Liberal Media in Denial About Radical Islamic Terrorist Attacks in Paris

Although radical Muslim terrorists screaming “Allahu Akbar” (god is great) and “we have avenged the prophet Mohammed” were responsible for the January attacks in Paris, which killed 17 people, much of the liberal media are misreporting what happened there because it doesn’t fit their ideological template.

Like the Obama administration, they are deflecting away from the facts, spinning frantically to get people to focus on anything but the truth: that radical Islam declared war on the West and we must destroy it. There is no room for diplomacy with savages who murder cartoonists, behead people on YouTube, kill children, and turn captive girls into sex slaves.

Yet as the MRC has documented, the networks and other major liberal media outlets rarely if ever use the words “radical Islam” to explain what’s happening, and they continuously blame the “far right,” the “anti-immigrant” Islamophobes, the Jews, Abu Ghraib, George W. Bush — you name it — for the terrorism.

They deflect and in effect lie. At the same time, they echo the politically correct talking points and Orwellian newspeak that emanates from the White House. It’s like living in a world outside reality.

The MRC has exposed that deflection in its News Analysis Division and NewsBusters blog, on MRCTV, CNSNews.com, MRC Culture, Twitter and Facebook, in press releases, commentary, and numerous radio and television interviews of MRC staff.

Let’s look at some of the fantastic examples of the leftist media’s deflection.

On the day of the attack, Jan. 7, CNN’s Christiane Amanpour called the terrorists “activists.” As if they were PETA or MoveOn.org volunteers, Amanpour relayed, “On this day, these activists found their targets, and their targets were journalists.”

Obviously clueless about radical Islam, CNN’s Carol Costello proclaims: “Muslims in France — they don’t feel accepted by the country. They feel that many racist acts are carried out against them. Is the anger within France...coming from that, and not really religion?”

Over at MSNBC’s Morning Joe, panelist Howard Dean lectured that he had “stopped calling these people Muslim terrorists,” adding that “Europe has an enormous radical problem,” and that the Islamic State is “a cult” but “not an Islamic cult.” A cult? That’s all?

No one on the MSNBC show challenged Dean’s absurd claims. No one.

The next day, David Rothkopf, who publishes Foreign Policy magazine,
feel accepted by the country. They feel that many racist acts are carried out against them. Is the anger within France ... coming from that, and not really religion?”

CNN’s Daniel Burke dutifully agreed, harping that “it’s kind of like what we saw in Ferguson” and “there’s a feeling there that Muslims may be bullied.”

Yes, 17 people murdered — 3 of them policemen and 4 of them Jews at a kosher deli — because Muslims were ... “bullied.”

For his part, Jimmy Carter deflected the issue for the liberal media, suggesting that the Jews and “the Palestinian problem” were to blame for Islamic terrorism. You read that correctly.

On NBC’s Meet the Press, Jan. 11, reporter Ayman Mohyeldin argued that “for some, radicalization and attacks against the U.S. stems from anger at American foreign policies and wars in the Middle East.” Mohyeldin then let Muslim activist Kassem Allie complain that “this Islamaphobia that has been going on for the last several years has been — has hurt.”

Don’t you see? It’s not radical Islam, it’s Islamaphobia!

The coup de grace for deflection, however, likely came from Rolling Stone Executive Editor Eric Bates who, the day of the attack, equated the terrorism with a lawsuit filed by Jerry Falwell against the pornographic magazine Hustler.

“This isn’t just Islamic extremism,” tutted Bates. “If you go back to the ’80s during the Reagan administration, when Jerry Falwell sued Hustler magazine for portraying him having — I believe it was drunken incest with his mother in an outhouse.”

How you can compare Falwell filing a lawsuit to the mass murder of 17 people? It is fantastic, but predictable for the leftist media.

It is all so absurd it would be laughable if it were not real and dangerous. The liberal media are deflecting the truth and misinforming the public about a very serious topic: radical Islamic terrorism. (Do they not remember 9/11, Ft. Hood, the Boston Marathon bombing?)

The MRC is documenting and exposing that deflection every day. It is an ever-challenging battle that would not be possible without your support. You can join us in this good fight by making a donation to the MRC today. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The liberal media in America are militantly pro-abortion and they don’t even pretend to present a fair and balanced picture of the pro-life side, if they report on that side at all.

At the annual March for Life this year — Jan. 22, the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade — more than 200,000 people gathered, listened to speeches, and then marched up Capitol Hill to the Supreme Court in defense of innocent life. There were countless young people, high schoolers, and college-age kids, and numerous families with babies. Some estimates put the crowd at closer to 500,000.

Despite that massive march, which essentially shut down Capitol Hill for the day, the ABC and NBC news networks did not report it. They said nothing, and the CBS news network gave it barely 15 seconds of coverage as a sub-story related to pro-life legislation in Congress.

That’s censorship. That’s liberal bias by omission.

Commenting on the networks’ blackout, MRC President Brent Bozell said, “If these were a few dozen hipsters protesting corporate profits while taking selfies with iPhones, the networks would have wall-to-wall coverage. The media cannot be bothered to cover 200,000 pro-lifers who came to Washington in the middle of winter to march for the unborn.”

“It’s shameful,” he said. “If you’re throwing Molotov cocktails at police officers — think Ferguson — the media will provide sympathetic coverage to your cause. If you’re standing up for the most vulnerable in our society, the media turn a deaf ear. With each passing day, the media continue to hemorrhage their credibility.”

Twenty-four pro-life organizations issued statements, along with the MRC, chastising the networks for their censorship of the 2015 March for Life.

Among the signers was Life Site News Editor John-Henry Westen, who said, “If 200,000 people showed up in Washington to protest in favor of almost any other cause, it would be considered national news by nearly every newspaper or network. The decision to ignore America’s biggest march yet again shows that U.S. mainstream media, including the Big Three networks, have no interest in reporting on anything that might harm its agenda — and nothing undercuts that agenda more than hundreds of thousands of mostly young people coming to D.C. to support life.”

Read all 24 statements and watch MRCTV’s interview at www.MRC.org
Quote of the Year
“I’m just going to come right out and say it: This is quite possibly the best minute-and-a-half of audio we’ve ever come across — well, come across in a long time anyway. A massive brawl in Anchorage, Alaska, reportedly involving Sarah Palin’s kids and her husband. It was sparked after someone pushed one of her daughters at a party. And now police have released audio of that interview. It does include some rather colorful language from Bristol. Here now is Bristol’s recollection of how that night unfolded. So sit back and enjoy.”
— CNN’s Carol Costello, 10/22/14

Obamagasm Award
“You know, I’m a Christian preacher, and God finally said, ‘Look, I can’t send nobody else. I got to go myself.’ And I ain’t saying that Obama is Jesus, but for many of his followers he is.”
— MSNBC’s Michael Eric Dyson, 8/23/14

Planet in Peril Award
“Man-made climate change happens. Man-made climate change kills a lot of people. It’s going to kill a lot more. We have laws on the books to punish anyone whose lies contribute to people’s deaths. It’s time to punish the climate-change liars. … Denialists should face jail. They should face fines. I’m talking about Rush and his multi-million-dollar ilk in the disinformation business. … Those malcontents must be punished and stopped.”
— Gawker.com’s Adam Weinstein, 3/28/14

Obama’s Orderlies Award
“We got a report today about ObamaCare that was both surprising and widely misunderstood. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said about two million Americans are likely to pass up full-time jobs because of the President’s health insurance program. Those aren’t necessarily jobs being lost. They’re also workers choosing to work less.”
— CBS’ Scott Pelley, 2/4/14
Ku Klux Con Job
“Killing the black vote. ... This is rotten stuff, isn’t it? The Republican effort to kill the black vote in state after state: Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida, Texas. We can all see what they’re doing. Believing they can’t convert the African American vote, they’ve decided to slaughter it. This is murder in broad daylight.” — MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, 10/21/14

Audacity of Dopes Award
“Every media organization has investigated this [Benghazi] to death. This animates the right-wing of the Republican Party. And I would like to point out that Ambassador [Chris] Stevens was not murdered. He died of smoke inhalation in the safe room in that CIA installation.” — The Daily Beast’s Eleanor Clift, 5/11/14

Barbra Streisand Political IQ Award
“I am one of your biggest fans, if not the biggest, and have been since the inception of your campaign....It would be wonderful if we were able to give this man all of the power that he needs to pass the things that he needs to pass... You’re so handsome that I can’t speak properly.” — Actress Gwyneth Paltrow at DNC fundraiser, 10/9/14

Minibits
■ Apparently ignorant of media influence (or George Soros), ABC’s Barbara Walters asks David Koch, “Do you think it’s fair that, just because you have billions of dollars, you can influence elections?”
■ NYT’s food writer — yes, food writer — Mark Bittman boils over, “The police killing unarmed civilians. Horrifying income inequality. Rotting infrastructure and an unsafe ‘safety net.’ An inability to respond to climate threats. A food system that causes disease. An occasionally dysfunctional and even cruel government. You get it: This is the United States, which, with the incoming Congress, might actually get worse.” ■ Washington Post “fact-checker” Glenn Kessler lectures that Democrats “have bought into the myth of the liberal media, and they kind of think that the media is on their side, whereas Republicans, they firmly believe in the myth of the liberal media.” ■ Bloomberg’s Mark Halperin absurdly opines, “There is an anti-Clinton bias in the press right now.” ■ Clearly not familiar with free markets, the NYT’s Dionne Searcey claims, “For a long stretch, government spending cutbacks at all levels were a substantial drag on economic growth.” ■ Asked by Rosie O’Donnell how she views the dictator Fidel Castro, ABC’s Barbara Walters gushes, “Maybe the most charismatic person I have met.”

To see the rest of the 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.
Sniper Smearing in Hollywood

Clint Eastwood’s movie American Sniper dominated the box office race over the long Martin Luther King weekend with a gross of $103.5 million. That’s more than twice as high as the previous January opening weekend record. It received a rare “A+” CinemaScore from people who saw it, suggesting word-of-mouth will be wildly positive.

This movie wasn’t very controversial — until, that is, the film earned six Oscar nominations and had that amazing weekend at the box office. That’s when the hostility erupted from leftist Hollywood types on Twitter, hell-bent on pushing back against the wave.

Radical director Michael Moore slammed American snipers in general on Twitter: “My uncle killed by sniper in WW2. We were taught snipers were cowards. Will shoot u in the back. Snipers aren’t heroes.” Moore hasn’t made a real movie in six years. He sounded almost desperate for attention.

Moore added to his smear campaign on his Facebook page, connecting it to the MLK holiday: “Lots of talk about snipers this weekend (the holiday weekend of a great man, killed by a sniper) ... Hopefully not on this weekend when we remember that man in Memphis, Tennessee, who was killed by a sniper’s bullet.”

Actor Seth Rogen — so recently lionized for being at the center of a free-speech fight with North Korea over his comedy The Interview — showed he was no First Amendment hero. “American Sniper kind of reminds me of the (Nazi propaganda) movie that’s showing in the third act of Inglorious Basterds.” Quentin Tarantino’s World War II movie featured a fake film about a German sniper killing Allied soldiers from a clock tower.

This knee-jerk liberal tendency to compare our bravest, most dedicated soldiers to Nazis reminds us of NBC Parenthood star Dax Shepard’s Twitter rant about the 2012 movie Act of Valor, a movie that starred actual Navy SEALs. He cracked: “Saw Triumph of The Will tonight, oh wait, I mean Act of Valor. Great action.”

The network news reported on the furor with alarming “objectivity,” considering the nature of the smears, but some network stars praised the movie. CBS morning host Gayle King said, “I really loved the movie and at the end of the day he saved a lot of lives. Chris Kyle saved a lot of lives.” On MSNBC, Mika Brzezinski praised the movie, saying veterans told her it was a very accurate reflection on the difficulties veterans and their families go through.

Faced with the hornet’s nest they kicked, Moore and Rogen quickly backtracked, lamely claiming their comments were taken out of context, which they weren’t. Live by the tweet, die by the tweet. Moore said he wasn’t directly referring to the new movie, which is a bald-faced lie.

Rogen protested that he actually liked the film and wrote a new tweet Monday saying he wasn’t directly comparing American Sniper with a satire of Nazi films. “Big difference between comparing and reminding,” he wrote. “Apples remind me of oranges. Can’t compare them, though.” Earth to Rogen: If you had said Martin Luther King “reminded” you of a communist, you couldn’t dig out of it by saying you were just comparing apples and oranges.

Movies raging against the Iraq war have failed, dud after dud after dud. But it should be no shock that American audiences like movies about American heroes, complete with their highs and lows. Zero Dark Thirty and Lone Survivor opened in the same post-Christmas slot in 2013 and 2014, respectively, and they grossed $95 million and $125 million at the box office.

American Sniper is now expected to surpass $200 million in ticket sales, demonstrating that the American public has a lot more gratitude for the sacrifices our troops make for freedom than the loudest mouths in Tinseltown.
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. 26
- The Lead with Jack Tapper, Dec. 26

**CNN:**  
- Varney & Co., Jan. 15

**FBN:**  
- Fox 411, Jan. 9
- Fox and Friends, Jan. 2, 3
- Hannity, Dec. 18, 20
- Special Report, Jan. 22
- The Five, Jan. 20

**FNC:**  
- America’s Forum, Dec. 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, Jan. 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22

**Newmax TV:**  
- The Daily Ledger, Dec. 15, 18, 29, Jan. 1, 5, 12, 19

**OneAmerica:**  
- The Daily Ledger, Dec. 15, 18, 22

**WENY-TV:**  
- Dec. 17, 31, Jan. 14, 21

**Radio**

- Bob Dutko Show, Jan. 22
- British Broadcasting Corp., Jan. 16
- David Webb Show, Dec. 18
- Dennis Miller Show, Dec. 30, Jan. 13
- EWTN Radio, Jan. 27
- Hannity Radio, Dec. 17
- Herman Cain Show, Dec. 15
- Lars Larson, Jan. 5, 15
- Michigan’s Morning News, Jan. 1, 16, 23
- Mitch Henck, Dec. 18, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 22
- Red Eye Radio, Dec. 16, Jan. 8, 20, 21, 22
- Rush Limbaugh, Jan. 12, 21
- Steel on Steel, Dec. 16
- The Alan Nathan Show, Dec. 17, 31, Jan. 8, 15, 22
- The Blaze, Dec. 16, Jan. 8
- Washington Times Radio, Jan. 6

### Print

- American Spectator, Jan. 8
- Cardinal Newman Society, Jan. 12
- Crisis Magazine, Dec. 17
- Los Angeles Daily News, Jan. 14
- New York Daily News, Jan. 14
- Wall Street Journal, Jan. 7
- Washington Examiner, Dec. 16, 17, Jan. 5, 12, 16, 19, 21
- Washington Times, Jan. 8, 19, 26
- Washington Post, Dec. 17, 29, Jan. 29
- Partial Listing

### Internet & Twitter

**Bretitbart News**, Jan. 11, 13
**BuzzFeed**, Dec. 31, Jan. 9
**Canada Free Press**, Jan. 23
**Christian Post**, Feb. 3
**Drudge Report**, Dec. 17, 31, Jan. 6, 8, 9, 12
- 13, 14, 16, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, Feb. 2, 3
- Examiner.com, Jan. 17, 22
- Fox Nation, Dec. 27, Jan. 2, 4, 14, 15
- FoxNews.com, Jan. 8, 10, 26, 27
- HotAir, Jan. 7
- Huffington Post, Jan. 15
- iMediaEthics, Jan. 9
- InvestmentWatch, Jan 22
- LifeNews.com, Jan. 29
- LifeSiteNews, Dec. 18, Jan. 12
- patriotpost.com, Jan. 22
- Real Clear Politics, Jan. 20
- RushLimbaugh.com, Jan. 12
- The Daily Caller, Dec. 16, Jan. 12, 21
- The Daily Signal, Dec. 30, Jan. 28
- The Fiscal Times, Dec. 17
- Townhall.com, Dec. 19, 31, Jan. 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 22, 23
- WorldMag.com, Dec. 19
- Yahoo! News, Feb. 3
- @drudge_report, 740k followers, Dec. 17, 31, Jan. 6, 13, 14, 16
- @heritage, 470k followers, Jan. 14
- @monicaacrowley, 219k followers, Jan. 6
- @alvedaking, 27.2k followers, Jan. 9
- @EWErickson, 125k followers, Jan. 14
- @kevincorke, 297k followers, Jan. 16
- @numberusa, 10.2k followers, Dec. 17
- @sabinist, 13.6k followers, Jan. 16, 23
- Partial Listing

### On Fox Channels

- On Fox’s _Kelly File_, MRC President Brent Bozell details how an NBC reporter smeared _American Sniper_ hero Chris Kyle as a racist who went on “killing sprees.” Kyle was a sniper for the Navy SEALs.

- On Fox’s _Varney & Co._, in relation to the Paris terrorist attack, MRC President Brent Bozell explains how one may have a legal right to publish offensive, pornographic images but that does not make it morally right.

- The Media Research Center participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). MRC’s CFC number is 12489.
Dae Miller
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MRC Legacy Society Member Dae Miller has been a supporter of the Media Research Center for many years. She recently explained why:

“Once when I was on a cruise sponsored by Hillsdale College, a friend and I were talking about the conservative organizations that we both supported and she asked me if I supported the Media Research Center. I told her that I didn’t, but when she explained who the MRC was and what it did, I realized that the MRC was an organization worthy of my support.

“For years I’d noticed that the liberal news media were presenting the American people with half-truths and distorted facts. I saw that they’d rather tell the people what to think rather than give the people the information they needed to make up their own minds. I knew that someone needed to hold the liberal media to account and demand that they stop lying. Someone needed to make sure the American people got the whole story, not just part of it. The MRC is the only organization capable of holding the liberal media accountable for their lies and making sure that the people hear the truth.”

In January, 2011, Dae called the MRC and offered to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity using her credit card (she explained that she wanted to use her card because she wanted the air miles!) She stated:

“I’d already made sure that my children will be provided for when I’m gone, so I felt comfortable taking money out of my estate and putting it somewhere where it mattered. I know that when I die and the money passes to the MRC it will do the world real good.”

She continued, “Setting up a Charitable Gift Annuity with the MRC is easy. Once I made the initial gift, my work was done. The MRC handles all the paperwork, investing, and accounting. The payments go directly into my checking account. It’s great.”

MRC Legacy Society Members like Dae Miller have set up Charitable Gift Annuities for as little as $5,000. CGAs provide a guaranteed source of income that you can’t outlive.

If you’re interested in joining Dae as a Member of the MRC Legacy Society by setting up a Charitable Gift Annuity, or if you’re interested in learning about the other ways you can join, please call MRC Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Carl Sperapani at (571) 267-3445 or send an email to csperapani@mrc.org.