Conservative Incivility = Wrong; Liberal Hate = Okay

The liberal media regularly tag conservative speech as hateful or extreme. They go ballistic when conservatives call federal spending “socialist” or say gay marriage is “immoral.” Liberals even whine about the word “Obamacare.” Such speech is intolerable and wrong to the liberal media and must be silenced. They want conservatives to shut up or be shut down.

But when media liberals attack conservatives, it’s different on two counts. First, their attacks are far more direct, ugly ad hominem, ruthless personal slurs. Second, it’s perfectly okay to them because they’re just trying to stop old, repressive ideas from gaining traction.

It’s a double standard that says conservative speech, no matter how accurate and professional, is wrong. But liberal talk, no matter how venomous, is acceptable.

Here at the MRC, we document, expose, and neutralize liberal media bias. As part of this, we keep track of some of the most incivil attacks against conservatives by the media. In this letter is a small sampling of those acidic verbal assaults we’ve gathered documenting, proving, how it is the Left that is responsible for hate speech in America.

On MSNBC’s Countdown a week before the mid-term election then-host Keith Olbermann described Tea Party Republicans as “a group of unqualified, unstable individuals who will do what they are told … and march this nation as far backward as they can get, backward to Jim Crow, or backward to the breadlines of the ’30s, or backward to hanging union organizers.”

Earlier in 2010, Olbermann described Massachusetts’ GOP Senate candidate Scott Brown as “an irresponsible, homophobic, racist, reactionary, ex-nude model, teabagging supporter of violence against women and against politicians with whom he disagrees.”

In trashing GOP opposition to Obamacare, MSNBC’s Ed Schultz said in 2009, “The Republicans lie! They want to see you dead! They’d rather make money off your dead corpse! They kind of like it when that woman has cancer ….”

In 2009, liberal radio host Montel Williams called on Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) to slit her wrist and then advised “a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone.” Also, liberal radio talker Mike Malloy cheered in 2009, “I have good news to report: Glenn Beck appears ever closer to suicide. I’m hoping that he does it on camera.”

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When Republican Sharron Angle ran against Democratic Senator Harry Reid in Nevada, ABC’s Joy Behar, on Oct. 26, said Angle should “Come here, bitch! Come to New York and do it!” and gleefully added, “I’m telling you right now, she’s going to Hell! She’s going to Hell, this bitch!”

As for conservative Sarah Palin, who the liberal media attack every day, writer Joe McGinnis told NBC Today on June 1, 2010: “I think it’s probably a lesson for the American people of the power Palin has to incite hatred and her willingness and readiness to do it. She has pushed a button and unleashed the Hounds of Hell, and now that they’re out there slavering and barking and growling. ... That’s the same kind of tactic that the Nazi troopers used in Germany in the ’30s.”

On election night 2010, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews wondered if Palin would look like “an imbecile” on Jeopardy: “Does she know anything? ... Have you ever seen her reading words on a piece of paper? Have you ever seen her read something?”

On Apr. 18 last year, Time’s Joe Klein lectured that he had read the definition of sedition, “and a lot of these statements, especially the ones from people like Glenn Beck, and to a certain extent Sarah Palin, rub right next — right up close to being seditious.”

MSNBC’s Cenk Uyger railed on Aug. 26, “Tonight, we start with the party of hate. The Republican Party in this country has been running on hate and division for the last 50 years.”

Although no evidence ever surfaced that Tea Party activists made racial epithets toward congressmen at a March 2010 rally on Capitol Hill, the NYT’s Frank Rich wrote, “There’s nothing entertaining about watching goons hurl venomous slurs at congressmen like the civil rights hero John Lewis and the openly gay Barney Frank. ... How curious that a mob fond of likening President Obama to Hitler knows so little about history that it doesn’t recognize its own small-scale mimicry of Kristallnacht.”

While CBS’s Jeff Greenfield described the Tea Party in September as “new militancy on the right,” ABC’s Dan Harris said they were partly driven “by a refusal to accept a black president.”

The liberal media even blamed the Tucson shootings on conservative speech. A typical example was CNN’s interview, 4 hours after the shooting, of the Arizona Daily Star’s David Fitzsimmons, who said “it was inevitable” because “the right in Arizona, and I’m speaking very broadly, has been stoking the fires of a heated anger and rage successfully in this state.”

In other words, conservative ideas lead people to kill other people, including the assassination attempt against Democratic Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

The liberal media despise conservative ideas (and their spokesmen) because they resonate with the vast majority of Americans. Give people the truth and they’ll take it, which is why conservative talk radio, Fox News, and the alternative media are so successful. To win the battle of ideas, liberals have to spin, slant, distort, lie and censor conservatives. It’s the only way liberalism can advance in America: control the message. That’s why our mission is so vital.

We have four divisions, 54 employees, and a relatively small budget compared to the media behemoths ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN. But we do a heck of a lot of damage to their battle lines every day. We’re America’s media watchdog, and we won’t be muzzled. We’ll always tell it like it is.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
MRC Special Report Documents Liberal Media’s Vicious Assault on Ronald Reagan’s Legacy

As a nation, we have been celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Ronald Reagan, which is very good. But let us not forget just how much the left-wing media disliked this man, and how they attacked him at every turn. In a new Special Report, the MRC documents how the liberal media smeared Ronald Reagan during his presidency, and how they continue to attack his great achievements and conservatism now, more than 20 years after he left office. The report, Rewriting Ronald Reagan, was prepared by the MRC’s senior analysts Brent Baker, Tim Graham, and Rich Noyes. Below is just a sampling from the more than 100 quotes and video clips in the report. (To read the entire report, visit www.MRC.org.)

“Reagan’s approval ratings never put him in the top rank of most popular presidents; that was always a myth. And his confectionary, heavily scripted presidency tended to lead the country backward.” — Newsweek’s Jonathan Alter, 12/31/91

“Good morning. The Gipper was an airhead! That’s one of the conclusions of a new biography of Ronald Reagan that’s drawing a tremendous amount of interest and fire today.” — Katie Couric, NBC Today, 9/27/99

“Reporters should have been writing for the entire eight years of his reign that this man was gone, out of it. ... He should have been covered as a clown.” — Bob Herbert, NBC, fall 1992

“Largely as a result of the policies and priorities of the Reagan Administration, more people are becoming poor and staying poor in this country than at any time since World War II.” — Bryant Gumbel, NBC Today, 7/17/89

“We can’t afford another round of voodoo economics. ... I remember that campaign slogan one year, ‘It’s morning again in America.’ Well, it may have been morning for some, but for a lot of people in this country it’s become a nightmare.” — Ed Bradley, CBS 60 Minutes, speech on 4/28/96

“I predict historians are going to be totally baffled by how the American people fell in love with this man and followed him the way we did.” — CBS’s Lesley Stahl on NBC, 1/11/89

“Oh, Ronald Reagan and the magic of the marketplace was the theme of the ’80s. Greed in this country is associated with Ronald Reagan.” — Eleanor Clift, Newsweek, 7/29/90

“People who want to give Ronald Reagan the entire credit for the collapse of the Soviet Union ignore the fact that the Soviet economy was collapsing and the Reagan Administration covered it up...The CIA concealed what was happening over there so they could keep the defense budget over here high.” — Eleanor Clift, Newsweek, 1/15/94

“It will take 100 years to get the government back into place after Reagan. He hurt people: the disabled, women, nursing mothers, the homeless.” — Sarah McClendon, USA Today, 2/16/90

“The gap between white and black [life spans] has remained stubbornly wide, and it increased sharply during the Reagan years, when many social programs that helped minorities were slashed.” — Christine Gorman, Time, 9/16/91

“It’s with Reagan, who set a standard for exploiting white anger and resentment rarely seen since George Wallace stood in the schoolhouse door, that the Republican [Party]’s selective memory about its race-baiting habit really stands out.” — Jack White, Time, 12/14/02

“What Reagan did was destroy the economy!” — Sam Donaldson, ABC’s This Week, 3/28/93

“And so it goes with President Bozo...coming to the end of his eight-year reign, and reign it has been, no matter how it rained on the poor. The hell with the poor, it’s their own fault; we all feel that way.” — David Nyhan, Boston Globe, 12/28/88

“The number of measles cases in the US plummeted from 27,786 in 1990 to just 2,237 last year. Apparently the epidemic that raged through the preschool population after President Reagan cut funds for immunization has finally run its course.” — Time’s Health Report, 10/18/93

“There were losers. Cuts in social programs created a homeless population that grew to exceed that of Atlanta. AIDS became an epidemic in the 1980s, nearly 50,000 died. Reagan largely ignored it.” — PBS profile on Ronald Reagan, 2/24/98
What Court Ruling?

A federal judge in Florida ruled on Jan. 31 in favor of 26 states that Obamcare is unconstitutional — perhaps one of the most consequential court rulings in history. Yet ABC’s World News did not mention the ruling and CBS and NBC barely reported it. The judge concluded that requiring people to buy health insurance was unconstitutional and that because this was central to the health care law’s operation, the entire law was unconstitutional. ABC’s Diane Sawyer, however, chose to focus on an impending snowstorm that day and a new series, “Families on the Brink: What to Do About Mom and Dad?”

Over at the CBS Evening News, Harry Smith spun the judge’s ruling as just one among many court decisions and that “this issue will have to be resolved by the Supreme Court.” On the NBC Nightly News, Ann Curry briefly mentioned the judge’s ruling.

What Other Court Ruling?

ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN all went mum again concerning yet another federal ruling against the Obama administration. On Feb. 3, Louisiana’s Judge Martin Feldman found the Interior Department in contempt of court for trying to circumvent his 2010 ruling that a moratorium on offshore oil drilling was unconstitutional. He hammered home that Interior’s “dismissive conduct” presents “clear and convincing evidence of the government’s contempt of this Court’s preliminary injunction order.”

None of the networks nor CNN, however, ran a story on the ruling. The Associated Press and a few Internet sites covered the case, with Politico reporting, “Gulf state lawmakers have criticized the Obama administration for stopping drilling last summer, and accuse Interior of continuing a ‘de facto’ ban on permits, saying it cost their states thousands of jobs.”

Does anyone honestly think the networks and CNN would have ignored a contempt of court ruling against the Bush administration?

Obama’s Uprisings

Lifting from the liberal’s book of talking points, former CBS anchor Dan Rather as well as MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough seriously proposed that the political uprising in Egypt was inspired by the soaring rhetoric of President Barack Obama when he spoke in Cairo in 2009. On CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, Jan. 31, Rather lectured that Obama “fueled this uprising in Egypt. When he came to Cairo, let us remember, and he spoke of — listen, we stand for freedom and democracy and listening to people. The Egyptians believed his rhetoric.”

The next day, Feb. 1, Morning Joe anchor Joe Scarborough, perhaps channeling Rather, told his meager audience, “Barack Obama, he goes to Cairo, he gives a speech, and he inspires — perhaps he’s the one who inspires a lot of these Egyptians to get out into the streets eventually.”
HBO’s Bill Maher sagely explains America’s real problem, “The kids are dumbasses and their parents are dumbasses and they’re taking drugs and f—king and not learning.” NBC’s Luke Russert analyzes the Tucson shooting 4 hours after it happened, “There are a lot of fringe groups that were very upset with the health care law, felt that the federal government was overstepping its bounds, and that was in — within everyone’s mind. It looks sadly like it’s come to fruition today.” NBC’s Lee Cowan followed the liberal script the next day, “Not since Timothy McVeigh attacked the federal building in Oklahoma City has a crime sparked so much attention on anti-government rhetoric.” HBO’s Bill Maher, this time, explains Tucson, “Because we don’t have government health care, that’s one reason why a crazy person gets a gun because — you know what? — it’s hard for a crazy person to get a job, so therefore it’s hard for them to get health care.” Reuters’ Caren Bohan throws Obama a wiffle ball, “You racked up a lot of wins in the last few weeks that a lot of people thought would be difficult to come by. Are you ready to call yourself the comeback kid?” Nina Totenberg falls into idiocy, again, “And I was at — forgive the expression — a Christmas party at the Department of Justice and people actually were really worried about this [tax cut].” MSNBC’s Sam Seder dismisses critics of global warming, “If you thought the weather was bad, wait for the high-pressure system coming in from the right. With climate change deniers, it’s not the heat; it’s the stupidity.”

The Anti-Palin Wing

CBS’s Lesley Stahl let her liberal colors fly in an interview of Hollywood writer Aaron Sorkin, the leftist force behind The West Wing and the new movie, The Social Network, by not challenging his vicious attacks on conservative Sarah Palin. On the Feb. 6 edition of Sunday Morning, Sorkin ranted to Stahl: “I have a big problem with people who glamorize dumbness and demonize education and intellect. And I’m giving a pretty good description of Sarah Palin right now.”

Stahl noted that Sorkin wrote a column for the leftist Huffington Post, in which he called Palin a “witless bully.” But Stahl didn’t challenge him and let Sorkin rail on, “Sarah Palin, she needs a therapist, okay? We need the smartest guys, the best Ph.D.’s around, to be solving these problems. I don’t have any patience with the glamorization of dumbness.” Sorkin, who has gone through rehab twice for a crack cocaine addiction, told CNN’s Parker-Spitzer on Oct. 4: “Sarah Palin’s an idiot. Come on. This is a remarkably, stunningly, jaw-droppingly incompetent and mean woman.” And the civility-minded media have no problem with that.

Wacky Hardball

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews, in all seriousness, accused white Republicans of being afraid of black people. With former RNC Chairman Michael Steele on his Jan. 17 broadcast, Matthews explained, “You go to a Democratic convention with Donna [Brazile] and black folk are hanging together and having a good time. They’re smiling, they’re enjoying themselves. They feel very much at home. “You go to a Republican event you get a feeling that you are all told, ‘Individually now, don’t bunch up. ... Don’t get together, don’t crowd, you’ll scare these people.’ Is that true in the Republican Party? Is that still true in your party? Did you fear that if you got together with some other African-Americans these white guys might get scared of you?”

Steele, who is black and, unlike Matthews, not a liberal crackpot, replied, “No! What are you talking about?”
Planned Parenthood, Spiked

Those censorious liberals who truly hate the very existence of the Fox News Channel denounce it for being a political organization, not truly a news network. Behind that line is decades of liberals being able to strangle, smother, and spike news stories they didn’t like. Liberals defined what “news” was, and what it wasn’t. They’re still at it today.

Take the pro-life group Live Action. On Feb. 1, they released shocking videos showing what they found when they brought hidden cameras into Planned Parenthood clinics, with a man and woman posing as pimp and prostitute. An office manager was taped telling the “pimp” how to evade the law, such as lying about prostitutes’ ages if they were children 14 or under. Any older and the clinic would be obligated to report to the authorities. “We want as little information as possible,” she said conspiratorially.

That matches very nicely with the mindsets of ABC, CBS, and NBC, which absolutely refused to acknowledge the existence of this damning video. (Fox News did cover it, and so did CNN.)

The same gaggle of broadcast TV watchdogs which has mustered endless outrage over the notion that the Catholic Church would fail to alert authorities about sexual abuse of minors is utterly uninterested in the sexual abuse of minors when someone more pleasing to secular progressives — like that abortion factory Planned Parenthood — is caught on camera.

Live Action has been exposing Planned Parenthood since 2007. You would think that by 2011, their clinic personnel would be more careful. It is just the opposite. Their disinterest toward statutory rape and child sexual abuse is shocking.

The latest Live Action exposes began with a visit to a clinic in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The office manager advised the “pimp” that underage girls should lie about their age to get around any troublesome questions about statutory rape. She also insisted an underage girl is “entitled to care without Mom knowing what the hell is going on.”

This woman has now been fired. But lying and squashing information is apparently Planned Parenthood policy. Another video broke, this time from Falls Church, Virginia, where a clinic worker told the man “We don’t necessarily look at the legal status, like I said. Abortion appointments do require photo ID. It’s nothing as far as records. It’s just photo ID that’s ever going to be required.”

In Roanoke, Virginia, a Planned Parenthood staffer suggested the man consider going to the Health Depart-
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### Television

- **C-SPAN**: Washington Journal, Jan. 14
- **CBN**: 700 Club, Jan. 11
  - CBN News, Jan. 23
  - Midday News, Jan. 21
  - NewsWatch, Jan. 11, 21
- **CNN**: Headline News, Jan. 11
  - Joy Behar Show, Jan. 24
- **CNN**: Fox & Friends, Jan. 14, 21, 28
  - Hannity, Jan. 13, 20, 27

### Print

- **American Spectator**, Jan. 21
- **Associated Press**, Jan. 22
- **Augusta Chronicle**, Jan. 26
- **Hindustan Times**, Jan. 12
- **Investor’s Business Daily**, Jan. 12
- **Las Vegas Review-Journal**, Jan. 30
- **Los Angeles Times**, Jan. 18, 20, 21, 22, 31
- **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review**, Jan. 10, 24
- **Politico**, Jan. 12, 28
- **Post Chronicle**, Jan. 31
- **The Guardian**, Jan. 28
- **The Oklahoman**, Jan. 19
- **Wall Street Journal**, Jan. 18
- **Washington Post**, Jan. 10
- **Washington Times**, Jan. 10, 13, 17, 20, 26
- **Weekly Standard**, Jan. 29

### Internet

- **ABC News.com**, Jan. 20, 27
- **American Thinker**, Jan. 19
- **AOL News**, Jan. 22
- **Big Hollywood**, Jan. 18
- **Capitol Hill Blue**, Jan. 24
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- **Patriot Post**, Jan. 31
- **Reason Online**, Jan. 9
- **RedState blog**, Jan. 22
- **Right Perspective**, Jan. 22
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- **Slate.com**, Jan. 18
- **WSJ.com**, Jan. 18

### Radio

- **America Tonight**, Jan. 24
- **American Family Radio**, Jan. 10, 20, 24
- **Lars Larson Show**, Jan. 10, 24
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- **Neal Boortz Show**, Jan. 12
- **Radio News Network**, Jan. 27
- **Rush Limbaugh Show**, Feb. 1
  - Viewpoints Radio, Jan. 21
  - KBAR, Burley, ID, Jan. 17
  - KCOL, Colorado Morning News, CO, Jan. 10
  - KNRS, Salt Lake City, UT, Jan. 13
  - KPAM, Portland, OR, Jan. 10, 19
  - KPDQ, Brownwood, TX, Jan. 25
  - KSKY, Amarillo, TX, Jan. 30
  - KWEL, Midland, TX, Jan. 11
  - WABC, New York, NY, Jan. 13
  - WBAL, Baltimore, MD, Jan. 22
  - WCBM, Baltimore, MD, Jan. 11
  - WCHE, Westchester, PA, Jan. 13
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  - WLAC, Nashville, TN, Jan. 12
  - WMMAL, Washington, D.C., Jan. 25
  - WNTA, Rockford, IL, Jan. 19
  - WOIC, Columbia, SC, Jan. 28
  - WRTA, Altoona, PA, Jan. 19
  - WRVA, Richmond, VA, Jan. 11
  - WTCI, Farmington, CT, Jan. 11
  - WTKF, Greenville, NC, Jan. 11, 14, 28
  - WXJC, Birmingham, AZ, Jan. 17

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On Fox’s Hannity, Feb. 10, MRC President Brent Bozell discussed AOL’s purchase of the liberal blog Huffington Post for $315 million.

On CNN’s Joy Behar Show, MRC Vice President Dan Gainor analyzed the decadent nature of MTV’s show *Skins*, which uses teen actors in near-pornographic scenes.

Brent Bozell was interviewed on Fox & Friends, Jan. 28, about liberal media coverage of the civil unrest in Egypt.

On CBN News, Jan. 23, CMI Editor Matt Philbin commented on the moral degeneracy depicted on MTV’s *Skins* program.
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