Just as we told you would happen, the liberal media radically slanted their coverage and dragged conservatives through the journalistic gutter in 2010 to help their lefty allies in Congress, and to keep the Obama administration’s socialist policy train on track. As the midterm elections proved, the liberal media failed.

But that failure will not cause them to re-think the way they do things and, God willing, present more balanced news coverage. No, that failure is only emboldening the liberal media to play harder ball in 2011. Mark our words: They are doubling down.

Since the midterms, as we’ve documented and exposed 24/7 at the Media Research Center, the attacks on conservatives by the left-wing press have become increasingly vicious. Let’s look at some examples from the closing weeks of 2010.

Following the elections, which saw big wins for conservatives, some in the liberal media actually tried to say that voters were stupid or extremist or intemperate. On his Nov. 5 radio show, for example, Bill Press day-dreamed about liberal politicians coming out and saying, “The voters have spoken. What a bunch of idiots. ... God they’re dumb, dumb as hell.”

NBC’s Matt Lauer slammed Rand Paul’s senate win as the result of a “wave of anger and energy,” and snapped, “We know you can win an election with anger — can you govern in Washington with anger?”

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos tried to dismiss the conservative gains as voter impatience. “Every two years, the country just throws everybody out. Again, it’s happened all the time.”

CNN’s Wolf Blitzer interviewed leftist Bill Maher who lectured that Republican voters are “far right” and a “fringe group.”

Over at MSNBC, former CBS anchor Dan Rather warned that Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) “wants to cut out” Obama’s “heart and throw his liver to the dogs.”

As the lame duck Congress was nearing a close in December, the leftist press skewed coverage over extending the Bush tax rates to smear conservatives and Republicans as greedy and fiscally childish.

The Washington Post’s Ruth Marcus, told ABC’s This Week that it is “de-ranged” to not raise taxes. CNN’s Eliot Spitzer bellowed that by not giving Obama what he wanted on taxes, “every one of us is being held hostage” by the GOP. MSNBC’s Chuck Todd was frantic about the “astronomical” cost of keeping the tax rates as they have been for the last 10 years. CNBC’s Erin Burnett scolded that had the tax rates gone up, as liberals wanted, the government could provide “universal pre-school for free and provide free college tuition for half of the college students.”

The Atlantic’s Andrew Sullivan told MSNBC’s Hardball that the GOP is “trying

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to keep this economy bad” to hurt Obama. At ABC, Diane Sawyer prattled on about “how much the tax break for the wealthy increases the deficit,” while her colleague Jonathan Karl lectured how the deal would help “the super rich.”

And on and on it went.

As for conservative leaders, the liberal media continued to trash Sarah Palin and, by extension, Tea Party conservatives in general. Maureen Dowd at The New York Times, for example, equated Palin’s shooting of a caribou in Alaska with the shooting of “Obambi,” adding that “trigger-happy” Republicans are trying “to bring him down.”

Joe Scarborough wrote in Politico that Palin’s resume “makes the political biography of Barack Obama look more like Winston Churchill’s.”

Erica Hill on the CBS Early Show hyped an AP poll showing that “Palin is the most polarizing” of potential candidates in 2012. Hill also harped that - gasp! - Palin spoke at “an anti-abortion rights rally.”

Meanwhile, on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360, analyst Roland Martin barked that Palin is “the same as Kim Kardashian and Paris Hilton. She quit her job because she wanted to go out and be a celebrity.”

On Dec. 1, Republican Steve King (Iowa) was labeled by MSNBC’s Chris Jansing as “one of the most radical right-wingers in Congress.” When was the last time the liberal media labeled any Democrat “the most radical left-winger in Congress”?

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These were just a few of the liberal media attacks on conservatives documented and exposed by the MRC towards the close of 2010. As we predicted, the left-wing press played the hardest of hardball last year, an election year. It didn’t work, and still they haven’t learned a thing. Instead, expect them to be even more vicious in 2011. Count on that.

The liberal media are little more than propagandists for the leftists in Congress and the radicals in the administration, and for the libertines spreading cultural decadence. The midterm elections sparked hope for conservatives, and we, America’s media watchdog, have an ongoing battle to fight. It’s a new year, our powder is dry, and we’re ready for them.

Sincerely,

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Investigative CNSNews.com Report Forces Taxpayer-Funded Smithsonian to Remove Sacreligious ‘Art’

In a major victory for conservatives and the Media Research Center, a hard-hitting investigative report by the MRC news service, CNSNews.com, forced the taxpayer-funded Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery in late November to remove a sacreligious and vile video from its pro-homosexual exhibit “Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture.”

This action, as reported even by the lefty ABC News, was “unprecedented” because the gallery had never in its history pulled an art piece because of public outrage sparked by a news story.

CNSNews.com spent several weeks investigating the exhibit, a display that amounted to little more than a glorification of sado-masochistic gay pornography. Hide/Seek included such revolting images as ants crawling over Jesus on a crucifix, men in chains, male genitalia, gay brothers kissing each other, Ellen DeGeneres grabbing her breasts, and a painting made with the cremated ashes of a man with AIDS who committed suicide.

After the CNSNews.com story broke, it was picked up by The Drudge Report and then carried by countless other media, such as the Rush Limbaugh Show, Mark Levin Show, Fox’s Hannity, Fox & Friends, CNN’s John King, The O’Reilly Factor, the Glenn Beck Show, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, ABC, CBS, MSNBC, The Weekly Standard, National Review, Associated Press and National Public Radio.

Also, the MRC issued a press release demanding an investigation into the approval process for the exhibit. MRC President Brent Bozell said, “This exhibition is a direct assault on Christianity. Americans should not rest until we receive answers to why this exhibit was approved, and how the Smithsonian justifies using tax-payer dollars for such a display of anti-Christian bigotry.” The MRC also sent letters to congressional leaders.

The story generated more than 2,900 comments on the CNSNews.com Web site. A Google Internet search on the story pulls up 7,480 references. In addition, House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), and Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.) called for closing the entire exhibit and holding hearings on the Smithsonian’s funding.

Within 24 hours of CNSNews.com posting its report, the Smithsonian gallery issued a statement and removed one of the most disgusting video “art” pieces from the exhibit. That’s impact. And it proves that “Goliath” liberals can be beaten, even by a small non-profit “David” like the MRC.
CBS: Clearly Biased Schieffer

Although Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) repeatedly corrected CBS’s Bob Schieffer that the tax debate was over extending current “tax rates” and not over implementing new “tax cuts,” the host of Face the Nation kept pushing the latter term to describe the issue. On the Dec. 5 edition of the show, Schieffer asked Kyl when the Senate was going to “resolve this whole business of tax cuts?” Kyl immediately corrected him, saying, “Nobody is talking about tax cuts. We’re talking about extending the rates that have been in existence for the last decade.”

Schieffer then asked Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), “Why is it so important to Republicans to extend the tax cuts for the upper-income people?” Kyl jumped in immediately to say, “We’re not talking about tax cuts.” The liberal Schieffer smirked, “I gotcha’” Putting his spin on the issue, Schieffer lectured Kyl, “Rates as you call it.”

Planned Bias

In a clear dig at Sarah Plain, MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell relied on a poll by the left-wing, pro-abortion Planned Parenthood to sculpt a news story that 54 percent of voters don’t trust Palin on women’s “health issues.” These so-called health issues were limited to “abortion, birth control, and sex education,” nothing else. Mitchell, in a moment of candor, admitted that the Planned Parenthood poll “is a Democratic poll, a Democratic interest group,” but added that it was done by “a Democratic pollster, Peter Hart, who we trust.”

Uh-huh. Anyway, despite the clear bias and skewing of the poll question itself, Mitchell breathlessly chirped that the poll shows that Palin “may have a tough time getting voters to trust her” on those “women’s health issues.” Well, yes, Palin is pro-life and backs abstinence-based sex ed, which are anathema to Planned Parenthood and most Democrats.

What Liberal?

In an emotional segment about job losses and Congress extending unemployment benefits, ABC’s Claire Shipman put Edrie Irvine on-screen on Dec. 2 to talk about the issue but never told viewers that Irvine is a long-time left-wing activist and radical environmentalist. The day before, in fact, Irvine had spoken at a press conference with then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), but Shipman didn’t mention that fact. Instead, the on-screen graphic read “Edrie Irvine, Unemployed,” and she was quoted on the Good Morning America show as saying Republicans “are talking about tax cuts for the rich and are holding people like me hostage.”

A quick Internet search shows Irvine listed on the left-wing “Democracy For America” Web site where her bio reads, a “tree-hugging, bleeding heart, ACLU-card-carrying progressive liberal and damn proud of it!” Shipman never disclosed this, just portrayed Irvine as a regular gal looking for work, persecuted by the GOP.
Minibits

- MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough takes one of many swipes at Sarah Palin, “What man or mouse with a fully functioning human brain and a resume as thin as Palin’s would flirt with a presidential run?”
- Newsweek’s Daniel Stone spins Obama’s low approval rating: “The issue is not Obama, it’s the office. Can any single person fully meet the demands of the 21st century presidency?”
- TruTV anchor Jami Floyd barks that Sarah Palin is “an extraordinary ass, frankly. The more the woman says, the more trouble she gets into.”
- On GOP opposition to Obama, Financial Times’ Ed Luce bellows, “There’s a greater hatred of Obama than there is a love of American national security.”
- Time’s Joe Klein trashes George W. Bush, again, “Bush’s was an exhausting presidency that will, I suspect, be remembered more for its waste — of time, lives, money, moral standing and economic strength — than for anything else.”
- MSNBC anchor Contessa Brewer lectures a guest on living green, “I have my own compost bin and I use biodegradable soaps and all of that kind of stuff. But research shows we can do that all we want, but until government here, Susan, sets policy, until government says these are the standards that everyone has to aspire to, we’re not really making progress.”
- CBS’s Andy Rooney lets his inner child speak, “As far as I’m concerned, Obama’s doing the best job he knows how, and it’s good enough for me.”
- Newsweek’s Evan Thomas swoons over Lincoln Chaffee, “He’s a tiny little ray of hope. A liberal Republican, a type that used to exist — I think did the Republican Party a lot of good. He is a voice for reason in the Republican Party.”
- Esquire’s Tom Junod gets weepy over Obama, “How could we resist a man who simply by opening his mouth could move mountains?”

Stuart Gorin

Viera, Florida

To My Fellow MRC Donors —

I’m a donor to the MRC -- just like you. And when Brent Bozell reached out to me and asked me to write you a little note about why I’ve been a member of the MRC’s “Watchdog Group” for the last couple of years, I was happy to oblige. I’m a retired journalist who still remembers entering the field full of enthusiasm for the concept of truthful and unbiased news coverage. But over the years I was often dismayed by what the leftist-dominated media tried to put over on the American people. And I’m still dismayed. That’s why my wife Barbara and I have been donors to the MRC for about 6 years ... and it’s why back in the Spring of ‘08 we responded to an appeal from Brent to become automatic monthly donors by joining the “Watchdog Group.” Brent said that getting an automatic contribution from us every month would make the MRC more effective by putting more of our money into fighting the left-wing’s control of the Big Media.

And that’s what Barbara and I want! And I know it’s what you want too. So, I personally urge you to join the “Watchdog Group” because it will empower the MRC to work much more effectively for our goals — yours and mine.

Stuart Gorin

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More of the Same in 2011

Liberal Democrats show no signs of reading their washout at the polls as a reason to shift to the center. President Obama told 60 Minutes his only mistake was he passed some major legislation, but he didn’t focus enough on the messy “how” – as in “how it’s risky to pass an ObamaCare bill that a majority says it doesn’t want.”

Nancy Pelosi is the other face of the eviscerated Left. A Gallup poll in mid-October found 56 percent of Americans have a negative opinion of her, almost double the percentage that feels negatively toward incoming House Speaker John Boehner. Rather than cede the field to a new general, without the baggage, she is lunging ahead to be re-elected as leader of the shrunken House Democrats.

Now Obama, Pelosi, and their troops in the media are going to turn to the proposition that the House Republicans must be defeated. Oh, the irony. Weren’t their knickers in the tightest of knots when Rush Limbaugh stated he wanted Obama to fail?

Trying to reduce our $3.5 trillion annual budget by $100 billion, liberals now insist, is “impossible.” So said morning host Harry Smith on CBS. But Team Obama adding $2.7 trillion to the deficit over the last two years was a piece of cake.

The insatiable Left is defining as “realistic” anything that keeps the gravy train rolling, and trying to slow it down is utterly unthinkable. Harry Smith wouldn’t be caught dead reading a new study from the Heritage Foundation showing how to cut $343 billion a year in federal spending, or more than one-fourth of the 2010 deficit, as a down payment toward a balanced budget.

Despite controlling only one house of Congress, the GOP has been handed all the accountability for government spending by the press. In every interview the media are pounding Tea Party politicians to announce where they’re going to cut. Liberals are never challenged to put forth specifics when they genuflect at the altar of fiscal responsibility, because everyone knows they really mean tax hikes.

So most Republicans are avoiding specifics like the Heritage plan, because they know that for any spending cut they propose, the media will go hunting for potential victims of alleged Republican viciousness. They remember 1995, when ABC was doing stories on the brief government shutdown with tear-jerking lines about poor bureaucrats, like “Joe Skattleberry and his wife Lisa can’t afford a Christmas tree.” It’s as simple as this: Reporters don’t want the budget to be cut. That’s why a look at the Big Three network newscasts by the Media Research Center from September 1 through October 25 found the networks repeatedly telling the voters they faced a choice between reasonable Democrats and freakishly far-right Republicans.

There were 35 evening news stories which conveyed the message that conservative and Tea Party candidates were “extreme,” “fringe,” or “out of the mainstream.” But there was not a single network story spent one second of time to suggest that the conservatives asserted the Obama/Reid/Pelosi Democrats, responsible for the most radical legislative agenda in history, were “out of the mainstream.”

When the voters went to the polls and rejected the Democrats, they were rejecting the Old Media as well.

Network reporters consistently implied or stated that Obama was already in the center of the political conversation, and the GOP was off-the-charts conservative. They applied 62 ideological labels, and 77 percent were aimed at conservatives, and only 23 percent were for liberals. Both Delaware’s Christine O’Donnell and Alaska’s Joe Miller were tagged as “ultraconservatives” – apparently, that’s a synonym for the Tea Party, but no Democrat — not one — was ever branded an “ultraliberal.”

In the Pennsylvania Senate race, CBS called Republican Pat Toomey “conservative,” but Democrat Joe Sestak (American Conservative Union rating: zero) was not a “liberal.” CBS stooped lowest by airing an entire story on loud-mouthed loser Alan Grayson (another ACU zero), but never called him a “liberal,” despite his claim that the Republican health-care motto was “Die Quickly.” To the liberals in denial at CBS, Grayson wasn’t “extreme” on anything, but they felt it necessary to tag his opponent Daniel Webster as “conservative.”

Despite the thumping that Obama and his media supporters took at the polls, no conservative should think the media liberals will learn their lesson. Expect denial and resistance in 2011. They want Obama to declare, just for now, that he’s heard the sound of the electorate. But expect another 1995-style onslaught, painting the Republicans as horror-movie shredders of everything good and noble about America.
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, 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:

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CNSNews.com’s exposive story about a controversial exhibit at the Smithsonian is covered on FNC’s America’s Newsroom.

CNSNews.com’s news report about the unconstitutional aspects of ObamaCare is carried by The Drudge Report, Dec. 13-14.

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The Washington Post, Dec. 3, referenced the MRC’s “feisty blog, NewsBusters.org, which reports on and comments about the news media.”
The Media Research Center ran its biggest and most important “Tell The Truth!” campaign in the fall of 2010, informing Americans across the country about liberal media bias and demanding that left-wing news outlets stop lying and tell the truth about what is happening in Washington and in the nation.

The “Tell The Truth!” campaign was a $2.1 million all-out declaration of war against the liberal press. Through its various divisions and Action Team, the MRC called out the liberal media to tell the truth about how massive government spending is destroying people’s liberty; how the trillion-dollar deficits and $13-trillion national debt are ruining our children’s future; and how President Obama’s left-wing policies are marching America down the road to socialism.

In fighting the liberal agenda, the TTT campaign distributed 145,000 bumper stickers and 4,300 signs and 4,000 buttons that read “Don’t Believe the Liberal Media.”

The campaign also rented highway billboards in 11 cities and posted the messages “Got Truth?” and “Honk If You Don’t Believe the Liberal Media.” In addition, four billboard trucks were rented and driven around and around (eight hours a day, five days a week) the Manhattan headquarters of The New York Times, ABC, CBS and NBC throughout October. The trucks said, for example, “Hey NBC, Stop The Liberal Bias, Tell The Truth!” In Washington, D.C., another truck was rented to drive by CNN, the Newseum, The Washington Post and the National Press Club spreading the “Tell The Truth!” message.

The campaign also hit five different Tea Party events, where conservatives quickly grabbed all the “Tell the Truth!” signs and buttons to express their views. In addition, paid ads about the campaign were aired on the Mark Levin Radio Show, Fox News, Bloomberg TV, Fox Business Network, The Drudge Report, NewsMax.com, Hannity.com, Rush Limbaugh.com and other influential Web sites.

Further, more than 158,000 MRC Action Team members signed a petition demanding that the senior editors at The Washington Post and NBC tell the truth about Arizona’s law against illegal immigration instead of regurgitating the Obama administration’s talking points. Those petitions were hand delivered to those liberal media by MRC grassroots coordinator Bill Toye, who arrived at the news outlets in a huge billboard truck that read, “Stop the Liberal Bias, Tell The Truth!”

One way to gauge the impact and success of the campaign is to do a Google search for the words “Tell The Truth” and “Brent Bozell.” It will return 84,300 references on the Internet. The “Tell The Truth!” message in 2010 was seen or read nearly everywhere, and most pointedly outside the office windows of the liberal media giants. The campaign was not easy or cheap. But it was effective.

Please visit www.TellTheTruth2010.org to learn more, or call the MRC direct at 703-683-9733 to speak with our team.