Nightly News didn’t even mention Gruber until 32 days (!) after the first video surfaced.

The liberal media were in full cover-up — and still are — as the Media Research Center has documented. ABC, CBS, and NBC were egregious in running cover for Gruber and the White House, a fact exposed by our News Analysis Division, NewsBusters blog, MRC Business, MRCTV, and CNSNews.com.

The MRC message in this case was also transmitted through numerous TV and radio interviews of our expert staff, through e-mail alerts, press releases, and on Facebook and Twitter.

Let’s look at some of what happened.

On Nov. 7, a conservative group posted a video on YouTube of Gruber speaking at a health care conference, where he said “lack of transparency” is a huge political advantage” and smirked about “the stupidity of the American voter” as vital to passing Obamacare.

ObamaCare architect Jonathan Gruber praised the White House’s “lack of transparency” and the “stupidity” of voters as vital to passing the health care law, scandalous comments the liberal media first censored and then buried to protect the administration and themselves.
Eleven days in and the NBC Nightly News had reported zip on Gruber. For contrast, when a mid-level House staffer posted mildly critical remarks on Facebook about the Obama daughters at a Thanksgiving press conference, all three networks pounced. NBC’s Today and Nightly News gave the trivial issue more than 6 minutes of coverage; ABC News, almost 3 minutes; and CBS News, more than 5 minutes. Combined, over two days, the nets gave the Facebook flap 70% more coverage than they gave Gruber over 23 days.

It was beyond ridiculous. ABC, CBS, NBC rushed to cover a staffer’s silly comments but waited more than a week to cover an Obamacare architect’s serious admission that voters were deceived about a policy that affects every American.

The MRC documented numerous other stories that the NBC Nightly News covered instead of Gruber, including reports on ugly Christmas sweaters, media bias towards dog stories, a website for dating farmers, and a piece about Minnesota grape salad.

Finally, on Dec. 9 — 32 days after Gruber-gate broke — NBC’s Nightly News filed a 2-minute story. The next day, Gruber testified before Congress. None of the network morning news shows mentioned the hearing. CNN and MSNBC provided zero live coverage. That same day, the Washington Post buried the news on page A-4 and the New York Times hid it on page A-20.

All of that, and more, as documented and exposed by the MRC, represents the hard-core liberal bias of the media. They are deep in the tank for Obama, socialized medicine, and the entire left-wing agenda.

We are fighting that behemoth every day, 24/7 — no one does what we do, and you can help us. Please call and make a donation to the MRC today. Join the battle! Resist the left!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The left-wing bias at NBC News and its cable sibling MSNBC is well-documented, and with race-baiting activist Al Sharpton as the host of Politics Nation, moreover, the network is further pursuing its true agenda: to directly make the news and keep America leaning left.

Al Sharpton is what MSNBC, NBC, and the liberal media are all about: Their agendas are identical.

This was obvious with the coverage of the fatal shooting of black teen Michael Brown by white policeman Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Mo. As with the Trayvon Martin case and the Duke lacrosse case, the liberal media rushed to the scene and cried racism before many of the relevant facts were known.

Al Sharpton did the exact same thing. He went to Ferguson, became the spokesman for the Brown family, blamed the white police, and milked the tragedy for his own political ends, fueling racial tension and social chaos. That’s what Sharpton has done for decades, going back to the notorious — and false — Tawana Brawley rape case of 1987, for which he’s never apologized.

Sharpton, like the leftist media, always promotes the notion that America is deeply racist and that revolutionary change is needed. As he said after the non-indictment of Officer Wilson, “We lost the round but the fight ain’t over. ... [D]on’t cut your gloves off, cause the fight’s not over. Justice will come to Ferguson.”

In that small Missouri town, Sharpton was shaping the racial narrative, and actually making his own news as he was also pretending to report on it for MSNBC, and to contribute to other NBC outlets, such as the Today show, as well as to CNN and the local media.

It was also revealed that Sharpton was communicating with President Obama about Ferguson, and was acting as a conduit to Obama’s top adviser Valerie Jarret. Even liberal news analyst Howard Kurtz decried this “outrageous conflict of interest” because “you can’t be a player and cover the game,” and added that “very few news organizations would allow it.”

Fox’s Bill O’Reilly said he believed “Sharpton almost single-handedly has corrupted NBC News.”

But the corruption was already there and has been there for decades because NBC, like the other liberal news outlets, had no intention of covering the Ferguson shooting — a local story — in a fair and balanced way. NBC and MSNBC were following the racial narrative from the get-go, blowing it up into a massive national drama, as they did with the Trayvon Martin and Duke lacrosse cases.

Further, as the MRC has documented, the liberal media followed Sharpton’s narrative with the Brawley case, the Bernard Goetz “Subway Vigilante” shooting, the Central Park “Wilding” rape, the Rosenbaum murder, the Crown Heights riots in 1991, and the Freddy’s Fashion Mart murder/arson case, among many others. Every time, the agenda of the leftist news media and Sharpton was the same.

NBC owns MSNBC, which employs Sharpton, a race hustler, a former FBI informant (after being wiretapped allegedly discussing cocaine deals), a $4.5 million tax delinquent, a “civil rights” adviser to the White House, and a messenger for President Obama.

It’s all in the family — politics, the press, and power — and it all leans left.
Racists!

Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La.) lost re-election to a Republican in a run-off by 12 points, which prompted some liberals to blame it all on ... racism. Although Landrieu is white, on MSNBC’s The Rundown with Jose Diaz-Balart on Dec. 8, guest Aisha Moodie-Mills whined that “the reality, and every single poll shows this, is that Democrats have completely lost the South because white people are running away from Barack Obama and this African-American man who is occupying the White House.”

Moodie-Mills kept on firing, “Mary Landrieu only got something like 18 percent of the white vote. You’re seeing that more and more and more white people are voting for Republicans. And I talk about that because we can’t discount the idea of the racial politics that are playing out down there. People hate this president, southerners hate the president more than they’ve hated any other Democratic president.”

MSNBC: Always leaning left, and left, and left.

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When Capitol Hill Sex Abuse Isn’t News

ABC, CBS, and NBC reported extensively on a GOP staffer’s Facebook post about how President Obama’s two daughters were dressed. But the same networks said not one word about the sexual assault conviction of Democratic congressional aide Donny Ray Williams. He was a staff director for the Senate majority and had previously worked on panels headed by Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.).

Williams pleaded guilty on Dec. 2, as The Washington Post reported, for “third-degree sexual abuse, two misdemeanor counts of sexual abuse and one count of misdemeanor threats.” ABC, CBS, NBC never reported it.

But those same networks did give a total of 14 minutes coverage to the Facebook posts of GOP staffer Elizabeth Lauten, who had criticized the way Sasha and Malia Obama were dressed at a nationally televised press conference. Sexual abuse by a Democrat? No story. Inappropriate social media comment by a Republican? Headline news.

Minibits

■ On CNN, Time’s Bobby Ghosh seriously asserts that Communist China “is going to keep to those [carbon emission] targets regardless of what the U.S. does” and that while “there is room for skepticism that the U.S. will keep up its side of the bargain, the Chinese side I think is already baked in.” ■ NBC’s Chuck Todd confesses that he has “very nourishing conversations” with President Obama. ■ Two weeks after Chelsea Clinton had her first baby, Katie Couric told her she’s “probably a ‘Mom of the Year.’” ■ Politico’s Jim VandeHei lectures at the midterms, “Even if Republicans win, I think they’re going to be in a hell of a jam” and the New York Times runs the headline, “Why a Win This Year Won’t Help the G.O.P.” ■ Former Newsweek Editor Ben Adler declares, “Don’t be so naive as to mistake congressional Republicans for rational human beings or patriotic Americans.” ■ MSNBC’s Chris Matthews analyzes Ted Cruz, “That’s the definition of a demagogue. Put that face — or Joe McCarthy’s, because they look alike — put them in the dictionary next to each other.” ■ CBS’s Bob Schieffer pins Obama to the wall with dagger-like questions: “You came here talking about hope and change. Do you still hope? Is change — was it harder than you thought it would be?” ■ CNN’s Chris Cuomo reveals his angst over Navy SEALs killing terrorist Osama bin Laden, “I don’t like the idea of anybody having to lose their life.” ■ As for Obamacare, MSNBC’s Chris Hayes dispassionately explains that “conservatives are looking to destroy all of it. To blow it all up, to grind it into dust and raze it to the ground, based on no principle other than their implacable ideological opposition to the project of providing health insurance partially through the government.” ■ Finally, some straight shooting from Gov. Rick Perry to NBC’s Chuck Todd, “Here’s what I’m thinking: I’m thinking you’re probably not going to get invited to do a moderation for a presidential debate.”

What Poll?

A new Pew Research Poll showing strong support for gun rights over gun controls — 52% to 46%, the highest support for 2nd Amendment rights in 20 years — was ignored by the morning news shows at ABC and NBC, and CBS This Morning gave it only 18 seconds of coverage on Dec. 11. The 52% support for gun rights was up 7 points from the same poll in December 2012, following the shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Post-Sandy Hook, the liberal media fell over themselves pushing for more gun control. Typical was CBS’s Bob Schieffer who lectured, “This is a turning point in this country,” and MSNBC’s Chris Matthews wondered, “Why is the GOP the party of guns over people?”

Although ABC’s Good Morning America and NBC’s Today ignored the new 2014 poll, in their 6 hours of combined air time they did devote nearly 20 minutes to prattle about Golden Globe Award nominees.
Time to Stop the Moderator Masochism

On an interview tour for his new book on President Obama, NBC’s Chuck Todd told Larry King that his conversations with Obama are “very nourishing.” Even after six or seven years of adoration, reporters still sound like then-NBC reporter Lee Cowan admitting in 2008 that being assigned to the Obama campaign made his “knees quake.” He wondered if “he could do the campaign justice,” since it was “truly historic.”

With conservatism on the ascent again and Obama’s legacy in tatters, it doesn’t take psychic powers to guess the 2016 presidential cycle is going to be another brutal campaign for GOP presidential contenders. Not only will the media transparently wish for Democrats to retain the power to protect Obama’s “historic” policies, Republicans will inevitably be tagged as sexist for daring to run against the “truly historic campaign” of Hillary Clinton.

That hint of the aggression to come came when the Republican Governors Association strangely asked Chuck Todd to moderate a panel discussion with five governors on November 19 at its conference in Boca Raton, Florida. The New York Times reported that Todd tilted the whole conversation toward Obama’s executive diktats on immigration.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal eventually protested: “We have an hour. We’ve now spent 30 minutes talking about the President breaking the law tomorrow....I’d like to talk about energy, I’d like to talk about education.” Todd replied, “This is not an insignificant issue.” Jindal tried to change the subject, and Todd kept pushing “path to citizenship” at him. “You don’t have to take a long time answering,” he insisted. “You’ve asked it five times,” Jindal protested again. “I’ve answered it five different ways.”

Moments later, after Todd ignored him and continued to press on the issue, Texas Gov. Rick Perry remarked: “Here’s what I’m thinking: You will probably not be invited to do a moderation for a presidential debate.” That prompted laughter and applause from the audience.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich added: “One of my friends said, ‘Why would they have Chuck Todd and not George Will? I mean, what’s the story with this?’”

This is a promising sound, but the governors did invite Todd to moderate this event, and they should not have been surprised at the one-sided pounding they received. As usual, Republicans think inviting liberal national journalists in grants the meeting some kind of instant gravitas, impressing donors and the grass roots. Instead, it only signals their political masochism. And then, on cue, they complain.

Todd is reflecting the Obama-loving media narrative that Republicans have a very damaging racism problem. Under this narrative, the midterm victories mean nothing, since minority voters aren’t turning out for the midterms. Todd and his media pals still know in their “objective” bones that the Republicans are doomed to be a losing “white male” party for many elections to come.

So the Republicans should use this Todd event to realize their need to break the addiction. Stop inviting Obama-loving journalists to “moderate” anything when Republicans gather to discuss politics. At the very least, take a break the length of time between Obama visits to Fox News – six months to a year.

Todd’s persistence on immigration is quite similar to moderator George Stephanopoulos asking six questions about contraceptives at a debate in the last election cycle. It’s well past time to stop letting the liberal networks directly inflict damage on Republicans from the stage during the primary debates.
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:

**Television**

- **C-SPAN**: Washington Journal, Dec. 17
- **FBN**: Varney & Co., Nov. 12, 20
  - Cavuto on Biz, Dec. 9
- **FNC**: Special Report, Nov. 13
  - Happening now, Nov. 14
  - Your World with Neal Cavuto, Dec. 1
- **Newsmax TV**: Nov. 18, 19, Dec. 4, 5, 9, 11, 15
- **OneAmerica**: Nov. 13, 24, Dec. 8
  - The Daily Ledger, Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 11
- **TheBlaze TV**: Dana, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
- **WENY-TV**: Corning, NY, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 10
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**Internet & Twitter**

- **@TPPatriots**, Dec. 12
- **Breitbart News**, Dec. 1, 9, 11
  - Concerned Women for America, Nov. 1, 4
  - Daily Caller, Nov. 19, Dec. 16
  - Daily Signal, Nov. 21, Dec. 1, Dec. 8
  - Drudge Report, Nov. 21, 26, 27, 28, Dec. 1, 5, 10, 12, 17
  - Drudge Report, Nov. 21
  - Energy Brief, Nov. 20
  - Examiner.com, Nov. 12, 14, 15
  - Family Research Council, Nov. 19
  - Fox Nation, Nov. 16
  - FoxNews.com, Dec. 4, 6
  - Hispanic Leadership Fund, Nov. 21
  - HotAir, Nov. 7, 11, Dec. 5
  - LifeNews.com, Dec. 1
  - Michelle Bachmann, Nov. 21
  - Newsmax, Dec. 1, 5, 8, 11
  - Patriot Post, Nov. 21, Dec. 1, Dec. 12
  - Politico, Nov. 9
  - Real Clear Politics, Nov. 13
  - Rep. Louis Gohmert, Nov. 21
  - Students for Life, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, 4, 5
  - The Daily Signal, Nov. 21, Dec. 1, Dec. 8
  - The Minority Report, Nov. 18
  - Townhall, Nov. 16, 18, 28, Dec. 3, 5, 10
  - Washington Examiner, Nov. 17, Dec. 4
  - BreitbartNews, 187K followers, Dec. 1
  - DailySignal, 12.1K followers, Dec. 1, 10
  - EWErickson, 123K followers, Dec. 10
  - ForAmerica, 127K followers, Dec. 12
  - ForConservativeWinners, 13K followers, Nov. 19
  - Greenpeace, 123K followers, Dec. 1
  - Michelle Bachmann, 229K followers, Nov. 21
  - Students4LifeHQ, 14.3K followers, Dec. 1, 4, 5
  - TPPatriots, 124K followers, Dec 12
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**Print**

- **American Spectator**, Dec. 8
- **Esquire**, Dec. 8
- **Human Events**, Nov. 14
- **Investors’ Business Daily**, Nov. 19, Dec. 8
- **Washington Examiner**, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 15
- **Washington Free Beacon**, Nov. 12, 20
- **Washington Post**, Dec. 8, 17
- **Washington Times**, Nov. 13, Dec. 1, 9, 17
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**Radio**

- American Family Radio, Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10
- Bob Dusko Show, Nov. 13
- Chris Plante Show, near daily
- Dennis Miller Show, Nov. 25
- Hannity Radio, Nov. 19
- Herman Cain Show, Nov. 14, Dec. 8, Dec. 11
- Larry Elder Show, Nov. 10
- Lars Larson, Dec. 10
- Mark Levin Show, near daily
- Michigan’s Morning News, Nov. 12, Dec. 4
- National Public Radio, Nov. 12
- Phil Valentine Show, Nov. 20
- Red Eye Radio, Nov. 11, 12, 14, 16, Dec. 7, Dec. 9
- Rush Limbaugh, Nov. 19, Dec. 16
- WKQX, St. Louis, MO, Dec. 10
- KNTH, Houston, TX, Nov. 1, 13, Dec. 1, 4
- KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Dec. 10
- KWEL, Midland, TX, Nov. 10, Dec. 1
- KZIM, Cape Girardeau, MO, Dec. 18
- WBYZ, Savannah, GA, Dec. 8
- WCGG, Chicago, IL, Nov. 14, 25, Dec. 4
- WIBA, Madison, WI, Nov. 11, Nov. 14, Dec. 4
- WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 8
- WINA, Charlottesville, VA, Dec. 4
- WJR, Detroit, MI, Dec. 9
- WNIR, Augusta GA, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, Dec. 3
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Nov. 10, Dec. 1
- WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Nov. 4, Dec. 5
- WTMJ, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 13
- WYAY, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 14
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On Fox’s Cavuto, NewsBusters Executive Editor Tim Graham discusses ABC Ann Compton’s revelations that President Obama often unleashes angry, “profanity-laced” tirades at the press in off-the-record briefings.

On America’s Forum, NewsmaxTV, NewsBusters’ Contributing Editor Geoff Dickens details how ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, and MSNBC did not cover live the congressional hearings on Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber.

Nationally syndicated conservative talk-radio host Mark Levin regularly cites the reports, alerts, posts, and news stories from the MRC about liberal media bias, as well as the original news reporting delivered daily by the MRC.

The Media Research Center participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). MRC’s CFC number is 12489.
I didn’t like the direction the country is headed and realized the media played a major role in putting us on the wrong track. The Media Research Center is the only organization capable of fighting the liberal media and I wanted to make sure they continue to have the resources necessary to continue the fight for years to come.”

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By September of 2009, Joe Wilkens had had enough. As a retired small business owner, he saw that the America that he had grown up believing in, the America that celebrated free enterprise and individualism, the America that allowed his business to grow and thrive, was under attack. Even worse: the attack came from within.

For decades, Joe had watched as the Left captured the universities, Hollywood, the media, Congress, and finally, the White House. He watched as the liberal media did everything in their power to help Congress and the President shove a hard-Left agenda down the throats of an American populace that was screaming “Stop!” at the top of its lungs. Joe knew he needed to do something to roll back the socialist tide. He’d been supporting the MRC for a decade with an annual $100 gift, but now he knew wanted to do something more.

In September of 2009, Joe called the Media Research Center and offered to set up a $50,000 Charitable Gift Annuity. He explained that he knew the fight against the Left is one that will last decades, that every issue conservatives care about is affected by liberal media bias, and that the MRC was the only organization capable of taking the media on – and neutralizing them.

In 2010, Joe stepped up his annual support and contributed $2,500 and in August of 2010 he set up a second $40,000 CGA. In December of 2010, Brent asked Joe to become the first Chairman of the MRC’s new Legacy Society, and Joe accepted.

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