Liberal Media Lose in Attacking
Duck Dynasty Founder

The liberal news media and their cohorts at the A&E cable channel unquestionably overplayed their hand in attacking Duck Dynasty founder Phil Robertson and his comments about homosexuality. At the same time, the same leftist media’s near-silence about MSNBC Martin Bashir’s filthy verbal assault on Sarah Palin just proves their hypocrisy.

The Duck Dynasty case shows how much the liberal media (and Hollywood) truly despise traditional morality and are fundamentally intolerant: they only support free speech they agree with.

That type of bias is documented, exposed, and neutralized every day here at the Media Research Center. With our five divisions, 63 employees, and grassroots MRC Action network, we do what no one else does. We are America’s media watchdog, and your support is vital in this struggle.

Moreover, as the reaction to the Duck Dynasty incident proves, when the American people are informed, they can fight back and force the liberals in the media to back down. In Martin Bashir’s case, he was forced to resign precisely because the MRC put the heat on MSNBC and didn’t let up until he was gone.

Conservatives can win the media wars. Let’s look at what happened.

Back in mid-December, some of the comments made by Phil Robertson in an interview for the January GQ magazine were released. Among other things, Robertson candidly said that he found a woman’s vagina to be far more appealing than a “man’s anus,” and added that sin, however, is “just not logical.”

He also paraphrased Corinthians, saying neither “the male prostitutes, the homosexual offenders, the greedy, the drunkards, the slanderers, the swindlers — they won’t inherit the kingdom of God. Don’t deceive yourself. It’s not right.”

Within one day, on Dec. 18, the A&E cable channel that carries the hugely popular Duck Dynasty show suspended Robertson “indefinitely.” The network wanted him gone. They knew their allies in the liberal news media would help, too.

The attacks on Duck Dynasty by the liberal media and Hollywood show their fundamental intolerance: They only support free speech they agree with.

The company proclaimed that Robertson’s “personal views in no way reflect those of A&E Networks, who have always been strong supporters and champions of the LGBT community.”

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The next day, Dec. 19, ABC Good Morning America’s Lara Spencer huffed about Robertson’s “offensive” and “really outrageous statements.” She then interviewed PR expert Howard Bragman who lectured that the remarks were “truly vile and offensive” and “not just to the gay community, but to the African-American community too.”
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NBC Today’s panelists ruminated over the “divisive” comments. At CNN, a few days later, The Situation Room’s Brianna Keller said Robertson’s words were “homophobic” and anchor Kyra Phillips thumped, “I totally disagree with the guy. I think he’s so narrow-minded and he really needs to, like, get with the times.”

CNN’s Piers Morgan also arrogantly dismissed Robertson’s moral views as “so bigoted,” stressing that “it’s a load of absolute phooey in the modern age” for people to say “it’s my religious belief that homosexuality is a sin.”

Over at MSNBC, race-baiter Michael Eric Dyson declared, “Phil Robertson and the Duck Dynasty is part of a majority white supremacist culture that either consciously or unconsciously incubates hatred toward those who are different.”

In other words, if you think anal sodomy is unnatural or morally wrong, you’re a racist.

On some other left-wing media fronts, the Los Angeles Times’s Meredith Black said Robertson’s outlook on sin was “about as forward-thinking as his Old Testament facial hair.” The Huffington Post thundered that Robertson was a “religious zealot” using the “Bible to defame a group of people,” a group “attacked, vilified, bludgeoned with words that have been used by bullies in America’s schools and bashers on the streets to engage in violence against LGBT people.”

The liberal media’s condemnation of Robertson and his Christian beliefs went on for a steady 10 days. It was the dominant story during Christmas week.

Yet as the MRC documented, in contrast, much of the liberal media and specifically the networks — ABC, CBS, NBC — never said a word about MSNBC Martin Bashir’s foul attack on Sarah Palin.

Back on Nov. 15, Bashir had talked about an 18th century slave-owner, Thomas Thistlewood, who would sometimes have one slave “s-h-i-t in” the mouth of another slave as punishment. Bashir then said, “When Mrs. Palin invoked slavery, she doesn’t just prove her rank ignorance. She confirms that if anyone truly qualified for a dose of discipline from Thomas Thistlewood, then she would be the outstanding candidate.”

I cannot think of a more disgusting personal attack than this. But the target was Sarah Palin. So the same news media were now absolutely silent.

We, however, pushed the outrageous story nearly every day and called for NBC to apologize. Bashir soon went on a three-week “vacation,” and on Dec. 5 MSNBC announced that he was resigning. ABC, CBS, and NBC, again, however, reported zip.

In a press release that day I said, “NBC/Comcast’s continued refusal to acknowledge, let alone apologize, for Martin Bashir’s disgusting remarks about Sarah Palin is as gutless as it is shameful. … Their silence confirms one thing for certain: NBC/Comcast believes it is totally acceptable for someone to defecate in a woman’s mouth so long as that woman is a conservative.”

While MSNBC took three weeks to figure what to do about Bashir and his vile comments, A&E suspended Robertson within one day of his remarks. The liberal media were okay with Bashir but they wanted to bury Robertson — a clear double standard.

The attack on Duck Dynasty and traditional Christian morality, however, did not play well with the public. Millions of Americans pushed back and on Dec. 27 — ten days after the “indefinite” suspension — Robertson was reinstated. The liberals lost.

The speedy reinstatement of Robertson proves that a liberal cable channel and a leftist media can be defeated. Bashir’s fate also shows that radical hate mongers can be stopped. This is the mission of the MRC: to hold the liberal media accountable. You can help us do more of that in 2014, a crucial election year, by making a donation to the MRC.

Call us, and join the good fight. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
Washington Post Uses Soros-Funded Group to Smear Conservative Kochs

Billionaire socialist George Soros has given $550 million to liberal groups in America over the last 10 years, and the Washington Post is now using one of the outlets, the Center for Responsive Politics, to smear the conservative/libertarian Koch brothers.

In its Jan. 6 hit-piece on Charles and David Koch, the Washington Post proudly stated its partnership with the Center for Responsive Politics (CRP), but nowhere in the 2,457-word attack did the Post mention that Soros has funded CRP to the tune of $725,000 since 2000.

The Post described the CRP as a “nonpartisan group that tracks money in politics.” But George Soros was not mentioned. Not one word.

That’s liberal bias by omission, and it’s no surprise given the Post’s entrenched leftism. It’s also pathetically ironic given that the Post piece was all about “exposing” the vast “political network” of the Kochs.

In addition to smearing the Kochs because they dared to support pro-American entities, limited government, and free enterprise, the Post also trashed the National Rifle Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and Americans for Tax Reform.

As the MRC has documented through its BMI division and The Soros Project, the billionaire socialist gave $2 billion to left-wing groups in the United States through his Open Society Foundations between 2000 and 2009.

Read more about The Soros Project at: www.mrc.org/business/soros

When it comes to fawning over President Barack Obama, no one in the liberal media does it better than MSNBC’s own Chris Matthews. Obama is so “cool” in Chris’s slanted mind that he has likened him to Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and … Jesus Christ.

To highlight Matthews’ liberal myopia, the MRC selected his Top Ten “Obamagasms” in a recent Media Reality Check. Here are some of those memorable remarks by Matthews.

♥ “He’s come from a white family and a black family, and he’s married to a black woman, and they’re cool people. They are really cool. They are Jack and Jackie Kennedy when you see them together. They are cool. And they’re great-looking, and they’re cool and they’re young, and they’re — everything seems to be great … If you’re in [a room] with Obama, you feel the spirit. Moving.” — 1/16/08

♥ “Everything he’s [Obama] done is clean as a whistle. He’s never not only broken any law, he’s never done anything wrong. He’s the perfect father, the perfect husband, the perfect American. And all they do is trash the guy.” — 7/17/12

♥ “I have to tell you, you know, it’s part of reporting this case, this election, the feeling most people get when they hear Barack Obama’s speech. My, I felt this thrill going up my leg. I mean, I don’t have that too often.” — 2/12/08

♥ “You know, I’ve been criticized for saying he [Obama] inspires me, and to hell with my critics! … You know, in the Bible they talk about Jesus serving the good wine last, I think the Democrats did the same [with Obama’s speech].” — 8/28/08

♥ “A speech worthy of Abraham Lincoln. … What I personally view as the best speech ever given on race in this country. I think this is the kind of speech I think first graders should see, people in the last year of college should see before they go out in the world. This should be, to me, an American tract. Something that you just check in with, now and then, like reading Great Gatsby and Huckleberry Finn. One of the great speeches in American history.” — 3/18/08

♥ “The President showed his analytical mind. … He was at his best intellectually. I thought it was a great example of how his mind works. … What a mind he has, and I love his ability to do it on television. I love to think with him.” — 2/9/09
The 26th Annual Awards for the Year’s Worst Reporting

The liberal media smugly pushed their leftist agenda in 2013 and the MRC captured that bias every step of the way. In December, the winners for the worst reporting were announced in the MRC’s “Best Notable Quotables 2013.” The winners were selected by a distinguished group of 42 talk-radio hosts, reporters, editos, and columnists, including Cal Thomas, Monica Crowley, Lars Larson, Mark Levin, Kate O’Beirne and Bob Dutko. Presented here are some of the winners.

Quote of the Year

Martin Bashir: “One of the most comprehensive first-person accounts of slavery comes from the personal diary of a man called Thomas Thistlewood. In 1756, he records that ‘a slave named Darby caught eating canes; had him well flogged and pickled, then made Hector, another slave, s-h-i-t in his mouth.’ This became known as ‘Darby’s Dose,’ …. When Mrs. Palin invoked slavery, she doesn’t just prove her rank ignorance. She confirms that if anyone truly qualified for a dose of discipline from Thomas Thistlewood, then she would be the outstanding candidate.”
— MSNBC’s Martin Bashir Live, 11/15/13

Obamagasm Award

— Headline for Newsweek’s ‘Inauguration 2013’ cover, 1/18/13

Kamikaze Award for Disparaging Conservatives

“When Ted Cruz and John Boehner were both on a sinking ship, who would be saved? Answer: America.”
— Politico’s Roger Simon, 10/14/13

Twisted Tweets Award

“Go to dictionary, & look up the ‘C’Word,…next 2 the definition…you’ll see a Pic of Sarah PALIN ! NO…WAIT …SHES UNDER DUMB C WORD”
— Cher on Twitter, 11/15/13
**MSNBC = Mean-Spirited, Nasty, Belligerent Chris Award**

“They are political terrorists, and like all terrorists, including those who use bombs, their number one goal — their only goal — is to blow things up. [Senators Ted] Cruz, [Rand] Paul and Mike Lee are on a mission to destroy, shut down the American government, destroy ObamaCare, drive the country into default, destroy the U.S. credit rating. Terrorists with one purpose: To bring down, not just this administration but, let’s face it, the American government.”

— MSNBC’s *Hardball*, 7/31/13

**Barbra Streisand Political IQ Award**

“What is Reagan’s real legacy?...He deregulated industries, eroded environmental standards, defiantly ripping down the solar panels that Jimmy Carter had put on the White House roof, weakened the middle class, busted unions, heightened the racial divides, widened the gap between rich and poor. ... As far as Reagan’s much-vaunted role in winning the Cold War, the lion’s share of credit goes to Mikhail Gorbachev — a true visionary and, it turns out, the real democrat.”

— Oliver Stone in Showtime’s *Untold History of the United States*, 12/31/12

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**Minibits**

- NBC’s Nancy Snyderman pitches for Obamacare, “I made my kids sign up, because I just said, ‘This is your patriotic duty.’”
- Liberal radio-host Bill Press on MSNBC’s *Politics Nation* rants, “The essence of this Tea Party is a racist institution. It is born of the fact that they cannot stand the fact that a black man is President of the United States.”
- Meanwhile, MSNBC’s Chris Hayes thumps against the Tea Party, “I think everyone at this table agrees that they’re bad for the country, really bad for the country, terrible, destructive in all the ways we talk about all the time.”
- A *Washington Post* “essay” on JFK assassination savagely claims, “To find the very roots of the Tea Party of 2013, just go back to downtown Dallas in 1963,” which echoes today with “the ad hominem attacks against a ‘socialist president.’ The howling broadcasters. The mega-rich men from Texas funding the political action campaigns. There is even another charismatic, Ivy-educated ideologue: Sen. Ted Cruz would have been quite comfortable in Dallas 1963.”
- Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who has produced an endless list of violent movies, lectures on CNN, “This is the only country in the world, we don’t have a gun law. You know, quite frankly it’s embarrassing. Obama is not embarrassing. The country is embarrassing.”
- MSNBC’s Karen Finney explains the GOP in relation to Nelson Mandela: “If you think about what the word ‘apartheid’ means, ‘apartheid.’ It was all about separating people and dividing people. That’s what this Republican Party has been about for the last several years.”
- Finney’s colleague Chris Matthews, just as wacky, prattles, “You’ve heard the news from North Korea, how the young head of that country just executed his guardian uncle. Well, back here in America, the right wing is acting if not as brutally, certainly as crazily.”
- ABC’s Barbara Walters reveals what we know about the liberal media, “We thought that he [Obama] was going to be — I shouldn’t say this at Christmastime, but — the next Messiah.”

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To discover the rest of the NQ awards, or to watch the videos of *The Best of NQ*, visit the MRC Website, www.MRC.org, and click Notable Quotables under the “RESEARCH” tab.
I’ve not read the official obituaries because they are predictable. “Billionaire.” “GOP donor.” “Swift Boat Vets.” “Industrialist.” “Dallas, Texas.” And there you have it: the death of a sinister figure driven by greed, the puppeteer manipulating the political process, a 21st century J.R. Ewing. If this is what you’ve read, it’s written by someone who didn’t know Harold Clark Simmons.

I never knew a man quite like Harold Simmons. I met him in 1981. Back then he kept a ledger of his political donations on 5 x 7 cards. You’d make your pitch. He’d open the file and examine his giving to you. He’d give you his answer. His answer was as crisp as each of these sentences.

To not know Harold was to be intimidated by his curt responses. On one visit, many years ago, Harold looked down at my file, then looked up at me and snapped in his Texas slang, “No, I gave you [$X] in January. That’s all you’re worth to me.” Another time a colleague traveled 1,300 miles just to visit Harold. He walked into Harold’s office with a smile, hand extended for a handshake, bade Harold a cheerful hello and prepared to settle in for a talk. But Harold had other plans. As he shook my friend’s hand he stopped him dead in his tracks. “What do you want?” Out came the request. Back came the response: Yes. Out went the guest. Total meeting length for a trip half-way across the country: two minutes.

My colleagues and I laughed for years recounting these and other “Harold” visits. We expected nothing less. He was decisive; and if your presentation had value, virtually unrivaled in his generosity.

In 1986 I set out to form the Board of Directors for the Media Research Center. I visited Harold and made my request. Harold’s classic answer: “OK, but only if I don’t have to go to any meetings.” Another time a colleague traveled 1,300 miles just to visit Harold. He walked into Harold’s office with a smile, hand extended for a handshake, bade Harold a cheerful hello and prepared to settle in for a talk. But Harold had other plans. As he shook my friend’s hand he stopped him dead in his tracks. “What do you want?” Out came the request. Back came the response: Yes. Out went the guest. Total meeting length for a trip half-way across the country: two minutes.

I laid out my thinking for an ambitious new political adventure, one which would require tens of millions of dollars. Could we have that conversation? I asked. Not yet, he answered. He needed to tend to some business concerns. But he wanted me to know he was definitely interested. Come back in six months.

That meeting will never happen. How does one react to that? Let us put it in perspective. There is a wonderful story told about Philip II of Spain, who in 1588 had already bankrupted his country twice to build the most formidable navy in history to defeat the Protestant forces of England’s Queen Elizabeth. He awaited news at his massive imperial compound in El Escorial. The courier finally arrived with the worst news imaginable. All is lost. The armada had been destroyed. Philip’s reaction was one for the ages. If he was crushed, history did not record it. Instead we know he immediately ordered a Te Deum Mass to be offered, giving glory to God, accepting without question His will.

I will miss Harold. He cannot be replaced. There is sadness, yes, but there is also immediate gratitude owed Providence. It was willed that our nation be given Harold Simmons and that some of us would be honored to know him. That gift continues forever.
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The Republican, Dec. 25
Townhall.com, Jan. 10
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World Net Daily, Jan. 9
@amandacarpenter, 50K followers, Jan. 8
@Heritage, 378K followers, Dec. 19
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There is no doubt about it, these next two years are going to be the most crucial years since this country’s founding. There is an all out war to turn this great nation into a socialist nanny state and the liberal media are the biggest proponents of it all — aiding and abetting anyone who toes the line.

As a frequent reader of The Watchdog and as a member of the MRC, you are well aware that no other conservative organization in America comes close to the level of impact the MRC makes every day — every day — in exposing the liberal media and providing the research the conservative media need to fight the great fight.

The MRC’s News Analysis Division, our news wire CNSNews.com and our blog, NewsBusters.org, are used or cited daily by many in the conservative news media. Our archive of liberal media bias, dating back to 1987, is flawless and totally unique. Our staff is top-notch — many of whom appear daily on leading radio or television programs to battle liberal media bias in the public arena. The MRC does not sit back and just “produce.” The MRC is active. We are at the forefront of this battle to restore our country to its roots. The MRC provides detailed, specific and rapid-response research every day — often every hour — that proves the leftist media’s attempts to influence the public. Your support makes this possible!

Our country is in dire straits, but imagine what life would be like without the MRC’s efforts over the past 26 years. The thought makes me shudder. Liberal media bias was once viewed as “a myth perpetuated by the conservative movement.” But now liberal media bias is a fact, a household word; the public no longer readily trusts the Fourth Estate.

Likewise, the growth of the conservative media wouldn’t be as prolific, were it not for the MRC paving the way. It’s an exciting business, but it is difficult and never-ending. We are wholly dependent on donors like you. YOU are the backbone of this organization and we do not take that for granted.

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