supporters say life in the United States, in contrast, seems selfish, superficial, and — despite its riches — ultimately unsatisfying.”


Many liberal journalists did not like that war or its outcome, and their biases caused them to whitewash the evils of communism, as the MRC Special Report documents. Honest journalists should go back and look at the record, look at the reporting, and assess why so much of the coverage was biased in favor of Marxism and against freedom and Western democracy. They should also shine a light on the communist realities of Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam, and China.

MORE ONLINE

The examples in this special report are priceless. To read the report, go to www.MRC.org, and search under “Special Report.”
A Democrat?

In one of the more flagrant examples of liberal media bias to come around, former Rep. William Jefferson, a Louisiana Democrat caught by the FBI with $90K in bribery cash in his freezer, was sentenced to 13 years in prison on Nov. 13. And, by the way, Jefferson’s sentence was the longest ever for a member of Congress. But the CBS Evening News did not report the story and ABC’s short report didn’t mention he was a Democrat.

ABC World News anchor Charles Gibson would only tell viewers that “former Louisiana Congressman William Jefferson has been sentenced....” Back on Aug. 6, the ABC and CBS morning shows did the same, calling Jefferson just a “former congressman.” Why can’t they say the word “Democrat”?

ABC Bows

President Obama’s deep bow to Japan’s Emperor Akhito on Nov. 14 sparked controversy, yet ABC’s Diane Sawyer dismissed the issue as trivial and refused to interview any conservative critics or protocol experts to explain the topic. Instead, on the Nov. 16 Good Morning America, Sawyer inaccurately reported that American presidents “were not trained to greet royalty since 1776” when, in fact, there are protocol experts in government who do exactly that.

Sawyer then showed photos of other presidents greeting Akhito, with no bowing, and harped, “Anyway, who can blame them for not knowing what to do? It’s just too confusing when you’re an American.” Neither Ronald Reagan nor Bill Clinton had bowed to the emperor, and Clinton’s chief of protocol had told The Washington Post at the time that Akhito preferred to shake hands. The New York Times — no surprise — covered for Obama by blaming “conservative American bloggers” for the controversy.

Shut The Beck Up!

Fox’s conservative commentator Glenn Beck infuriates the left so much that now Huffington Post Editor Arianna Huffington is arguing he should not have First Amendment rights. On MSNBC’s Nov. 19 Countdown, host Keith Olbermann cited criticism of Beck by the Anti-Defamation League as “frightening,” to which Huffington lectured: “It is frightening. We cannot just dismiss him. Because the truth of the matter is that there is a good reason why we have an exemption to the free speech protection by the First Amendment when we say you cannot shout ‘fire’ in a crowded theater.”
Beck is “doing that every night,” huffed Huffington. “He’s basically using images of violence to bring together with all that he’s accusing the Obama administration of, which varies from racism to communism, Nazism and everything else in between.” Huffington failed to note that it was the Nazis who sought to censor people and ideas with “exemptions” on speech.

NYT Required
The New York Times, the beacon of liberalism in the country, has seen its print circulation drop like a rock, and to remedy its losses and simultaneously indoctrinate young people it is offering a free subscription to every professor who makes the NYT required classroom reading. The deal, sent by e-mail, reads: “All faculty are entitled to a complimentary subscription of the New York Times delivered to their home when the New York Times is listed in their syllabus as required reading.

“Help your students make discoveries every day in topics ranging from social trends and new technology to politics and the economy inside the nation’s most honored newspaper.” You can also further indoctrinate them in liberalism at the same time, which is the raison d’etre of many teachers. As Drexel University prof Scott Stein wrote about the deal, it’s an “invitation to accusations of bias and indoctrination.”

Minibits
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews analyzes President Obama: “He’s exposed and vulnerable. His poll numbers are dropping. Is he just too darned intellectual? Too much the egghead?”
- Newsweek’s Evan Thomas frets over the Ft. Hood shooter, “I cringe that he is a Muslim. I mean, because it inflames all the fears. But with that label attached to him, it will get the right wing going.”
- NYT’s Frank Rich subtly comments on the NY-23 race: “The right has devolved into a wacky, paranoid cult that is as eager to eat its own as it is to destroy Obama.”
- ABC’s Sam Donaldson lectures, “We’re going to have to have more stimulus, more spending. You say, well, that’s terrible. Well, all right, so we don’t come out of the recession.”
- CBS’s Katie Couric advises the GOP, “There’s growing concern among some GOP leaders that controversial commentators and far-right conservatives have hijacked the message” so “Republicans need to get the focus back onto the Big Tent where all are welcome and off the sideshows that are popping up along the party’s fringe.”
- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews slams Rush again, “You say Rush Limbaugh, I say phone sex for the traveling salesman. Think about it.”
- Former Washington Post reporter Thom Edsall confesses: “The mainstream press is liberal. ... [They are] composed in large part of ‘new’ or ‘creative’ class members of the liberal elite — well-educated men and women who tend to favor abortion rights, women’s rights, civil rights, and gay rights. In the main, they find such figures as Bill O’Reilly, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Pat Robertson, or Jerry Falwell beneath contempt. If reporters were the only ones allowed to vote, Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis, Al Gore, and John Kerry would have won the White House by landslide margins.”
Seeing Moral Grays In 9/11

Picking up the Sunday paper on November 15 could make a reader a little airsick — even while standing in the driveway. The Washington Post “news analysis” on the front page carried the headline “9/11 trial could become a parable of right and wrong: Before worldwide audience, both prosecution, defense seek control of narrative.”

Does The Washington Post really think that the death and destruction of 9/11 “could” be right, or “could” be wrong?

Liberals cannot stand it when the national media won’t simply declare contentious debates over and their viewpoint settled truth. Take, for example, the allegedly inevitable impending destruction of global warming. It is the left’s position that the media should conclude one side is right and the other wrong. Conservatives should be ignored when they object. But that’s a debate over the future. It’s grotesque for an American newspaper to publish a “news analysis” that stares 9/11 in the face and said it “could” be a matter of right and wrong.

The Post’s analyst was reporter Barton Gellman, the author of a hostile biography of Dick Cheney (so he does have some definite feelings about who’s evil, after all.) He began by noting the trial of 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM for short) would make for “riveting drama.” Attorney General Eric Holder proclaimed on PBS it would not be a “show trial,” but Gellman echoed the headline: “both sides hope to use the case to define Sept. 11 as a parable of right and wrong.”

One might dismiss the willful moral ignorance as a simple journalistic endorsement of anything done by Holder and President Obama. But it sends a clear signal of the differences between the Bush era and the Obama era, and the media’s obvious preference for the latter. Liberal journalists always admonished President Bush for his “arrogance” and “certitude,” and this is what they meant: he remained certain that the Americans who died on 9/11 were victimized, and were denied their civil liberties in the most complete and horrific way.

Liberals, on the other hand, have such a talent for finding moral “complexities” that they wind up showing more outrage for the fact that KSM was waterboarded than for the fact that KSM successfully plotted the death of 3,000 Americans. While liberals beat their breasts at the outrageous prospect of KSM being tried by a military commission, most Americans would prefer hustling KSM to the top of the Empire State Building or the Statue of Liberty and throwing him off.

Putting KSM on trial in a courtroom just blocks from his “accomplishment” is a decision that Holder and Obama made not in the interests of justice, but in the interests of flashiness, showing “the eyes of the world” in the most attention-grabbing, and increasingly tiresome way possible, that they are in no way comparable to Bush. Liberals find “world opinion” to be a much more desirable and cosmopolitan standard than the worldview of simple-minded Americans. In the Post, Gellman quoted Georgetown law professor David Cole, without even calling him a “liberal,” let alone what he should really be called, a radical defender of the civil liberties of terrorists. Cole argued that this trial marks a “sea change,” that the sentencing will be “seen around the world as legitimate and not fixed,” since the “world” thinks military commissions would be fixed.

Journalists don’t seem to consider whether “the world” is qualified to judge America as right or wrong, when “the world” is full of thuggish regimes that aren’t a fraction as punctilious as Americans are about the rule of law. Should the butchers of Tiananmen Square get to judge us? Should the Russians get to complain after their consolidation of power in the wake of the 2004 Beslan school massacre by radical Islamists? How about most of Europe, Great Britain and a handful of others excepted, that has redefined moral cowardice in the face of radical Islam? They should judge us, too?

Why can’t our media have enough respect for facts and for their fellow countrymen that we can all see a mass-murderer like KSM as a much greater villain than say, our naked-pyramid builders at Abu Ghraib? Will our media show 9/11 footage during this trial near Ground Zero with as much repetitive ardor as they bombarded us with Abu Ghraib clips in 2004? It’s much more likely that they’ll wonder, in that wonderfully neutral way of theirs, whether Americans or terrorists will “control the narrative.” And then we can get back to real problems, like the plight of the kangaroo rat.
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- **FNC**: Hannity’s America, Nov. 5
  - Fox News Watch, Nov. 14, 21
  - Fox & Friends, Nov. 6
  - America’s Newsroom, Nov. 19
  - The O’Reilly Factor, Nov. 12, 17
  - Special Report, Nov. 11
  - Fox News Live, Nov. 24
- **NBC**: Nightly News, Nov. 23
- **TV One**: Nov. 13

**Radio**

- Mark Levin Show, Nov. 6
- Thom Hartmann Show, Nov. 25
- Lars Larson Show, Nov. 4, 19
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- Mike Gallagher Show, Nov. 6
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- WRVA, Richmond, VA, Nov. 17
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- KFMB, San Diego, CA, Nov. 4, 18, 20
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- KPAM, Portland, OR, Nov. 12
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- KBAR, Burley, ID, Nov. 10

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- National Review Online, Nov. 24

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- Cal Thomas syndicated column, Nov. 5
- Bill O’Reilly syndicated column, Nov. 21
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- Reuters, Nov. 25
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- Philadelphia Inquirer, Nov. 23

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