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## Liberal Media Hawk Hysterical, Doomsday Scenario **BECAUSE OF SEQUESTER BUDGET 'CUTS,'** Echo White House Fear Mongering

If you want to see a blatantly obvious case of liberal media bias, all designed to advance a left-wing agenda and protect the Obama administration from real scrutiny, then look at how the national “news” media covered the sequester budget “cuts.”

It was pure hysteria. It was misleading. It was melodramatic. In some instances, it was outright lies. Then, when the doomsday forecast never materialized, the liberal media slinked away, changed the subject, or claimed the horrible effects of the sequester would kick in over time.

We documented, exposed, and neutralized their lies and falsehoods through our News Analysis Division, our NewsBusters blog, the Business & Media Institute, press releases, and through numerous talk radio and TV appearances by our staff experts.

As I said on Mar. 4, several days after the sequester “cuts” started to kick in, “Like squawking parrots, ABC, CBS, and NBC mindlessly repeated the administration’s phony, over-hyped doomsday talking points during the two weeks leading up to the sequestration. That a full two-thirds of their stories didn’t include a shred of skepticism is an abomination.

“Their breathless prognostications of swift, certain doom should be an embarrassment to the entire news industry, but the liberal media have proven that they are beyond shame and are fully devoted to pushing Obama’s message no matter how preposterous it is.”

How breathless and preposterous was it? Let’s look at the facts.



The liberal media parroted the White House talking points on the sequester budget “cuts,” calling the 1.2% spending trim “massive cuts” and “budget Armageddon,” and trying to panic the public over a non-existent crisis.



First of all, there were no real budget cuts. The sequester, part of the 2011 Budget Control Act, was proposed by the president and for the first year, 2013, it reduces the rate of increased spending. It’s the typical Washington, D.C. accounting gimmick.

Spending goes up, only not as much as the leftists wanted. Further, the slightly less increase in spending amounts to \$44 billion this year, which is only 1.2% of the \$3.7 trillion federal budget. (The media repeatedly said \$85 billion but that’s money over several years still allocated under contracts in 2013.)

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The liberal media did not report those facts. They distorted the truth and told Americans that people might actually die because of the “cuts” – yes, die.

On Mar. 1, the day the sequester went into effect, *CBS This Morning's* Charlie Rose declared, “Time is up. In just hours, President Obama will order \$85 billion in cuts. The Army’s chief of staff tells us why he fears troops could pay with their lives.”

That same day, Josh Elliot of ABC’s *Good Morning America* warned, “Deadline day. Hours, now, until massive government cuts go into effect that could impact every American: jobs vaporizing, flights delayed, even criminals walking free.”

In late February, CBS’s Bill Plante relayed from the Obama White House that sequester-caused “layoffs could make it more difficult to prevent terrorist attacks.”

Terrorist attacks? Really?

MSNBC’s Ed Schultz bellowed, “10,000 teachers could lose their jobs! Airport security could be cut by \$323 million! 70,000 kids would be kicked off Head Start!”

CNN’s Suzanne Malveaux breathlessly reported that the sequester “means planes won’t fly, trains are going to suffer, troops are going to feel the belt tightening in all branches of the service.”

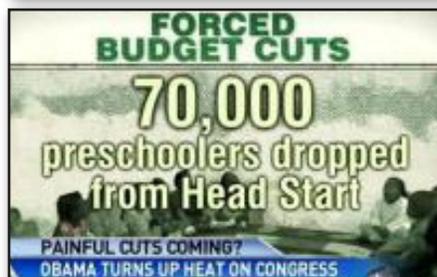
“It sounds like a disaster movie!” fretted ABC’s David Kerley on Feb. 24. “Childcare canceled for tens of thousands of kids ....” ABC’s *World News* reported on Feb. 27, “Each day, the White House’s list of terrible things caused by the cuts grows longer, including flight delays, kids losing vaccines, and meat shortages. In Florida, nearly \$4 million could be slashed to provide meals to needy seniors. And in Texas, nearly 10,000 fewer children will receive vaccines for diseases, like whooping cough and the flu.”

Yes, the “cuts” will starve seniors and cause kids to get diseases!

Remember, this horrific, apocalyptic scenario was supposed to happen because of a 1.2%

decrease in increased spending. It didn’t happen.

As I remarked on Fox’s *Hannity* on Mar. 7, if the ABC reporter had been honest, he would have reported that “the White House list of terrible lies grows longer. ...They should have reported Obama’s statements, but they should have done it with clear skepticism, and they should have gone to the American people and, in effect said, ‘This man is lying.’ Instead, they did



The networks and CNN ran endless reports on how trimming \$44 billion from \$3.6 trillion would devastate the country, slashing meals for seniors, killing teachers’ jobs, ending vaccines for kids and pushing thousands of children off Head Start – sequester doomsday – but it never happened.

the exact opposite – they waved the pom poms for him.”

An analysis by Geoff Dickens, our deputy research director, showed there were 88 sequester stories broadcast between Feb. 14 and Mar. 1 on ABC, CBS, and NBC. Among those stories, 58 of them (66%) parroted the most horrific Obama administration talking points. That analysis was discussed on Fox’s *NewsWatch*, and reached an audience estimated at 1.1 million.

The truth did reach many Americans, thanks to the sane journalists at Fox and to the hard work and dedication of the people here. On top of that, the American people are not stupid, although the liberal media think they are.

Millions of Americans saw right through the absurd, dire, and fearful sequester predictions painted by the liberal media. Those Americans recognize that the networks are nothing more than an adjunct of the Obama White House press office.

But while our efforts have a powerful impact, we know that the networks – ABC, CBS, and NBC – reach nearly 35 million Americans every day with their morning and evening news shows. Then there’s CNN, MSNBC, *The New York Times* and nearly all major daily papers, NPR, PBS, academia, and Hollywood.

In addition, the Internet is filled with left-wing “news” and propaganda outlets, such as the Huffington Post, CNN.com, Yahoo!, Slate.com, and on and on. It is a never-ending battle.

We are America’s media watchdog, in our 26th year now. *Nobody does what we do.* Your financial support is vital in the war against liberal media bias, so please make a donation today. Call us at 703-683-9733. Join us in the good fight!

Sincerely,

L. Brent Bozell III  
Founder and President

## MRC Billboards Invade Times Square (Again)



### ‘Stop Censoring the News ... Start Telling the Truth!’

The MRC erected five (5) massive billboards in Times Square, New York City that broadcast the MRC message about liberal media bias and demanded that the leftist “news” outlets “*Start Telling the Truth!*” and “*Stop Censoring the News!*” to protect the socialist Obama administration.

The billboards went up in late February and stayed through mid-March. They covered a total 3,800-square feet. It was one of the largest ad buys in the MRC’s 26-year history, valued at \$230,000.

The five billboards — clustered together but facing in different directions at the corner of 7th Avenue and 48th Street — were viewed by about 1.4 million people each week for the 3 weeks they were posted, reaching a total of about 4.2 million “eyes on impressions.”

Two of the billboards read, “*It’s Time The Liberal Media Stop Censoring the News!*” and two said, “*Start Telling The Truth!*” above the traditional image of the three mystic apes that speak no evil, see no evil, and hear no evil. In this instance, each ape wore a bib with a network news name: ABC, CBS, and NBC.

Each billboard directed viewers to the MRC website for the campaign, [StopCensoringTheNews.org](http://StopCensoringTheNews.org).

In commenting on the campaign, MRC President Brent Bozell said, “During the 2012 election, the liberal media moved beyond bias. They actively

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and repeatedly censored any story that could have jeopardized Barack Obama’s re-election. Now in 2013, they’re censoring any story that could slow his administration’s second term agenda.

“Their behavior is as disgraceful as it is unprecedented. These billboards — located in the hub of the liberal media’s nerve center — put them on notice. The American people are sick and tired of the establishment media’s collusion with the Obama administration, and won’t stand for a corrupt press willing to censor the news.”

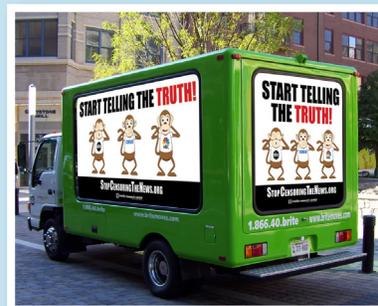
### And CPAC, Too

The MRC also took its “*Stop Censoring the News!*” campaign to the annual Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) conference, Mar.14-16, to confront the liberal media that cover the event.

CPAC was held this year at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Md., which is just across the Potomac River from the nation’s capital. The networks, and CNN, Fox, MSNBC, talk radio, and countless new media bloggers and web-news outlets covered the conference.

The MRC rented a large billboard truck to circle the hotel and conference area for the three days. There were three huge signs on the truck: one billboard read, “*It’s Time The Liberal Media Stop Censoring The News!*” and the other two, with the ABC, CBS, and NBC apes read, “*Start Telling The Truth!*”

To learn more about the MRC campaign and sign the petition to the liberal media to “*Stop Censoring the News!*” visit online [StopCensoringTheNews.org](http://StopCensoringTheNews.org) or call the MRC, 703-683-9733.



When the networks, CNN, Fox, MSNBC, talk radio, and countless new media bloggers and web-news outlets covered the CPAC conference in Maryland in early March, MRC’s mobile billboard was there to greet them.

# Bits & Pieces

## Shh! Abortion Trial

An abortionist who has made millions of dollars performing late-term abortions and is now on trial charged with killing 7 babies after they were born alive — snipping their spinal cords with scissors and keeping their body parts in refrigerators. It is a gruesome story that neither ABC, CBS, nor NBC are reporting. Dr. Kermit Gosnell, who ran his gruesome practice in West Philadelphia, Pa., went to trial on Mar. 18 and, if convicted, could face the death penalty. But the morning and evening network news shows aren't covering the story.

As for print, *The New York Times* did run a story about the trial ... on page A-17. Back in January 2011, when Gosnell was arrested and charged, the networks



Dr. Gosnell's "House of Horrors" abortion mill had refrigerators stuffed with baby body parts; he's charged with murdering 7 babies and 1 woman but the liberal national media are ignoring the story. There is only minimal local coverage (photo above) for what is a major, horrific story.

gave the story minimal coverage: ABC ignored it; the *CBS Evening News* ran one story; and NBC's *Today* gave it 50 words. That's pro-abortion bias. If only Gosnell had been caught running a dog-fighting ring.

## Shh! Harry Reid

Besides ignoring an abortion/murder trial, the network news shows also went mum on Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) contemptuous suggestion that the sequester cuts led to the death of seven Marines during a training exercise. Reid went to the Senate floor on Mar. 19, shortly after the tragic accident happened and prattled, "One of the things in sequester is we cut back in training and maintenance. ... [O]ur Marines were training there in Hawthorne, and with this sequester, it's going to cut back this stuff."

Marine Corps officials protested loudly, stressing that the budget cuts had nothing to do with it. Yet Reid played politics with the dead Marines. Reid's disgraceful claims went viral on the Internet and on cable, but ABC, CBS, and NBC (and CNN) didn't report it. They protected Reid, their political ally in the Senate.



Left-wing Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) shamelessly claimed that the so-called sequester cuts led to a tragic training accident, in which 7 Marines died.

## 'Old South' Tea Party

MSNBC's Chris Matthews regularly smears the Tea Party as racist and his rhetorical rant on Mar. 21 was a left-wing doozy. On *Hardball*, he wondered of the Tea Party, "Is it sort of a resumption of the Old South, of the way things were before the Civil War for example? Is it like that old dreamy nostalgia you get in the old movies *Gone With The Wind*? Is it that kind of America they want to bring back or what? When there were no gays, where blacks were slaves, Mexicans were in Mexico. I mean, is this what they want?"

Matthews then allowed his guest, anti-Tea Party author Christopher Parker, to pipe on about the Tea Party being tied "to the Know-Nothing Party of the 1850s, the Klan of the 1920s, the John Birch Society of the late 1950s." Parker and Matthews didn't mention that the segregationist South was run largely by the Democrats for, oh, 100 years.



MSNBC's Chris Matthews smears the Tea Party as like the "Old South," where "there were no gays, where blacks were slaves, [and] Mexicans were in Mexico."

## Pity the Rapists?

CNN is so politically correct and morally backward that it painted two convicted rapists, ages 16 and 17, in sympathetic coverage while virtually ignoring their female victim. The conviction and sentencing went down on Mar. 19 and CNN's Poppy Harlow moaned to Candy Crowley, "I've never experienced anything like it, Candy. It was incredibly emotional, incredibly difficult even for an outsider like me to watch what happened as these two young men that had such promising futures, star football players, very good students, literally watched as they believe their life fell apart."

Crowley went on to talk about the rapists "sobbing in court" and how hard it must be to realize they might be in prison "until they're 21" and asked CNN's Legal Correspondent Paul Callan, "What's the lasting effect, though, on two young men being found guilty in juvenile court of rape, essentially?" CNN did not explore the "lasting effect" on the 16-year-old female crime victim.



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## Pope NBC

On Mar. 18, the day before the new Pope Francis was installed, the liberals at NBC's *Today* proceeded to lecture about what the Pope and the 2,000-year-old church needed to do. Medical Editor Nancy Snyderman thumped, "Here's one thing I really would implore the Catholic Church to do on a global issue ... poverty without birth control begets more poverty. So this is a chance to take the humility and the poverty and say now we're really going to talk about this in a civilized way and move it forward."

Panelist Donny Deutsch then chimed in, "Well that's my point, we're not talking about the real issues. And we can talk about tolerance with gays and attitudes towards

women." For his part, host Matt Lauer seriously wondered, "A lot of people seem to be falling in love with this guy, in part because of humility and authenticity. ... Is it possible to take it too far?"



NBC *Today's* "Professionals" panel lectures that Pope Francis needs to get with the times and support birth control and more tolerance for homosexuals.

## Hail Chavez!

When news broke on Mar. 6 about the death of Venezuela's Socialist President Hugo Chavez, the networks mostly praised the Marxist thug. On NBC's *Today*, Mark Potter wistfully chirped, "Many here were still surprised when he died, in part because of his larger-than-life personality." Potter added that Venezuelan crowds were chanting "Chavez lives" and "the struggle continues."

ABCNews.com's Brandi Hitt avoided the word "socialist" in describing Chavez and touted the authoritarian strongman as someone who "appeared to never back down from a challenge." Hitt didn't mention Chavez's crackdown on free speech and confiscation of private property and instead featured a woman on the street who gushed, "He's a man that cared about us. He did not give anything to me, but he gave it to my people." Marxism/socialism has failed everywhere it was tried, but it lives in the collective heart of the liberal media. *Viva la Revolucion!*



After Socialist thug Hugo Chavez died, ABC couldn't praise the Marxist enough, describing him as someone who "appeared to never back down from a challenge" and quoting only those who praised him as a man of the "people."

## Hostage to GOP

PBS's Tavis Smiley put left-wing *NYT* columnist Paul Krugman on his Mar. 12 taxpayer-funded show and let him rip the Republican Party to shreds, with no opposition, no balance. Krugman slammed the GOP for the sequester cuts and warned, "I think the general public hasn't really fully appreciated just how radical the Republican agenda is .... This is a much more fanatical Republican Party than most people have yet seemed to realize."

He railed that the GOP-led House is using its power "to threaten the United States with one crisis after another. It's actually - it's pure hostage-taking." Looking forward, Krugman prophesied, "We will have a presidential election again and maybe this one will finally be decisive enough that we have some return to rational politics and rational discussion." Yeah, rational discussion, just like on PBS!

L. Brent Bozell III • MARCH 16, 2013 • Nationally Syndicated Column

## ‘No Holds Barred’ Obama Questions?

ABC News really knows how to cause a coffee spit-take. All you have to do is introduce George Stephanopoulos talking to President Obama and put these hyperbolic words on screen: “No Holds Barred.”

Someone should tell the geniuses at ABC that’s a term suited for competitive wrestling. It doesn’t describe Democrat chit-chat that demonstrates about as much as dramatic confrontation as other morning TV fare, such as *Bubble Guppies* and *Miss Spider’s Sunny Patch Friends*.

To be fair, the questions were about policy, including budget matters and North Korea. But they weren’t challenging. Ask any conservative Republican about “no holds barred” media questions and I’ll show you the tire tracks on his back.

### Here’s the kind of tough questions the president will never get:

1) When are you going to address how your administration failed to protect our diplomats in Benghazi? Why is Susan Rice still being considered for jobs after she was sent out to lie about the causes of Benghazi on five Sunday news shows?

2) Why does your administration prefer to kill foreign terrorists in drone attacks rather than capturing them for intelligence purposes? And why wasn’t there more than one liberal joining Rand Paul’s Senate filibuster on the grounds that drone attacks shouldn’t kill American citizens who aren’t an imminent threat on American soil?

3) Why can’t you even stomach the goal of a balanced budget? Your budget outlook points to deficits every year as far as the eye can see. No country can survive this recklessness. Is this not fiscal insanity?

4) If you’re sincere in reaching out to Republicans on the budget, why are your White House aides telling reporters that your outreach is a “joke” and a “waste” of your time as a ruse to please the media?

5) The unemployment rate’s almost exactly where it was when your administration started four years ago. Why should anyone expect your next four years to be any better? Must America accept massive unemployment under you?

6) Why is Obamacare leading to higher premiums and prices of health care? This is exactly what Republicans predicted, and you denied, would happen. Are you prepared to admit that they were right and you were wrong?

7) Why do you oppose religious liberty? Catholics, especially, believe the forced funding of abortion, abortifacients and even birth control is a mortal sin. Are you aware that Catholic leaders are warning “authentically Catholic health care in America is now in mortal danger”?

8) Do you still believe in partial-birth abortion? Do you still support the extreme abortion advocates who believe in “born-alive” abortions, that babies who accidentally survive abortions should be left to die in the hospital to honor a woman’s “choice”?

9) When women die from “health care” in an abortion clinic, like 29-year-old schoolteacher Jennifer Morbelli just did a few miles from the District of Columbia, shouldn’t government punish the abortionist?

10) Do you agree with your vice president that “transgender discrimination” is the “civil rights issue of our time”?

11) If the nation approves “gay marriage,” as you advocate, what will prevent the Left from next demanding that three and four people should be able to marry, since you argue you should “marry whoever you love”?

12) What makes a gun an “assault weapon”? Do you agree with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who would deny these guns to victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault? Why does the Senate bill exempt law-enforcement officers, but not members of the military?

13) How can your administration blame Republicans or sequestration for your decision to release 2,000 illegal immigrants slated for deportation? What does this say about your willingness to fix a broken immigration system? And your priorities?

14) How is it legal or proper for you to turn your Obama for America campaign army into a lobbying group that sells access to your White House for a \$500,000 donation?

15) Why did you cancel the White House tours and blame it on the sequester, and then the Secret Service? What happens if a tourist arrives with a \$500,000 check? Will that get him in?

16) Are you done blaming Bush?

These are tough, no-holds-barred questions. They are also perfectly acceptable questions - for serious journalists. But no serious journalists are allowed anywhere near Barack H. Obama.



# MRC in the News

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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

- FBN:** *Varney & Co.*, Mar. 7, 18  
*Fox Business*, Mar. 18
- FNC:** *NewsWatch*, Mar. 2, 9, 10  
*Hannity*, March 7, 14, 21, 28
- Internet TV:** *BlazeCast*, Mar. 13  
*Wilkow!*, Mar. 14  
*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, Mar. 16

## Radio

- American Family Radio, Mar. 7
  - American Radio Journal, Mar. 8
  - Battleline, Mar. 8, 15
  - Bob Dutko Show*, Mar. 6
  - Harry Jackson Show*, Mar. 11
  - Istook Live, Mar. 8, 15
  - Janet Mefferd Show*, Mar. 15
  - Larry Elder Show*, Mar. 6
  - Lars Larson Show*, Mar. 5, 15
  - Mark Levin Show*, Mar. 11, 12, 14, 15
  - NRA Radio, Mar. 15
  - Rush Limbaugh Show*, Mar. 1, 2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 25, 27,
  - SRN News, Mar. 18
  - Steve Malzberg Show*, Mar. 8
  - Talk Radio Network, Mar. 15
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  - KCMN, Colorado Springs, CO, Mar. 5, 13
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  - WENY, Corning, NY, Mar. 6, 13
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  - WFSX, Ft. Myers, FL, Mar. 15
  - WIBA, Madison, WI, Mar. 5, 14
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  - WNRN, Augusta, GA, Mar. 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
  - WPHT, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 13
  - WROK, Aurora, IL, Mar. 4, 11
  - WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Mar. 8, 15
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## Print

- Businessweek*, Feb. 28
  - Canada Free Press*, Mar. 18
  - Fairfield Sun Times*, Mar. 12
  - Human Events*, Feb. 21
  - Lebanon Daily News*, Feb. 26
  - Space Coast Tusk*, Mar. 1
  - Standard Newswire*, Mar. 19
  - USA Today*, Mar. 4
  - Washington Examiner*, Mar. 4, 11, 16
  - Washington Times*, Mar. 5, 17
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## Internet

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- Bartle Doo blog, Mar. 14
- Bloomberg, Mar. 14
- Breitbart.com, Mar. 5
- BuzzFeed, Mar. 16
- Cardinal Newman Society, Mar. 8
- CatholicOnline, Feb. 21
- CNN.com blog, Mar. 14, 16
- Daily Beast, Mar. 16
- Drudge Report, Mar. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, Apr. 1
- FactCheck.org, Mar. 1
- FOX2now.com, Mar. 14
- FoxNews.com, Mar. 1, 8, 15
- Gawker, Mar. 17

- GOPUSA, Mar. 6
  - High Point Enterprise, Feb. 18
  - Houston Chronicle blog, Feb. 21
  - Huffington Post, Mar. 14
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  - Mediaite, Mar. 12
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  - Politico.com, Feb. 26
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  - Village Voice.com, Mar. 3
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On Fox's *Hannity*, Mar. 21, MRC President Brent Bozell discusses how MSNBC's Chris Matthews regularly smears conservatives as racists and never produces any evidence to back up his smears.



On Fox's *Varney & Co.*, Mar. 18, MRC Research Director Rich Noyes details now the networks downplayed coverage of the \$16.4 trillion national debt to cover for liberals in Congress and the White House.

**The Truth About Unemployment**  
March 08, 2013  
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RUSH: I played for you, an hour ago, a three-minute sound bite from my television show 1995 illustrating how Democrats use scare tactics to get everybody to agree with growing the budget and expanding government... By the way, this is a challenge for me. The Democrats are talking about what a great era the Clinton era was. They tell us now, when they want to come and raise taxes, "Well, look back to Clinton-era taxes. We had an economic boom and everything was great"

**Fewer People Looking for Work + Fewer Available Jobs = LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT**

Rush Limbaugh cites the MRC, NewsBusters, or CNSNews.com on a near-daily basis. On Mar. 8, he referenced a CNSNews.com report to explain how the liberal media distort the real unemployment numbers to protect their left-wing agenda. Counting those who've stopped looking for work – over 89 million – the unemployment rate is 14%.

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**Record 89,304,000 Americans 'Not in Labor Force' -- 296,000 Fewer Employed Since January**

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(CNSNews.com) - The number of Americans designated as "not in the labor force" in February was 89,304,000, a record high, up from 89,008,000 in January, according to the Department of Labor. This means that the number of Americans not in the labor force increased 296,000



## You Don't Have to be a Millionaire to Make a Significant Difference.

MRC Legacy Society Member Ann Schutt spent the first eight years of her life in the D.C. area before moving to Long Island where she lived until she left to attend LeMoyne College, a Jesuit-run school in Syracuse, N.Y. After graduation, Ann left to teach for a year in Mexico. Her experience there kindled a life-long love with Mexico and the Mexican people (Imagine that, media! A conservative who is neither a racist nor a xenophobe. *How unusual.*)

She left Mexico after a year and returned to the D.C. area where she spent the next eight years teaching high school English before marrying and embarking on her second career as a stay-at-home mom caring for her daughter Elizabeth Ann (Elizabeth Ann is now a mother herself, and lives in California with Ann's grandson Taj). After raising her daughter, Ann returned to teaching – this time, English as a Second Language — until she retired last year.

Ann began supporting the MRC in 1996 with a \$100 gift. She tells us that as a life-long conservative — when she was 16, she brought her mother to hear William F. Buckley speak in Garden City, N.Y. — she's long recognized that the liberal media were the biggest obstacle to conservative success: "People think the media is bad now, but let me tell you: they've always been bad."

She set up a \$25,000 Charitable Gift Annuity with the MRC in 2006 because she wanted to have a larger impact in the fight against liberal media bias. Ann plans to set up a second CGA this year and tells us that she's also named the MRC as a beneficiary of her will.

Her commitment to the conservative cause is only exceeded by her commitments to the unborn ("I'm very pro-life"), and to helping the poor through her financial support of Catholic Relief Services. Ann puts it this way: "We all have an obligation to do as much as we can to help others and support the causes we believe in. I was 'only' a teacher, and yet I have been able to make a significant difference. I hope others follow my example."

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If you'd like to learn how you can follow Ann's example and join the MRC Legacy Society, please call MRC Planned Giving Manager James Nolan at 1-800-672-1423, ext 125. He'll be happy to answer your questions.

## Minibits

■ MSNBC's Ed Schultz tries to explain the sequester: "Now you've got a budget of three-and-a-half trillion dollars in this fiscal year. This will take \$85 billion out of it. That's damn near a third. You can't take 30, you can't take 30 percent of operational money out and expect to have the same product. You can't do it! It's impossible!" ■ *Politico's* Evan Thomas frets about conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, "You need to watch this guy, because there are a lot of demagogues out there, but not that many who are that smart. He is really, really smart, and that makes him potentially dangerous." ■ Also, MSNBC's Chris Matthews yelps about Cruz, "There was echoes of Joe McCarthy there, really strong echoes. The jackals are in the street tonight." ■ NBC's Chuck Todd can't accept the obvious, "there's this whole sort of this, the mythology of this, the media's out to get conservatives is believed among more and more actual [GOP] staffers." ■ Screenwriter Tony Kushner lectures that "Reagan-era ideology is really frightening and it leads us to terrible, terrible places," adding that "we have no hope for survival as a species if we continue down the path of this kind of psychotic individualism." ■ CBS's Scott Pelley seriously asks Obama if the 1.2% sequester cuts will "push the country into recession?" ■ MSNBC's Chris Matthews delusional, as usual: "Is Barack Obama going for it? Is he set on becoming one of the great presidents in history? I'm not talking about Mount Rushmore, but perhaps the level right below it. I'm talking, to use his word, 'transformational.'"