Liberal Media Parrot Obama: Push Hard for More Gun Control and Smear Conservatives

When President Barack Obama signaled his intention to ignore Congress and issue his own executive order in January to further restrict firearms, the liberal media prepared the stage for him with much fanfare and then promoted this outrage across the networks, cable TV, and on the Internet.

Gun control, like gay rights and global warming, is one of the issues with which the liberal media will brook no dissent. At every opportunity, they echoed the administration’s anti-Second Amendment talking points. They also obediently smeared gun-rights supporters as “terrorists” and “pro-death.”

This was documented and exposed by the MRC across its divisions: NewsBusters, CNSNews.com, MRCTV, MRC Business, the News Analysis Division, on Twitter and Facebook, and through radio and television interviews of its expert staff.

The leftist media’s push for more gun control was universal and unanimous. Let’s look at some examples.

Prior to Obama’s Jan. 5 executive order, the New York Times, for the first time in 95 years, ran a front-page editorial screaming for more restrictions on firearms. The editorial followed the Dec. 2 Islamist terror attack in San Bernardino, Calif., and called for certain guns—“weapons of war”—to be outlawed.

The editorial was hailed by ABC, CBS, and NBC. Typical was NBC, which praised the piece for attacking “the gun culture in America” and “the politicians who back” the “gun industry.”

As 2015 came to a close, there were news stories suggesting that Obama would take executive action against guns in the new year. No surprise, leading up to his announcement, CNN revealed on Jan. 3 that it would provide the president one hour of air time to peddle his gun-control agenda in a town hall format (on Jan. 7).

More than twenty-four hours before the so-called “historic event,” CNN posted a countdown clock to the event. In its tease, CNN boasted that Obama would be “mounting a final-year push to make gun control part of his legacy,” and that he would join CNN’s Anderson Cooper “in hopes of mounting a final pitch to the public.”

CNN was doing all it could to advance the president’s leftist agenda, and its own. That’s what liberal “news” networks do.

CNN wasn’t alone. The Daily Beast’s Eleanor Clift cheered Obama for attempting “His Last Shot at Gun Control,” and stressed that “guns now kill more Americans than car accidents.”

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Clift didn’t mention that two-thirds of those gun deaths are suicides — 21,175 vs. 11,208 by homicide. (There were 32,719 deaths by car accident in 2013.)

Not to be outdone in leftist hagiography, MSNBC contributor Jonathan Alter compared Obama to Lincoln over the executive order on guns, stating “the Emancipation Proclamation was an executive order, right?”

During his Jan. 5 address about his executive action, Obama briefly cried. The liberal media ran that video clip for days and milked it for all it was worth to push for more gun control.

CBS’s Scott Pelley piped, “With silence more powerful than words, the president mourns victims of gun violence and takes action to stop it…. The tears of the most powerful man in the world, powerless to get the U.S. Congress to tighten gun control laws.”

ABC’s Byron Pitts: “It was a rare glimpse at America’s parent-in-chief.”

NBC’s Lester Holt: “Tonight, rallying cry. The president breaks into tears over gun violence. After years of anger and frustration, he says it’s time to do something, but will his controversial executive actions do anything?”

Conservative critics of Obama’s executive order were ignored, or if covered, swiftly condemned by the liberal media.

Typical was the leftist New York Daily News, which ran a Jan. 6 front-page headline, “GOP: The Party of Pro-Death.”

Despite the president being brought “to tears,” the Republicans “leapt into immediate competition for the title of extremist best able to distort Obama’s ultra-limited, ultra-reasonable directives as a monstrous government plot to destroy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on the shooting range,” blared the Daily News.

The paper went on to trash Sen. Ted Cruz and former Gov. Jeb Bush for “stoking irrational fear… among gun-obsessed Americans.”

Over at CNN Newsroom, host Carol Costello interviewed gun control activist Andy Parker, allowing him to label, unchallenged, the National Rifle Association “a terrorist organization.” This is the same radical activist who has accused Republicans of “aiding and abetting terrorists” in a “treasonous fashion” for opposing new gun limits.

CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 also mocked “conspiracy theories” by some conservatives who worry further gun restrictions will lead to gun confiscation. Reporter Drew Griffin whined, “true or not, bizarre or not, Republicans on the campaign trail won’t let the gun theory go.”

CNN’s Dana Bash accused Ted Cruz of “fearmongering” over the idea. Also on CNN, host Don Lemon berated conservative Ben Ferguson: “Hang on, hold on. Does anybody in there right mind out there in America, actually believe that the president is going to take away guns in America? It’s never, ever, ever going to happen.”

NBC’s Savannah Guthrie also assured Americans, “The president emphasized that he is, quote, ‘not coming for your guns.’”

As I told Stuart Varney on Fox’s Varney & Co., with the liberal media “there’s only one acceptable discussion and it’s the president’s position on this, which is gun control.”

The leftist press will not tolerate any other viewpoint.

They are committed activists for gun control. They’re not succeeding because the American people now know their leftist agenda. This fact is documented and exposed by the MRC regularly and effectively.

The MRC holds the leftist media accountable. We are America’s media watchdog. You can help us in this noble fight by making a donation to the MRC. Please call today (571-267-3500). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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MRC Launches ‘Tell The Truth! 2016’ Campaign to Stop The Liberal Media From Rigging the 2016 Elections

In 2012, the Media Research Center documented a massive effort by the liberal media to steal the presidential election. Those left-wing “news” forces want to do the same thing this election year. To stop them from rigging the 2016 race, and to continue to make liberal media bias a national issue, the MRC has launched the “Tell The Truth! 2016” campaign.

This campaign is the most ambitious and expensive undertaking in the MRC’s 28-year history of fighting the liberal media. Through its massive reach, “Tell The Truth! 2016” will expose the media’s left-wing agenda and prevent them from brainwashing Americans into cementing our road to socialism.

But the campaign can only succeed if conservative grassroots warriors like you enroll in our TTT2016 army. You, your family, friends, and co-workers can do this by visiting TellTheTruth2016.org. There you can volunteer to help us get the message out to campaign rallies across the country, or order Tell The Truth! buttons, bumper stickers, and signs to hand out in your own hometown.

You can also donate to help this important campaign, and you can even host your event. How you choose to participate in this fight is entirely up to you but we need you in the fight.

As the MRC has shown over nearly three decades, the goal of the liberal news media is not to report the news objectively, but rather to advance the left’s radical agenda. In short, the liberal media are the chief propagandists for the left.

And while polls show that thanks to our relentless effort to expose the liberal media, Americans are increasingly distrustful of their ability to report the truth untainted by left-wing bias, the multi-billion dollar “news” industry still has tremendous power to brainwash Americans — and they will use that power to attempt to rig the 2016 elections.

These political contests are the most critical of our lifetime. “Tell The Truth! 2016” will spare no expense in its role as the conservative movement’s shield and armor against the liberal media’s propaganda efforts.

The MRC message will be everywhere, and the MRC will make liberal media bias a national issue throughout the 2016 elections.

To learn more, visit TellTheTruth2016.org or call the MRC at 571-267-3500.
Quote of the Year

Alfonso Aguilar, Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles: “If there’s somebody who is a hard worker when he goes to Washington, it’s Paul Ryan....”

Host Melissa Harris-Perry: “I want us to be super careful when we use the language ‘hard worker,’ because I actually keep an image of folks working in cotton fields on my office wall, because it is a reminder about what hard work looks like. So, I feel you that he’s a hard worker, I do, but in the context of relative privilege.”

— Exchange on MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry, Oct. 24.

Obamagasm Award

“Americans are lucky to have Barack Obama as president and we should wake up and appreciate it while we can. President Obama will go down in history as an extraordinary president, probably a great one.... It would be a morale booster and a sign of civic maturity if more Americans appreciated what an exceptional president they have right now. It could be a long wait for the next one.”


The Ku Klux Con Job

“Fueled by the mega-donations of the mega-rich, today’s Republican Party is not just far from being the party of Lincoln: It’s really the party of Jefferson Davis. It suppresses black voting; it opposes federal efforts to mitigate poverty; it objects to federal investment in infrastructure and education just as the antebellum South opposed internal improvements and rejected public education; it scorns compromise. It is nearly all white. It is the lineal descendant of Lee’s army, and the descendants of Grant’s have yet to subdue it.”


Ruining the Revolution Award

Anchor Shepard Smith: “You know the fear among anybody who’s ever been there, or cares at all about the Cuban people, as so many of us do — the last thing they need is a Taco Bell and a Lowe’s. I mean, we don’t need a - ”
Smith: “That’s it. But you know, it’s one big idea and it all sort of comes together and, you wonder, are we about to get up in there and ruin that place?”

Damn Those Conservatives Award

“There are a few things I hate more than the NRA. I mean truly. I think they’re pigs. I think they don’t care about human life. I think they are a curse upon the American landscape.”
— Former NBC and CBS morning news host Bryant Gumbel, Jan. 20.

The Audacity of Dopes Award

“American independence in 1776 was a monumental mistake… I’m reasonably confident a world in which the revolution never happened would be better than the one we live in now, for three main reasons: Slavery would’ve been abolished earlier, American Indians would’ve faced rampant persecution but not the outright ethnic cleansing Andrew Jackson and other American leaders perpetrated, and America would have a parliamentary system of government…. Government spending in parliamentary countries is about 5 percent of GDP higher.”
— Vox.com’s Dylan Matthews, July 2.

The Barbara Streisand Political IQ Award

“He [Clarence Thomas] is a clown in blackface sitting on the Supreme Court. He gets me that angry. He doesn’t belong there…. This man does not belong on the Supreme Court. He is an embarrassment. He is a disgrace to America.”
— Star Trek actor George Takei, on Fox 10 Phoenix, June 30.

To see the other awards and watch the videos of the Worst of the Worst 2015, visit www.MRC.org and click Notable Quotables under the “RESEARCH” tab.
Hillary Says Relatives of Benghazi Heroes Are Liars

Our news media are so overwhelmingly obsequious with the Democrats that Hillary Clinton can imply the relatives of the Americans killed in Benghazi are liars on national TV, and no one in the press blinks an eye or finds it newsworthy.

ABC is about to host another one of those hide-and-seek Saturday night Democrat debates. There is something very ironic here: It was on this network where she made that outrageous statement.

Hillary lied to her former employee (and donor) George Stephanopoulos on his ABC program This Week on December 6. In his toughest question of the day, George told his pal “Some GOP rivals and family members of the Benghazi victims are saying you lied to them in the hearing. They point to e-mails that you sent the night of Benghazi attack, one to your daughter, Chelsea Clinton, saying...‘Two of our officers were killed in Benghazi by an al-Qaeda-liked group.’” He added that she had told the Egyptian prime minister on a phone call on September 12, 2012: “We know that the attack in Libya had nothing to do with the film.”

Hillary denied ever telling the Benghazi relatives that it could be blamed on an anti-Muhammad video: “No. I understand the continuing grief at the loss that parents experienced with the loss of these four brave Americans. And I did testify, as you know, for 11 hours, and I answered all of these questions. Now, I can’t — I can’t help it that people think there has to be something else there.”

So the relatives of these deceased heroes are liars.

None of the networks picked up on this question and answer. The Washington Post only picked up her hawkish talk about fighting ISIS, not her attack on the Benghazi relatives. The New York Times and USA Today completely skipped any mention of her ABC interview.

The New York Post did what all of them should have done. They rounded up the relatives, who reiterated that Mrs. Clinton told them as the caskets arrived at Andrews Air Force Base on September 14, 2012 that it could be blamed on a YouTube video. Charles Woods, the father of Tyrone Woods, recalled hugging Mrs. Clinton and “she said we are going to have the filmmaker arrested who was responsible for the death of my son.”

Patricia Smith, the mother of Sean Smith, said Hillary is “absolutely lying...She said it was because of the video.” Smith’s uncle backed her up.

Kate Quigley, the sister of Glen Doherty, agreed: “When I think back now to that day and what she knew, it shows me a lot about her character that she would choose in that moment to basically perpetuate what she knew was untrue.”

That matches what Mrs. Clinton said at the ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base: “We’ve seen rage and violence directed at American embassies over an awful Internet video that we had nothing to do with.”

Quigley was stronger in a Boston radio interview: “This is a woman that will do and say anything to get what she wants. I have very little respect for her. I know what she said to me and she can say all day long that she didn’t say it. That’s her cross to bear.”

These relatives can occasionally be found sharing their pain and outrage in interviews on Fox News and on CNN. But ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS can’t find them.

The same outlets that lionized “peace mom” Cindy Sheehan over and over again as she trashed Bush as a “terrorist” in August of 2005 stay silent. Today, any grieving relative who lacerates Hillary is just buried in a cave like nuclear waste.
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MRC in the News

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, social media, 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

**BLAZE TV:**
- Dana Show, Jan. 14

**EWTN:**
- The World Over, Jan. 14

**FBN:**
- Varney & Co., Dec. 29, Jan. 27
- Cavuto Coast to Coast, Dec. 11, 21, Jan. 6

**FNC:**
- O’Reilly Factor, Dec. 22
- The Kelly File, Dec. 30
- Fox & Friends, Dec. 19

**NEWSMAX TV:**
- Prime, Dec. 29
- Steve Malzberg Show, Dec. 22

**OANN:**
- Tipping Point, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 15
- The Daily Ledger, Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 18
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### Radio

- American Family Radio, Jan. 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
- Lars Larson Show, Jan. 14
- Mark Levin Show, Dec. 1, 3
- Red Eye Radio, Jan. 6
- Rush Limbaugh Show, Dec. 30, Jan. 4, 6, 8
- The Alan Nathan Show, Dec. 21, Jan. 1, 7, 14
- The Bob Duttso Show, Dec. 16, 17, Jan. 13, 14, 19
- The Phil Valentine Show, Jan. 13
- KABC, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 21
- KBAR, Murtaugh, ID, Dec. 21
- KERO, Bakersfield, CA, Dec. 22
- KLAW, La Verne, CA, Dec. 21
- KTRK, Houston, TX, Dec. 21
- WYAY, Atlanta, GA, Dec. 22
- WAIR, Mobile, AL, Dec. 21
- WAPD, Amarillo, TX, Dec. 21
- WBOC, Lewes, DE, Dec. 21
- WRAL, Raleigh, NC, Dec. 22
- WFTL, Maitland, FL, Dec. 22
- WROK, Aurora, IL, Dec. 22
- WTKT, Morehead City, NC, Jan. 1, 8, 11
- WMUR, Manchester, NH, Dec. 22
- WVNN, Asheville, NC, Dec. 22
- WXYZ, Detroit, MI, Jan. 7, 12
- WMR, Augusta, GA, Dec. 22, 23, 29, 30
- WOR, New York, NY, Jan. 13
- WPTF, Raleigh, NC, Dec. 22, Jan. 14
- WQSC, Charleston, SC, Dec. 29
- WRKO, Boston, MA, Dec. 22
- WTNJ, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 23, 27
- WTVN, Columbus, OH, Dec. 22
- WVEC, Virginia Beach, VA, Dec. 22
- WDIV, Detroit, MI, Jan. 13
- WFAA, Dallas, TX, Dec. 23, 31, Jan. 14
- WTOC, Charleston, SC, Dec. 22
- WTOL, Toledo, OH, Dec. 22
- WSET, Roanoke, VA, Dec. 22
- WYES, New Orleans, LA, Dec. 22
- WNIN, New Philadelphia, OH, Dec. 22

### Print

- Rolling Stone, Dec. 23
- Wall Street Journal, Jan. 9
- Washington Examiner, Dec. 28, Jan. 4, 14
- Washington Post, Dec. 30
- Washington Times, Dec. 22, 30, Jan. 13, 14
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### Internet & Twitter

- American Energy Alliance, Jan. 11
- American Family Association, Jan. 1, 8, 11
- American Thinker, Dec. 23, 29, Jan. 3
- BizPacReview.com, Dec. 29, Jan. 4, 7, 12
- Capitol Hill Show, Jan. 6, 11, 15
- Christian Post, Jan. 19
- Cinema Blend, Jan. 13
- Daily Beast, Dec. 22
- Daily Mail, Dec. 23
- Daily Mail, Dec. 23
- Drudge Report, Jan. 8, 12, 13
- Examiner.com, Dec. 27
- Fox Nation, Dec. 22, Jan. 13
- Fox News, Dec. 24, 26, Jan. 4, 13, 14
- Frontiersman, Jan. 7
- Global Dispatch, Dec. 22, Jan. 2
- Marks Report, Jan. 13, 22
- HotAir, Jan. 6
- IJ Review, Dec. 23
- Instapundit, Dec. 16, 23
- Jerusalem Post, Dec. 30
- LegalInsurrection, Dec. 23
- LifeSiteNews, Dec. 22, 24, 28, Jan. 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, 22
- Live Action News, Jan. 6, 13, 14
- LifeNews, Dec. 22, 23, 29, 30, Jan. 4, 5, 7, 8
- Bloomberg, Jan. 7
- Local Dispatch, Dec. 22, 23
- National Review, Dec. 22, Jan. 21
- Newser, Dec. 28
- OneNewsNow, Dec. 28, Jan. 6, 13, 14, 15, 22
- Patriot Post, Jan. 6, 13, 14
- RealClearPolitics, Jan. 22
- WND, Dec. 22, 30, Jan. 13, 14
- World Net Daily, Jan. 6
- Yahoo! News, Jan. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13
- @alvedaking, 32.4K followers, Jan. 13
- @conghuelskamp, 13.5K followers, Jan. 13
- @frcdc, 19.5K followers, Jan. 12
- @markmeckler, 46.3K followers, Jan. 13
- @marshablackburn, 19.4K followers, Jan. 14
- @nra, 327K followers, Jan. 13, 14
- @robertbluey, 12.7K followers, Jan. 11
- @stephenmoore, 6.8K followers, Jan. 11
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On Fox & Friends, MRC Research Director Rich Noyes details how liberal journalists aggressively defend the First Amendment but support restrictions on the Second Amendment.

On Fox’s The Kelly File, MRC President Brent Bozell discusses how Donald Trump’s announcement about airing campaign commercials is somewhat unnecessary because the liberal media give him overwhelming coverage.

On Fox’s Varney & Co., MRC President Brent Bozell analyzes how the liberal media downplay the Clinton sex scandals and express outrage that Donald Trump is making it a campaign issue.

Red Alert Politics, Dec. 21, 22
RedState, Jan. 6
State, Jan. 22
Sports World News, Dec. 3
The Blaze, Dec. 22, Jan. 12
The Daily Caller, Dec. 21, 22
Topix, Jan. 4, 11, 14
Townhall.com, Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, 22
Twitchy, Jan. 11
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Colonel George La France is a true patriot. He is a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran and served in the Army for three years and in the Air Force for more than 30 years. George and his wife, Sharon (also a former colonel), are both avid followers of politics in the news, and George has been watching the presidential elections since he was seven years old. The La France family has been worried about the outcome of elections should the media not be kept in check.

George has been a Patriot Fund™ member for more than 15 years, and truly believes in the mission of MRC. Noting MRC efforts to be a “noble cause,” he knows his monthly gift provides the MRC with a steady flow of vital income each month, and also donates monthly because he says it is a great way of “paying it forward.”

George and Sharon say they have lived the American Dream but fear that their children and grandchildren won’t have the same opportunities. Just like all patriotic Americans in this country, George and Sharon respect our first constitutional amendment and want to hold the media accountable to this standard.

Talk to us at the MRC about how you can donate monthly to hold the media accountable this election cycle. If you demand truth in media and a level playing field for politicians in the news, supporting with a monthly gift can make a great impact on our nation and the future of our country. Please contact Elise Schubert at (571) 267-3452 or at eschubert@mrc.org to find out how to join our team!

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