We predicted several years ago that liberals, increasingly unable to argue the facts on issues and policy, would resort to smearing their conservative opponents, engaging in character assassination in order to destroy them, and that the liberal media would carry the banner in this tawdry campaign.

It explains why (and how) the liberal media smeared Rush Limbaugh as a racist, and continue to do so. They have also regularly trashed Sarah Palin and the Fox News Channel in the crudest terms for the same reason. Now they have a new target in the ongoing character-assassination game: the tea party movement.

The left is on the defensive everywhere. Liberals run the House, the Senate, and the White House yet they are scrambling to pass any major legislation; the networks ABC, CBS, and NBC are all downsizing, as is The New York Times; conservatives are winning elections, including the former Senate seat held by liberal Ted Kennedy; unemployment is at 10 percent; and now the grassroots conservatives in the tea party are sweeping the nation — all to the liberal media’s consternation.

To help advance Obama’s liberal agenda, the liberal media are shamelessly slamming these tea party patriots as racists and extremists. We are not going to stand for that. We are exposing these attacks through our wide variety of operations — MRC, TimesWatch, BMI, NewsBusters blog — and our work is helping to neutralize the smears that are designed, ultimately, to discredit all conservatives.

How ugly is this battle? Let’s look at some examples.

Last April 15, tax day, there were about 800 “Taxed Enough Already” (TEA) events nationwide. In its reporting, CNN’s Susan Roesgen described a gathering in Chicago as “anti-government” and “highly promoted by the right-wing conservative network Fox.” CNN.com also linked to a Homeland Security Department report on “right-wing extremism” complete with a photo of a neo-Nazi and white supremacist flags.

Moving towards the November 2009 elections, the liberal media pounced again. CNN’s Situation Room, for example, ran a story with the on-screen...
headline, “Racial Tinge to Tea Movement.” CNN’s reporter claimed “a small but vocal minority” in the tea party is “voicing what some see as racist rhetoric.”

CNN then quoted the Chicago Tribune’s Clarence Page who said tea party folks “are not just mad at Obama,” they are “mad at people who have nothing to do with Obama except they all happen to be black.”

In February 2010, MSNBC’s left-wing Rachel Maddow went to the National Tea Party convention in Nashville and reported that the opening speech was given by “professional anti-immigrant Tom Tancredo, who started the event off with a bang, a big, loud, racist bang.” Maddow also smeared the convention crowd as racist, saying their cheers were a “bit muffled by, you know, the white hoods.”

The Washington Post’s Eugene Robinson also trashed Tancredo, saying the speech was “naked Jim Crow racism.” And, to drive the point home, MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann labeled the tea party movement the “Tea Klux Klan.” HBO’s hate-filled Bill Maher dismissed the grassroots movement as “a cult” filled with “teabaggers.”

Also in February, New York Magazine tried to tie Joe Stack, the leftist crazy who flew a plane into an IRS building in Austin, with the tea party. The magazine cherry-picked information about Stack and claimed “a lot of his rhetoric could have been taken directly from a handwritten sign at a tea party rally.”

So, tea party people aren’t just racist, they’re also terrorists, according to the liberal media.

The Huffington Post ran a March 3 article entitled, “The Tea Party Is All About Race,” stammering that there is “no comparative group on the left that’s similarly motivated by bigotry, ignorance and racial hatred.” Dorothy Rabinowitz, a liberal at The Wall Street Journal, said that tea partiers are “conspiracy theorists, anti-government zealots, 9/11truthers, and assorted other cadres of the obsessed and deranged.”

In another example, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews and Salon.com’s Joan Walsh railed in February about the tea party with Matthews listing “birthers, truthers, secessionists, nullifiers, people that are gun nuts, who believe there should be no gun control at all, right up to having bazookas and automatic weapons and God knows what…..”

Walsh complained that the movement “denounces liberals” and “denounces Democrats as though we’re hostile to the Founders, we’re hostile to the Constitution.” Walsh then went on to dismiss the conservatives who signed the Mount Vernon Statement (see p. 3), including yours truly, as “older people from another generation” who don’t represent any “new thinking” in the so-called “Age of Obama.”

Going in for the character-killing smear, Walsh added that we conservatives who defend the Constitution reflect “a looking backwards that sometimes can carry racial connotations.” And — no surprise — she added, “A lot of these documents [Mt. Vernon Statement] and a lot of these gatherings are rather hostile to the America that we are becoming.”

No, they’re not — they’re hostile to the leftist worldview of people like Joan Walsh and the other scribblers in the liberal media. The tea party movement is American and conservative. It is also effective, which is why the liberal media attack it with smears and innuendo and, as frequently as they can, attack me and the MRC.

We are an integral part of the conservative movement. As America’s media watchdog, we are committed to documenting, exposing, and neutralizing liberal news bias. We have the truth on our side and, as polls show, the American people on our side. The liberals can’t dispute this fact, so they turn to character assassination.

But the more they smear, distort, spin, and lie, the more ammunition they add to our arsenal. Of course, things are not rosy for conservatives in this “Age of Obama,” but given the fury of our enemy, we clearly are having a deliciously pointed impact. Let’s keep it up.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

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In smearing the tea party movement, people such as actor/activist Janeane Garafolo have described the phenomenon as all about “hating a black man in the White House,” and that “this is racism, straight up.” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews rails that tea party folks are just “birthers, truthers, secessionists, nullifiers” and “people that are gun nuts.”

Rachel Maddow, who hosts her own show on MSNBC, described the National Tea Party Convention as beginning with “a big, loud, racist bang,” and that the crowd’s comments were “muffled” by “the white hoods.”
Conservatives Recommit To America’s First Principles and Sign Historic ‘Mount Vernon Statement’

Media Research Center President Brent Bozell joined with 80 leaders of the conservative movement on Feb. 17 to sign the ‘Mount Vernon Statement,’ a recommitment to the conservative ideas of America’s Founding, and called upon like-minded people across the country to join with them and sign the document online.

The historic event, on the grounds of George Washington’s former estate, and the Statement have energized conservatives, young and old, and the message has spread literally worldwide garnering more than 1.4 million references in news outlets, talk radio, blogs and Web sites.

Some of the conservative leaders who signed the document include Reagan Administration Attorney General Ed Meese, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner, and Kathryn J. Lopez of National Review magazine, whose founder William F. Buckley Jr. (1925-2008) gave the conservative movement a similar intellectual and moral boost in 1960 with the famous “Sharon Statement.”

In explaining the need for this conservative manifesto, which can be read and signed at the MRC Web site www.mrc.org, President Bozell said, “The Mount Vernon Statement solidifies the conservative movement as vibrant and energized, ready to lead America into a renewed era of liberty and self-government. Conservatives must reinstitute the great principles that defined us by our nation’s founders. Conservatives must work to fight the radical agenda that threatens our jobs, our security, our values and our security. And conservatives must do it together.”


The Mount Vernon Statement has to date, in fact, generated 268 news stories, according to the Google search engine on the Internet, as well as 1,480,000 references or short stories on blogs, Web sites, and strictly online news outlets.

TIME quoted Bozell as saying that the Mount Vernon Statement “has something that every conservative can sink his teeth into and sign happily.” And The Washington Post quoted Bozell on the Statement as follows: “It’s a compass for every single issue, whether it’s social, economic or national defense conservatives. It’s meant to guide you.”

Now You Can Add Your Name... Sign The Statement Today!

To read and sign the Mount Vernon Statement online, just visit www.mrc.org and click on the “Mount Vernon Statement” banner on the right-hand column.
Chinaweek

In one of the more absurd examples of left-wing propaganda trying to disguise itself as journalism, Newsweek Online ran an article in February by Isaac Stone Fish who seriously reported, “Whether they like it or not, China has been good for Tibetans” – yes, communist China, which has occupied most of Tibet for more than 60 years and slaughtered more than 1.2 million Tibetans for political reasons, is good for Tibet.

Ignoring the genocide, Newsweek’s Fish cheered that Chinese thugs had spent $45.4 billion on “development” and “infrastructure,” and that “cellphone service in parts of western Tibet is better than in parts of New Jersey.” Nonetheless, “all the money has failed to buy Tibetan loyalty,” bemoaned Fish, adding that, “in exchange for an astronomical rise in living standards, the government requires citizens to relinquish the right to free worship and free speech. The Chinese government has kept its end of the deal.” No surprise, this is the same Newsweek that ran an article last fall entitled, “Was Russia Better Off Red?”

Rangel Who?

While Democrat Charlie Rangel (N.Y.) was snagged in an ethics scandal, involving corporate-funded trips to the Caribbean, and stepped down on Mar. 3 as chairman of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee, ABC World News gave the story a mere 48 seconds of coverage over two days.

In contrast, the liberal network gave the non-scandal of Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky.) delaying a $10-billion spending bill through a senatorial procedure four minutes and 38 seconds of coverage over the same two days — that’s six times the coverage given to Rangel-gate.

Rangel actually did something wrong. Bunning, on the other hand, did nothing wrong; he asserted a parliamentary right he has as a senator. Nonetheless, ABC wailed that Bunning was “denying” benefits to people and interviewed a teacher who had been out of work for two years. With Rangel, anchor Diane Sawyer nearly yawned and said he “is stepping down as chairman.”

Praising the Child Rapist

For liberal journalists, the acclaimed movie director and indicted child rapist Roman Polanski just can’t be praised enough. On CBS’s Sunday Morning, Feb. 21, movie reviewer David Edelstein was all applause for Polanski’s latest film, “The Ghost Writer,” telling viewers, “Whatever you say about this man, a victim and a victimizer, he’s an artist to the end. He can conjure up on screen his inner world, however malignant.”

The movie “shows its maker at the height of his powers,” gushed Edelstein. He noted that Polanski may go “to the slammer for a rape he committed in the 1970s” — not mentioning the girl-victim was 13 — and then returned to cheering Polanski. NPR also praised Polanski, crowing on Feb. 19 that the film is “made with the flare and precision of a director suddenly returned to the height of his powers. … With any kind of luck, ‘The Ghost Writer’ will help Roman Polanski catch fire one last time.”

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Out-Foxed

Former *New York Times* Editor Howell Raines railled against Fox News in a February commentary, claiming that “traditional reportage” seemed as out of date as “segregation,” and adding, “Surely the civil rights movement would have been hampered by the politicized, oppositional journalism that flows from Fox News and the cable talk shows.” Then in a Mar. 14 *Washington Post* commentary, Raines tore into Fox CEO Roger Ailes, whining that he is “using the network to conduct a propaganda campaign against the Obama administration.”

Raines also attacked Fox-owner Rupert Murdoch, saying he “does not belong to our team” because he practices British-style journalism. Then, in all seriousness, Raines claimed that for the first time in 100 years, the U.S., through Fox, “has a major news organization devoted to the promotion of one political party.” Raines apparently forgot about the political slant of the *NYT*, *ABC*, *CBS*, *NBC*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *NPR*, and Hollywood, to name a few.

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‘Brutal’ Responses

CNN’s Kyra Phillips sympathetically interviewed a woman on Mar. 8 who had unapologetically Tweeted (and commented on YouTube) her chemically induced abortion as it happened. Phillips, no surprise, did not permit the pro-life viewpoint to enter the news report and mainly lamented how the woman, Angie Jackson, had received “brutal” e-mail responses from people. CNN’s Phillips also did not tell viewers about Jackson’s political views – Jackson is a blogger who describes herself as “Angie the Anti-Theist,” and has posted blogs about how Jesus would donate money for “better abortion techniques” and that “Jesus hates the little women, all the women of the world.”

As for people’s responses to the Tweeted abortion, Phillips said they “are really harsh,” and “they called you a baby killer.” She added that “it’s even hard for me to say these things because some of those, the e-mails and responses were so brutal.” As brutal as an abortion?
‘Broken’ Government: When Liberals Lose

When Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana announced last week he wasn’t running for re-election, he didn’t state what may have seemed obvious. He couldn’t say he wanted to avoid the embarrassment of losing, or that he worried he’d never achieve national office if that happened. Instead, he launched into a lecture about what was wrong with everyone else. The government is “dysfunctional” with “brain-dead partisanship.”

It’s “Groundhog Day.” This scenario repeats itself every time the Democrats take control.

Bayh’s bleats hardened quickly into the media’s conventional wisdom. Why can’t the politicians hold hands in a Kumbaya circle and get “something” done? Translation: when Obama and a Democrat-dominated Congress can’t nationalize the health-care system and force everyone to drive a Prius, suddenly government is “dysfunctional.” When gridlock is holding up the liberals’ agenda, Washington should know “the people” sent them to pass massive ultraliberal bills.

These media mathematicians clearly have thrown their polling calculators out the window. When Newsweek recently asked independents if they supported the Democrat health proposals, 26 percent were in favor, and 62 percent were opposed. But the “wisdom” in town says Democrats must pass these health bills or get crushed in November. Now who can’t seem to acknowledge, to borrow from Stephen Colbert, that “reality has a conservative bias”?

Reality tells you many Democrats are political toast, thanks to ObamaCare. Hence, bye-bye Bayh. But our journalists put on their choir robes and continue to sing the sad song in unison: Why do we have a “Broken Government”? CNN actually launched an entire series of reports with that title.

Suffice it to say this is not the kind of media mantra we heard during President Bush’s second term. Back then, this was the sound of CNN: commentator Jack Cafferty lamenting the alleged lack of partisanship in 2007: “They’ve already said they won’t impeach President Bush. They’ve already said they won’t cut funding for the war…. It’s time for the Democrats to walk the walk, and there are some early signs they might be coming down with leg cramps.” He asked viewers: “How much faith do you have that the Democrats can stop the war and rein in President Bush?”

We’re now mired in Year Two of Barack Obama’s quagmire of “health reform,” and no one on the left wants withdrawal. What they want is a socialist surge. Compare that to 2005, and the Bush administration’s attempt to reform Social Security. It died...about three months after the inauguration. CBS anchor Bob Schieffer repeatedly asked on April 26, 2005: “Is it already dead?”

In a way, you can understand his impatience. He and his colleagues had been trying to kill it from the moment of political conception.

Everything President Bush did was painted as a stunt. After the 2005 State of the Union, when there was an emotional hug between an Iraqi voter and the mother of a Marine killed in Iraq, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews just had to politicize it by seeing it as a Social Security ploy: “Do you think President Bush used this to push his numbers on Social Security reform, just to get his general appeal up a bit?”

In March, Matthews joked with Al Sharpton that Bush was piling up a mountain of debt we would owe China and Japan: “Why don’t they just start paying people in their Social Security checks with yen, because we’re getting money from them to pay the older folks their regular check?” Sharpton said he was going to start using that partisan line.

When Hurricane Katrina unfolded with deadly force, Newsweek’s Eleanor Clift found a silver lining: “If there’s an upside to Katrina, it’s that the Republican agenda of tax cuts, Social Security privatization and slashing government programs is over.”

Today, Clift is raining fire on Republicans for “harming” the country in the short term for their own partisan gain in the fall. Liberals don’t have brains expansive enough to imagine that conservatives might think the greater good of the country — politically, financially, morally - rests in fighting the nationalization of our health-care system, as well as the first steps toward government-funded abortions.

Instead, our media parrot the DNC talking points about a “Party of No” who aren’t offering “solutions” of their own. This argument ignores (a) the idea of Nancy Pelosi passing a Republican alternative is too ridiculous to consider, and (b) a “no” vote could be a constructive vote on the people’s behalf.

These reporters and anchors never hit Pelosi or Harry Reid for having no plan for victory in Iraq. They never dismissed them as the “Party of No” for opposing Social Security reform. But when liberalism is on the national menu, the snobby waiters of our “news” media don’t really want to take the people’s order. They want to force-feed the American people what they “need.”

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**Television**

**CBN:**
- News Channel, Feb. 17, 19
- NewsWatch, Jan. 29
- The 700 Club, Jan. 29

**FNC:**
- America’s Newsroom, Jan. 26
- Fox & Friends, Feb. 17, Mar. 5
- Hannity, Feb. 5, Mar. 4

**FBN:**
- Fox Business Network, Feb. 18
- Varney & Company, Feb. 12

**Radio**

Bill Cunningham Show, Mar. 14
- Dateline Washington, Feb. 19
- Family News in Focus, Feb. 2
- Frank Gaffney Show, Feb. 19
- Lars Larson Show, Feb. 11, 25, 26, Mar. 4
- Lou Dobbs Show, Feb. 18, 26
- Mark Levin Show, Mar. 4
- National Public Radio, Feb. 18
- Nothing But Truth Radio, Feb. 23
- NRA News, Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4
- Roger Hedgecock Show, Feb. 18, 19
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- Steve Malzverg Show, Mar. 8
- Thom Hartmann Show, Feb. 10, 19, 23, Mar. 2
- KARN, Little Rock, AR, Feb. 18
- KBAR, Burley, ID, Feb. 11, 23, 25
- KXTX, Corpus Christi, TX, Feb. 22, 24, Mar. 3
- KMED, Medford, OR, Feb. 19

**Print**

The American Conservative, Feb. 18
- American Spectator, Feb. 19
- Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Feb. 17
- Christian Science Monitor, Feb. 18
- Citizen magazine, Mar. 1
- Human Events, Feb. 18, 24, 28
- Investors’ Business Daily, Feb. 16
- New York magazine, Mar. 3
- New York Post, Feb. 7
- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Feb. 8, 15, Mar. 1
- Roll Call, Feb. 25
- San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 17
- Seattle Times, Feb. 17
- TIME, Feb. 18
- U.S. News & World Report, Feb. 16
- USA Today, Feb. 3
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**Internet**

AOL News, Feb. 25
- AOL Politics Daily, Feb. 9
- Bighollywood.com, Feb. 12, 25
- BigJournalism.com, Feb. 7
- CBS News blog, Feb. 18
- CBSNews.com, Feb. 7
- DailyCaller, Feb. 24
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- Human Events Online, Feb. 25
- LifeNews.com, Feb. 23
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- OneNewsNow.com, Feb. 17
- PBS Ombudsman Online, Feb. 26
- Politico.com, Feb. 12
- Reason Online, Feb. 17
- RedState blog, Feb. 17
- RushLimbaugh.com, Feb. 17
- Salon.com, Feb. 11
- The Hill blog, Feb. 3
- Townhall.com, Feb. 17
- Wall Street Journal blog, Feb. 17

**Television**

Business & Media Institute Vice President Dan Gainor details on CBN News how the liberal media slanted coverage in favor of the $787-billion economic stimulus spending.

On Fox News, Brent Bozell analyzes how the liberal media have spun big-government spending by the Obama administration as a successful economic policy despite the $1.4 trillion deficit calculated for FY 2010.

On CBN News, analyst Julia Seymour with the Business & Media Institute, comments on how the tea party movement has been derided by the liberal media since its launch in 2009.

MRC reports and stories are frequently carried on the Drudge Report. In this case, a March 12th CNSNews.com news report about the United Nations compiling data on alleged human rights violations in America with the assistance and blessing of the U.S. State Department.
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MRC Documents How Liberal Media Deliberately Censored Damaging Stories About Obama Administration in 2009

In a new Special Report, Omitting for Obama: How the Old Media Deliberately Censored New Media Scoops in 2009, the MRC documents how four major news stories embarrassing to the Obama administration were pursued vigorously by the New Media, such as Fox News and conservative talk radio, but virtually ignored by the Old Media news networks and newspapers. Instead of acting as government watchdogs holding the people in power accountable, the nation’s broadcast news networks deliberately suppressed and de facto censored embarrassing scoops — at least until President Obama or Congress took action and made them impossible to ignore.

The four stories examined in the report concerned radical “green jobs” czar Van Jones; the left-wing community action group ACORN; White House Communications Director Anita Dunn, who praised communist dictator Mao Zedong; and Climategate, which exposed global warming experts twisted scientific data to support their policy agenda.

To read the report, visit www.MRC.org, and click on “Special Reports” in the “Analysis” section of the Web site, or call 703-683-9733 to order a printed copy of the report.