The left-wing “news” media employ a double standard when it comes to coverage of conservatives versus liberals. They are partisans. Trying to present news in a relatively fair and balanced way is not part of the equation.

Here at the MRC we document and expose that double standard every day for all of America to see. One of the most glaring examples of the liberal media’s distorted coverage is how they have presented the Tea Party versus how they have reported on the government union protests in Wisconsin.

For the networks in particular — ABC, CBS, NBC — the biased coverage has been so blatant it is almost laughable.

Our media experts examined all 53 Wisconsin union protest stories broadcast by ABC, CBS, and NBC on their morning and evening news shows between Feb. 17 and Feb. 21. Our analysts then compared that coverage with network coverage of various Tea Party protests following the passage of ObamaCare in March 2010.

When Tea Party conservatives protested on Capitol Hill last March 21-22, CBS’s Nancy Cordes slammed the gathering as “a weekend filled with incivility.” ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer painted the crowd as a violent gang, with “protestors roaming Washington... yelling slurs and epithets.”ABC’s Charles Gibson whined that some “protestors brought pictures of President Obama with a Hitler-style mustache to a town hall meeting.”

But when government union employees stormed Wisconsin’s state house and Democratic lawmakers fled to Illinois rather than vote on Republican Gov. Scott Walker’s budget plan, the networks hailed the leftists as everyman heroes, just regular folks peacefully gathering to defend their rights and challenge a suspect legislature.

When it came to covering some of the very ugly and incivil actions by the left-wing protestors, however, the networks went mum.

Union-istas marched around with signs depicting Gov. Walker as Adolf Hitler and Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (“Scott Stalin”), as well as Egypt’s former authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak (“Walker = Mubarak”). There were also signs with crosshairs over Walker’s face that read “Don’t Retreat, Reload; Repeal Walker.”

Yet the network nabobs did not complain or fret about incendiary or “hateful” rhetoric. In fact, as our analysis documents, none of the Walker-dictator signs in the hands of liberal
protestors drew the slightest complaint from reporters at ABC, CBS or NBC. Eight of the 53 news stories (15 percent) showed the Hitler, Stalin, and Mubarak signs, but not one network reporter commented on them. That’s a liberal media double standard.

Also, none of the networks by the evening of Feb. 21 had shown the sign with the crosshairs over Gov. Walker’s face. This is a clear double standard as the networks, before but especially after the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) in January, repeatedly showed a campaign map of Democrat counties (not faces, counties) covered by bullseyes that had been posted on Sarah Palin’s Facebook page during the 2010 campaign.

CBS’s Nancy Cordes, for example, had fretted in March of last year, “Democrats complain Sarah Palin is also using violent words and imagery. On Twitter, she urges conservatives: ‘Don’t retreat. Instead, reload.’ And the Web site of her political action committee posts bullseyes on districts of vulnerable Democrats.”

After the Giffords shooting — it turns out by a psychotic man with no connection to the Tea Party or Fox or conservative talk radio — the networks highlighted Palin’s map in 24 stories in just the first six days. NBC’s Lee Cowan lectured on Jan. 10: “That map Sarah Palin put up on Facebook last year, targeting Congresswoman Giffords seat, made Giffords nervous, even then.”

Neither Cowan nor Cordes said a word about the signs with crosshairs on Gov. Walker carried by government union protestors in Wisconsin. That’s the liberal media double standard.

The networks are taking their cue from the union activists, specifically their linking of Walker/Republicans with Mubarak/tyrants. On ABC’s This Week on Feb. 21, host Christiane Amanpour tied the Wisconsin protests to the uprisings in Egypt and other civil revolts in the Middle East. “Populist frustration is boiling over this week, as we’ve said, not just in the Middle East, but in the middle of this country as well,” Amanpour cheered.

Over at NBC, Nightly News anchor Brian Williams was chirping, “From the Mideast to the American Midwest tonight, people are rising up. Citizens’ uprisings are changing the world.” On-screen, the caption blared: “The Uprising at Home.”

In another example from our analysis, on March 21 last year, CBS’s Bob Schieffer was appalled that anti-ObamaCare protestors were chanting “kill the bill, kill the bill,” as if it were a euphemism for actually killing someone or destroying something. Yet when the government union protestors chanted the same thing in Wisconsin on Feb. 18 — CBS’s Early Show actually ran a clip of the theatrics — Schieffer said nothing about it on his show on Feb. 20.

That’s the liberal media double standard. And that’s what the network news is all about: positive coverage for liberals, negative coverage against conservatives. And when the news can’t be spun to paint lefties in a good way, the networks don’t put it on the air. That’s bias by omission.

The liberal media, especially at ABC, CBS, and NBC, do not present the news. They present spin and propaganda. Here at the MRC, we stop the spin and expose the disinformation. We have only one standard: the truth.

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President
The liberal media are running a vicious smear campaign to destroy conservative Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) because he is 1) a true conservative, and 2) unquestionably serious about cutting big government. Paul has been attacked on NBC, MSNBC, CNN, CBS, *The New York Times*, and in numerous blogs and online news sites. It must mean he’s doing something right.

One of the latest hatchet jobs was carried out by ABC’s *Nightline* on Feb. 23, with co-anchors Terry Moran and Bill Weir. As the MRC documented in its *BiasAlert*, *Nightline* railed against Paul because he dared to propose, in a detailed plan, $500 billion in budget cuts for 2011.

For the record, those “cuts” amount to one-third of the projected deficit this year. The deficit is projected to be at least $1.6 trillion for 2011 and the budget itself projected at $3.8 trillion. That’s $3,800,000,000,000.00.

Nonetheless, the *Nightline* segment depicted Paul as a cartoon cutout wielding a chainsaw and running amok on Capitol Hill slashing federal government programs.

Moran lectured that “even the most conservative Republicans balk at his proposals for slashing government.” Then Weir hyperventilated, “So, while the president argues for a budget scalpel, Rand Paul would use a chainsaw, shutting down the Departments of Energy and Education.”

As the chainsaw-cartoon of Paul rampaged on-screen, Weir warned, “He would kill the Consumer Product Safety Commission, shrink the Pentagon and cut off all foreign aid. And while even the most fiscally conservative Republicans were proposing $50 billion cuts, he wanted to slash $500 billion.”

In other words, Rand Paul is crazy, a political madman with a chainsaw, and even the most “conservative Republicans” — conservative in *Nightline*’s view — aren’t coming even close to what Paul is proposing.

The liberal media’s goal here is to isolate, marginalize, and politically neuter Rand Paul. They are trying to do the same to other sincere conservatives, such as Allen West, Steve King, Sarah Palin, Michelle Bachmann, and those heroes in the conservative media: Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin and Sean Hannity. Conservatives must remain focused on this ugly truth.

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**ABC Attacks Conservative Sen. Rand Paul as ‘Controversial’ Chainsaw-Wielding ‘Radical’**

![Image of Rand Paul]

*The Watchdog*
Shhh!

ABC, CBS, and NBC ran countless erroneous reports after the Tucson shooting about the right-wing rhetoric that supposedly pushed a troubled young man over the edge. But when a Democratic congressman called for government union employees in Wisconsin to “get a little bloody” in fighting Republicans, the same networks this time said ... nothing.

On Feb. 21, Massachusetts’ Democratic Congressman Michael Capuano was in Madison, Wisc., to join with the government union employees protesting the GOP’s budget cuts there. In the crowd with a microphone Capuano yelled that sending e-mails was not enough, “Every once in awhile you need to get out on the streets and get a little bloody when necessary.” The evening news networks gave the story no coverage, and the morning networks news shows also ignored it. Only Fox covered this call to violence.

Network news ignored the very incivil comments of a congressman who urged pro-government union protestors “to get out on the streets and get a little bloody when necessary.”

What Jobs Lost?

ABC, CBS, and NBC also deliberately chose not to report the startling testimony of Congressional Budget Office Director Douglas Elmendorf, who told Congress on Feb. 11 that his office estimates that ObamaCare will kill at least 800,000 health care jobs by 2019. Elmendorf testified before the House Budget Committee. Rep. John Campbell (R-Calif.) asked him about a CBO report estimating that ObamaCare would destroy about half a percent of the 160 million households in the workforce.

Elmendorf agreed, testifying that implementing the new health care law would result in “withdrawing 800,000 workers from the workforce.” That bombshell testimony was covered live by C-SPAN but ignored by the networks and CNN. So too did The New York Times, the supposed newspaper of record. They just don’t want the public to know the truth about this atrocity.

Networks news, CNN, and New York Times did not report the government testimony that ObamaCare will destroy 800,000 jobs over next 9 years.

‘Racist’ slant

MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell, the self-described socialist anchor, apparently sees racism in anything the GOP says that is in any way critical of President Obama. Case in point: The Republican National Committee ran an ad in February about the public employee union protests in Wisconsin, stating, “Stop Obama and his union bosses today.” O’Donnell flipped, breathlessly exclaiming on the Feb. 25 edition of his Last Word show, “The Republican Party is saying that the president of the United States has bosses, that the union bosses this president around, the unions boss him around.”

O’Donnell then asked his guest, former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, “Does that sound to you like they are trying to consciously or subconsciously deliver the racist message that, of course, a black man can’t be the real boss?” To Granholm’s credit (and sanity), she said, “Wow, I hadn’t thought about the racial overtones.” Nor had anyone else except MSNBC’s O’Donnell.

MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell smears a GOP ad — “Stop Obama and his union bosses today” — as racist because, he claims, it’s saying “the union bosses the president around” and is sending the message that “a black man can’t be a real boss.”
Minibits

- MSNBC’s Chris Matthews goes postal on GOP-presidential aspirant Mike Huckabee: “If Huckabee runs, he’s a lunatic. He’s gonna clear out all the Arabs in the West Bank, just get rid of them all! … Talk about ethnic cleansing? He says he’s gonna do it!”
- CNN’s Joy Behar rants against “illogical” pro-lifers trying to defund Planned Parenthood “because if you are not going to help people with birth control, you’re going to have more abortions. So, besides being evil and immoral and unethical, they’re also stupid.”
- USA Today, in all seriousness, headlines, “Obama budget plan could create millions of jobs.”
- MSNBC’s Dylan Ratigan rants about GOP budget plans, “We’ll just get rid of all the food for poor people. We’ll just obliterate any subsidies for heating oil for the most desperately poor. But we’ll continue to account for nearly half of the $1.5 trillion that’s spent globally on defense.”
- Time’s Mark Halperin lauds Obama’s National Prayer Breakfast speech, “It was brilliant performance. This guy has game. That performance has a level of sophistication and skill that not one Republican on the field right now can duplicate.”
- Bill Clinton has “forged something never known before, a global force for good,” MSNBC’s Chris Matthews breathlessly spins, “He’s fighting AIDS in Africa, the devastation of floods and earthquakes, and nearly every other challenge facing mankind on the face of the globe. We’ve never had a world leader like this before! Bill Clinton: President of the World.”
- Finally, some fresh air from Newsweek’s Niall Ferguson: “President Obama is one of the least experienced men, in terms of foreign policy, ever to occupy the White House. And yet he has advisors around him who are, frankly, second if not third rate. … As far as I can see, President Obama’s strategic concept is, ‘I’m not George W. Bush. Love me.’”

Don’t Say ‘Akbar!’

A Muslim terrorist screaming “Allahu Akbar!” shot and killed two U.S. airmen in Frankfurt, Germany, and wounded two others on Mar. 2, but CBS and NBC gave the story only fleeting coverage and never mentioned the jihadist language used by the killer. While ABC’s World News devoted a full segment to the terrorist shooting, CBS and NBC devoted less than 30 seconds and buried the news deep into their broadcasts.

On ABC’s The View, when weak-kneed conservative Elizabeth Hasselbeck proposed a legally separate entity for Planned Parenthood’s abortion business, she was shouted down by co-hosts Whoopi Goldberg and Joy Behar.

Pro-Abortion Coverage Only

ABC’s The View so favors abortion it did not bring on any pro-life guests to discuss the House GOP’s plan to defund Planned Parenthood. Instead, the Feb. 24 show hosted two pro-abortion Democratic representatives, Gwen Moore and Jackie Speier. As the Democrats championed giving tax-payer money to the nation’s largest abortion business, host Barbara Walters defended Planned Parenthood and Whoopi Goldberg falsely claimed that federal money doesn’t go towards abortion.

Walters coddled Speier, “You are for Planned Parenthood because it’s not just abortions. They give so much money to education, to helping women understand what their problems might be,” and they do “HIV screening.” Goldberg called on Speier to repeat “real loud” that no federal dollars go to abortions even though the money is fungible and Planned Parenthood gets $350 million in government money. When weak-kneed conservative Elizabeth Hasselbeck suggested that Planned Parenthood legally separate its abortion business under a different name, she was shouted down.
On March 2, two U.S airmen, Nicholas Alden and Zachary Cuddeback, were gunned down at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany. Two other Americans were wounded. The assailant was a radical Muslim. This was a huge story to most Americans — but, naturally, but not to our news media. If the amount of air time is any measure, the assassination of our troops drew a yawn.

That night, ABC’s World News offered a full report, but CBS and NBC each gave it less than 30 seconds. “Troops under attack in Germany, targeted by a gunman shouting in Arabic about jihad,” reported ABC anchor Diane Sawyer. Neither CBS or NBC found room for “jihad” talk, and never found time to ask about the young American lives extinguished.

CBS saved room that night for Mickey Rooney’s testimony about “elder abuse.” NBC needed to save four minutes and 15 seconds for semi-retired Tom Brokaw’s report on the decline in Reading, Pennsylvania, and then devoted another two and half minutes to promoting the Smithsonian’s attempt to find a “Candid Camera in the Wilderness” with animal spycams.

Even after the radical-Muslim motivations were confirmed, the anchors were still downplaying it. On March 3, Katie Couric relayed: “It appears 20-year-old Arid Ukahad a grudge against the U.S. military. Sources tell CBS News that when he was arrested, Uka said ‘They are at war with us.’” I’m sure Mark David Chapman had a “grudge” with John Lennon, too. CBS did go to a reporter in Germany on Thursday morning...but the whole story was over in 90 seconds. NBC offered two minutes.

The same yawning thing happened at the newspapers. No one put this story on the front page. USA Today just reprinted the Associated Press on A-5. The New York Times put it on A-4. The Washington Post offered a story on A-6 that day, and then when it discovered over the weekend that one of the assassinated airmen was a Virginia native — Zack Cuddeback, gunned down at the wheel of the bus — they promptly reported it on...B-6.

The story itself is far more offensive than anything chronicled in last week’s obsession over the craziness of Charlie Sheen. The Times reported a German security official said “The bus was waiting at the terminal, and one serviceman after the other got on it,” Uka asked the last one for a cigarette, “then he asked the soldier if they were heading to Afghanistan.”

When the serviceman answered yes, Uka shot him with a handgun in the back of the head. “He then entered the bus, shouted ‘God is the greatest’ and opened fire and killed the driver with a shot in the head and injured two other soldiers,” the official said.

Uka meant to kill them all. He held his gun to the head of a fifth man and pressed the trigger twice, but it jammed. Our media showed more concern about cartoons mocking Mohammed than they did for this crime.

The Times did put another Islamist-violence story on the March 3 front page: Shahbaz Bhatti, the lone Christian cabinet member in Pakistan, was shot dead by the local Taliban for opposing an Islamic anti-blasphemy law. ABC, CBS, and NBC all skipped that story on the evening news, and offered tiny scraps of it on their morning shows.

Their “public service” function was served by displaying Charlie Sheen and “Candid Camera in the Wilderness.”

These journalists have lost a connection to the war on Islamic extremism and the troops fighting in Afghanistan. The Washington Post recently published a touching story of how Gen. John Kelly went to St. Louis and delivered a “passionate and at times angry speech about the military’s sacrifices and its troops’ growing sense of isolation from society.”

He told the crowd “Their struggle is your struggle... If anyone thinks you can somehow thank them for their service, and not support the cause for which they fight — our country — these people are lying to themselves....More important, they are slighting our warriors and mocking their commitment to this nation.”

Gen. Kelly did not tell the crowd he’d lost his 29-year-old son Robert in Afghanistan four days earlier. He became the most senior U.S. military officer to lose a son or daughter in Iraq or Afghanistan. Like many in the military, he fears the American public is unaware of the price that military families pay in one of the longest periods of sustained combat in U.S. history.

This passage underlined the problem: “President Obama devoted only six sentences to the war in Afghanistan in his State of the Union address in January. The 25-second standing ovation that lawmakers lavished on the troops lasted almost as long as the president’s war remarks.”
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

- **ABC:** *Nightline*, March 9
- **ABC 9:** News - Syracuse, NY, Feb. 23
- **CBN:** *NewsWatch*, Feb. 23
- **CBS 6:** News - Albany, NY, Feb. 23
- **FNC:** *Fox & Friends*, Feb. 4, 18
  - **Hannity**, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3
  - **O’Reilly Factor**, Feb. 11
  - **Special Report w/ Bret Baier**, Feb. 24
  - **Your World w/ Neil Cavuto**, Feb. 21
- **Fox 23:** News - Albany, NY, Feb. 24
- **NBC 13:** News - Albany, NY, Feb. 23
- **WIVB TV:** News - Buffalo, NY, Feb. 23
- **WPIX TV:** News - New York, NY, Feb. 23

### Print

- **Associated Press**: Feb. 23
- **Buffalo News**: Feb. 23
- **Canada Free Press**: Feb. 21
- **Chicago Tribune**: Mar. 10
- **Denver Post**: Feb. 24
- **Herald Tribune**: Feb. 23
- **Human Events**: Mar. 3
- **Investor’s Business Daily**: Feb. 7, 24, Mar. 3
- **Korea Herald**: Feb. 17
- **Los Angeles Times**: Feb. 24, 25
- **Miami Herald**: Feb. 23
- **New York Daily News**: Feb. 21
- **Poughkeepsie Journal**: Feb. 24
- **Reason magazine**: Feb. 7
- **Wall Street Journal**: Feb. 24
- **Washington Times**: Feb. 22, Mar. 9, 10

### Radio

- **American Family Radio**: Feb. 8, 23
- **Georgia News Network**: Feb. 9
- **Lars Larson Show**: Feb. 7, 23
- **Mark Levin Show**: Mar. 1
- **National Public Radio**: Feb. 23
- **Rush Limbaugh Show**: Feb. 28
- **Small Business Network**: Feb. 14
- **Thom Hartmann Show**: Feb. 24
- **KPRZ, San Diego, CA**: Feb. 24
- **KSFO, San Francisco, CA**: Feb. 28
- **NRA News**: Feb. 25
- **WATT, Cadillac, MI**: Feb. 11
- **WBAL, Baltimore, MD**: Feb. 24
- **WBT, Charlotte, NC**: Feb. 12
- **WCHE, Westchester, PA**: Feb. 24
- **WENY, Corning, NY**: Feb. 9, 16
- **WHO, Des Moines, IA**: Feb. 23
- **WIBC, Indianapolis, IN**: Feb. 9, 23
- **WSAU, Wausau, WI**: Feb. 23
- **WTKF, Greenville, NC**: Feb. 11, 25
- **WTVN, Columbus, OH**: Feb. 25

### Internet

- **ABC News.com**: Feb. 23
- **AJC.com**: Feb. 23
- **AOL News**: Mar. 2
- **Canonlawblog.com**: Feb. 21
- **CBS6Albany.com**: Feb. 23
- **Daily Caller**: Feb. 23
- **DigitalJournal.com**: Feb. 26
- **Drudge Report**: Feb. 4, 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, Mar. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17
- **Examiner.com**: Feb. 23
- **Forbes.com**: Feb. 23
- **FoxNews.com**: Feb. 23, 24
- **HollywoodLife.com**: Feb. 24
- **Hot Air**: Feb. 19
- **Huffington Post.com**: Feb. 23
- **Human Events Online**: Mar. 10
- **KansasCity.com**: Feb. 23
- **KIKNTV.com**: Feb. 23
- **Lauralgraham.com**: Feb. 23
- **LifeSiteNews.com**: Feb. 24
- **MSNBC.com**: Feb. 23
- **NBCNewYork.com**: Feb. 23
- **News9.com**: Feb. 23
- **NewsMax.com**: Feb. 23
- **NYTimes.com**: Feb. 23
- **OneNewsNow.com**: Feb. 21
- **Patriot Post**: Mar. 4
- **Politico**: Mar. 9
- **PressDemocrat.com**: Feb. 23
- **TimesUnion.com**: Feb. 23
- **TVRealist.com**: Feb. 22
- **USAToday.com**: Feb. 24
- **USLaw.com**: Feb. 23
- **WSJ.com**: Feb. 23
- **Yahoo.com**: Feb. 23

### Catch Brent Bozell on FOX

MRC’s research and Brent Bozell are regular features on *Hannity’s “MEDIA MASH”* every Thursday. You can also catch Brent on regular *Fox & Friends* spots throughout the month.

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**MRC Media Analysis Director Tim Graham** commented on ABC’s *Nightline* about the liberal bias at NPR, Mar. 9.

News stories from MRC division CNSNews.com were picked up by the highly popular Drudge Report 12 times between February and the first week of March, reaching an audience of 14 million people.
A Majority of Americans Support Repeal of ObamaCare

Although polls consistently show a majority of Americans want to repeal ObamaCare, the liberal news networks refuse to admit it. ABC, CBS, and NBC are, in fact, ignoring those polls, as documented and exposed by the MRC.

Surveys done by Rasmussen Reports since last March show that support for repeal of ObamaCare has never been below 50 percent (since the so-called reform became law in March 2010) and that since June support for repeal has fluctuated between 52 percent and 60 percent.

On Jan. 19, the House of Representatives voted (245-189) to repeal the socialist measure, and from there it went to the Senate. Ten days later, Rasmussen’s poll showed support for complete repeal at 58 percent.

Yet as the MRC’s Business & Media Institute (BMI) has analyzed, ABC, CBS and NBC are not covering these numbers. Before the House vote, between Dec. 5 and Jan. 4 for example, none of the networks mentioned the Rasmussen polls even though there were 63 network news stories on ObamaCare. Furthermore, in those reports, ABC mentioned public opinion about the new law in only two reports.

In both mentions, ABC journalists said ObamaCare is at “its lowest level of popularity ever,” and cited an ABC News/Washington Post poll that found 52 percent of people opposed the law. But neither ABC’s World News nor its Good Morning America show mentioned the Rasmussen polls even though there were 63 network news stories on ObamaCare. Furthermore, in those reports, ABC mentioned public opinion about the new law in only two reports.

In January, Dae called James Nolan at 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:

“T’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, as much as $100,000, and everywhere in between. 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 Development Associate James Nolan at 1-800-672-1423.