NBC’s Six-Month ‘Suspension’ of Brian Williams Is Ridiculous — Williams Must Resign

Brian Williams, the anchor of the NBC Nightly News for 10 years, has lied repeatedly about taking enemy fire and being hit with an RPG in a helicopter during the Iraq war in 2003. There also is abundant evidence that he lied about his coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 on multiple occasions, and lied about rockets fired at a helicopter he was in in Israel.

These falsehoods, in addition to Williams’ blatant liberal bias, have been extensively documented and exposed by the Media Research Center through our various divisions and discussed during interviews of its expert staff on numerous radio and TV interviews.

Despite the fact that Williams is a serial liar, NBC News decided not to fire him but to suspend him for six months! The Peacock Network decided that news presented by a dishonest superstar is preferable to news presented honorably by anyone else if it means a drop in the ratings.

That is wrong. As the MRC has said since the helicopter-RPG tale surfaced, Williams must resign or be fired. Otherwise, NBC News has no credibility whatsoever. A news network with an anchor who repeatedly lies about the news is a sham, and will be viewed as such.

The suspension isn’t going to work for the same reason Williams’ Feb. 4 on-air apology went nowhere. It resolves nothing.

Hubris. So many celebrities — be they politicians, journalists, artists — refuse to accept that the cover-up and obfuscation is always worse than the crime. Time and again, when honesty and humility beckon, they are nowhere to be found.

So it was with Richard Nixon. Had he accepted personal responsibility, immediately, and then taken the steps, immediately, to investigate and resolve the matter, there would have been no Watergate scandal marring his legacy.

Bill Clinton both lied (“Ah did nah have sex with that woman”) and obfuscated (“it depends what the meaning of ‘is’ is”) and deserved his impeachment, removal from the bar, and should have been removed from office for perjury.

The Williams explanation in his “apology” was a farce. He “misremem-bered” being hit by an RPG.

For the love of God. This might be true if he had subsequently undergone a frontal lobotomy, otherwise it was not just untrue, it was impudent. Let them eat cake.

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He then added a new falsehood, suggesting the RPG had hit the helicopter in front of him when no such thing took place. And no small arms fire. And not injuries to his pilot. And....

In addition to the farcical RPG tale, the MRC has documented falsehoods about Hurricane Katrina that Williams spun. In a recent interview, Williams claimed he worked through a bout with dysentery during that 2005 storm, and said he witnessed a dead body floating outside his Ritz-Carlton hotel room.

Actually, he’s told three different versions: There was a body floating; there was a dead body on a street corner; and someone told him he’d seen a body floating. He also claimed he’d seen armed gangs at his hotel.

But the section of the French Quarter from which Williams was reporting suffered minimal flooding, and in some parts, no flooding. There were no bodies floating. The city’s former health director has declared that no one in the city was treated for dysentery, even a month after the flooding.

Most damning of all: Williams wrote a daily blog on NBC.com during this time. Nowhere did he report floating bodies, dysentery or gangs.

He lied. Hillary Clinton, by the way, is no different. She has yet to answer for Benghazi, hoping her liberal media allies will help in the cover-up (which they’ve done diligently thus far). If forced to testify, she feigns anger, then tearful sorrow, all for the cameras and the evening news.

She still has to answer for the lies she told about Bosnia. More important, she needs to come clean about the insulting explanation she provided.

In a speech at George Washington University on Mar. 17, 2008 she recounted the story about her harrowing experience at the airport in Tuzla during the Bosnian war. “I remember landing under sniper fire. There was supposed to be some kind of a greeting ceremony at the airport, but instead we just ran with our heads down to get into the vehicles to get to our base.”

It was beyond dramatic. It was pure drama. As our own MRC sleuth Rich Noyes discovered looking at news footage of that trip, nothing of the sort had occurred. There she was, smiling, standing in front of school children lined up on the tarmac. Accepting their flowers.

How to explain this dishonesty? Why, with another dishonesty, and even then only when growing public outrage threatened to derail her candidacy. On March 25, 2008, she told a friendly audience, smiling, laughing, that by golly that was a whopper, wasn’t it? Yuk-yuk. She was tired. It was all because of “sleep deprivation.” Yuk-yuk.

That was as dishonest as the original statement. Sleep deprivation can cause you to forget you were in Cairo when you stated you were in Cannes. Or that you met with Queen Sophia when it was Queen Elizabeth. But sleepiness does not cause a person to make up entire stories about ducking enemy sniper fire any more than misrememberance explains tall tales about RPG attacks.

Furthermore, Clinton didn’t tell that sniper fire tale on just one occasion. She had told it two other times: while campaigning in Iowa in December 2007 and on a campaign stop in Texas in February 2008.

Was she sleep deprived on those occasions too? No, she was lying. Even the liberal Washington Post got around to exposing her nonsense and giving her tale four Pinocchios.

Powerful politicians lie and so do some powerful news anchors.

For NBC’s Brian Williams, the honorable thing was to apologize honestly and completely, and resign. A poll commissioned by the MRC shows that 71% of Americans believe Williams should still resign. His career would resurrect itself.

The poll also shows that 66% of Americans think Williams should have been fired by Comcast/NBC. But that didn’t happen. Instead it was a bizarre long-term suspension, and another self-inflicted wound, and more bleeding as the Peacock Network’s credibility disintegrates.

The MRC will hold NBC’s feet to the fire on this scandal, as we do every day in holding the liberal media accountable. Your help is vital in fulfilling this mission, and we ask that you make a donation to the MRC today. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
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There will be panel discussions, presentations, and many informal talks (and certainly heated debates!) on the issues important to conservatives, the media’s role in the 2016 elections, and the future of the American Republic. The trip will offer ample opportunity for guests to engage with the speakers and the fellow cruisers.

The luxurious *Westerdam* ship departs Ft. Lauderdale on Feb. 13, 2016 and sails the beautiful Caribbean islands returning to port on Feb. 20. Tickets are selling fast. You can book your berth by going to www.MRCCRUISE.com.

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Jobs for Jihadists?

Although State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf ludicrously claimed that we can’t defeat Islamists “by killing them” and that we need to provide job opportunities for jihadis, neither ABC, NBC, nor CBS reported her fantastic comments. “We cannot win this war by killing them,” Harf told MSNBC’s Chris Matthews on Feb. 16. “We cannot kill our way out of this war. We need to go after the root causes that lead people to join these groups, whether it’s lack of opportunity for jobs —.”

Can you imagine the news coverage if a spokesman for a Republican administration had made such stupid claims? It would be wall-to-wall for weeks. But the networks are censoring this embarrassing news to protect Obama and their own PC ideology. Fox contributor Lt. Col Ralph Peters perhaps put it best when he said, Harf “has a masters degree in international relations from the University of Virginia. Moms and dads, save your money.”

Don’t Quote Bloomberg

Although the network news shows have promoted leftist Michael Bloomberg’s gun control activities for years, when he advised that all guns be confiscated from young minority men, ABC, CBS, and NBC didn’t report it. At a Feb. 5 event in Aspen, the former NYC mayor lectured, “95 percent of your murders, and murderers, and murder victims fit one [unintelligible]. You can just take the description, Xerox it, and pass it out to all of the cops. They are male, minorities, 15 to 25.”

“That’s true in New York, it’s true in virtually every city in America,” stomped Bloomberg. “You’ve got to get the guns out of the hands of the people getting killed. First thing you can do to help that group is to keep them alive. Alive.” That sounds illegal — you can’t just seize citizens’ property. But worse, it also sounds like — gasp! — profiling, which liberals won’t tolerate. Thus, the networks censored it.
Keystone, Shh!

When the new Senate passed a bill on Jan. 29 to approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, the network news shows, morning and evening, said absolutely nothing, not one word. Then, when the House passed the Senate bill on Feb. 11, which Obama subsequently vetoed, ABC and CBS reported nothing and NBC gave the issue a mere 11 seconds of coverage.

Five minutes into the NBC Nightly News, anchor Lester Holt remarked, “The House passed a bill that approves construction of the Keystone Pipeline. The Senate previously approved the bill which now goes to the president, who has threatened a veto.” That was it. Obama opposes Keystone, so the networks either censor the news or give it a few seconds. In fact, for more than a year, between Jan. 1, 2014 and Jan. 19, 2015, the networks gave Keystone barely 11 minutes total in coverage.

Brooks: “Pro-Obama”

The faux conservative columnist for the New York Times, David Brooks, said he was “totally pro-Obama on this” in reference to the president equating the barbarism of radical Islam today with the Christian Crusades of the 11th century, which Obama did at the Feb. 5 National Prayer Breakfast.

A few days later on Meet the Press, Brooks, smiling, said, “Well, I’m pro Obama, I’m totally pro-Obama on this. I think he said the right thing. It was a gospel of humility.” Later in the segment, Brooks applauded Obama again, mewing, “I think this was utterly fine. This is exactly the moment you want to say this.” Brooks didn’t mention that the Crusades were a defensive action in response to Muslim aggression in the Holy Land and in Europe, never mind that they took place 1,000 years ago. This is a “conservative” only the New York Times can like.

Minibits

■ Actress Ashley Judd, like, you know, gushes, like, to Larry King, “Obviously, I love Hillary Rodham Clinton … [she] might be the most overqualified candidate we’ve had since, you know, Thomas Jefferson or George Washington.” ■ NYT reporter Jeremy Peters lectures, “The vaccination controversy is a twist on an old problem for the Republican Party: how to approach matters that have largely been settled among scientists but are not widely accepted by conservatives.” ■ And MSNBC contributor Joy Behar rails, “This is, again, Neanderthal thinking on the right that is really, it’s scary and dangerous. Climate change deniers, vaccination deniers — I mean, they are going to kill us!” ■ Mother Jones’s David Corn rants that Speaker Boehner’s invitation to Bibi Netanyahu to speak before Congress is “nearly traitorous” and there’s no reason for Bibi to “side with the crazy Republicans.” ■ MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell experiences an Obamagasm, mewing that Dreams From My Father “stands today as the finest literary work ever authored by a president of the United States.” ■ YouTube’s Bethany Mota challenges Obama, “If you had any superpower, what would it be?” ■ NBC’s Andrea Mitchell cheers Obama’s SOTU speech, stressing, “The economic message, also, is so politically in tune with where the broad spectrum of the American people are.” ■ Before his fall from grace, NBC’s Brian Williams was in Havana, Cuba, and frantically asking, “When Americans are here, and planes and hotels and the cars are 2015 cars and not 1958 cars, what happens to the revolution?” ■ HBO’s Bryant Gumbel lets his hair down, “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.”
After self-identified pro-Arab “journalist” Ayman Mohyeldin went on MSNBC and smeared the real American Sniper Chris Kyle as a “racist” who went on “killing sprees” in Iraq, the MRC took swift action, demanding that NBC News condemn Mohyeldin’s hate speech and that he issue an on-air apology.

Initially, 22 retired admirals and generals joined with MRC President Brent Bozell in demanding that apology but the support has grown to more than 60 military leaders so far, in addition to more than 20,000 phone calls made to NBC and its corporate parent, Comcast, by members of the MRC Action Team.

Back on Jan. 29, Mohyeldin, who is NBC News’ Mideast correspondent at night and MSNBC’s pro-Islamic propagandist by day, went on MSNBC’s Morning Joe and trashed Chris Kyle, whose real-life story is told in the hugely popular film American Sniper. Mohyeldin, without naming a source, claimed, “Some of what people have described as his racist tendencies towards Iraqis and Muslims when he was going on some of these, you know, killing sprees in Iraq on assignment.”

To his credit, host Joe Scarborough interrupted, asking, “Killing sprees? Chris Kyle was going on killing sprees?”

Mohyeldin, no surprise, couldn’t back up his false claim and so dodged the question but again attacked, remarking that unnamed “people” had described Kyle “as racist.”

NBC News, the home of serial liar Brian Williams (now suspended), did nothing about Mohyeldin’s attack, so the MRC’s Bozell, along with military leaders including former Special Forces chief Lt. Gen. William “Jerry” Boykin (Ret.), sent a letter to Comcast demanding an apology and a public statement condemning Mohyeldin’s “vile hate speech.”

Bozell also discussed Mohyeldin’s smear on Fox’s The Kelly File, getting the story out to millions of Americans. He also noted that Mohyeldin started off at Al Jazeera and in a 2011 interview revealed that his job was to side with “the Arab viewer” showing he was “fighting on their behalf.”

At NBC, Mohyeldin is “doing exactly that, projecting an Islamic agenda, propaganda, on that news network,” Bozell told host Megyn Kelly.

On Fox’s Hannity, Lt. Gen. Boykin stressed that Kyle “is a brother” in arms and “his reputation is being maligned.” He added, “It’s our responsibility to stand up and fight back against the irresponsible reporting of a knucklehead like this Ayman Mohyeldin.”

Lt. Gen. Thomas G. McInerney, USAF (Ret.) told Hannity, “we didn’t say it in the letter, but I think that chap on NBC News who disparaged Chris Kyle, that he should be fired. We deserve more than an apology.”

To learn more about MRC Action and how you can send a message to NBC/Comcast, visit MRC.org and click on the “Take Action” button.
### Television

#### ABC: *This Week*, Feb. 8
- *Blaze TV: Dana Daily*, Feb. 9, 12
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- *Varney & Co.*, Feb. 11, 26
- *Your World with Cavuto*, Feb. 25

#### Huffpost TV:
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- Fox and Friends, Feb. 9
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- Fox News Hannity blog, Feb. 10
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- National Review Online, Feb. 17
- One News Now, Feb. 11

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On Fox’s *Varney & Co.*, MRC President Brent Bozell analyzes how the networks all but ignored the news that foreign governments gave millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation, a potentially major conflict of interest should Hillary Clinton be elected president in 2016. NBC and ABC ignored the story and *CBS This Morning* gave it only 20 seconds of coverage.

MRC President Brent Bozell was interviewed on *Hannity* about NBC News’ six-month suspension of Brian Williams, explaining that it solves nothing because Williams’ lies about Iraq, Katrina, and Israel, and other events still emerging, are not going away. “He has no credibility left and neither will NBC if they bring him back. That’s the sad reality,” said Bozell.

On *Your World w/Cavuto*, Brent Bozell details how the networks gave nearly zero coverage to a story about 800,000 Obamacare enrollees who filed incorrect IRS tax forms and then the IRS told them to keep the mistaken refunds, money which is paid for by other taxpayers. “How could that not be a national news story?” said Bozell. “It shows for the umpteenth time this is a program that is a disaster. It’s been nothing but a disaster.”
“I really don’t remember how, or when, I first learned about the MRC, but over several years, I would support them because I was impressed with their work. When I received a letter asking if I would consider making an automatic monthly gift, I was proud to do so, and I have been a monthly donor since 2010.”

ELAYNE McCORMACK
MRC Associate and Member of the MRC Patriot Fund

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Send A Message To NBC/Comcast Board Members!

NBC and MSNBC have a long and storied history of distorting the news and acting as mouthpieces for the Democratic Party. Until now, Comcast (the corporate parent of NBC) has escaped responsibility for the shameful behavior of their “news” division.

It’s time we send a message to the board members of NBC/Comcast that we hold them accountable for the mess that is NBC News and MSNBC. Please take a minute and sign our petition. It’s time for Comcast to take responsibility!

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Tell Comcast board members to do something about the wave of journalistic malpractice taking place at NBC and MSNBC:

- They SLANDER AMERICAN HEROES like Chris Kyle.
- They refuse to cover all major Obama administration scandals, such as THE COVER UP OF THE BENGHAZI TERRORIST ATTACK and the IRS’s targeting of conservatives.
- They give a platform to far LEFT-WING RACE-HUSTLERS like Al Sharpton and Chris Matthews.
- They refuse to fire BRIAN WILLIAMS after he was CAUGHT TELLING SEVERAL LIES on television.

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